



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,



With only a week until the Easter holiday, I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support over the Spring term. It has been a brilliantly busy few months with plenty of adventures including our residentials, school trips and lots of other activities. There have also been multiple fundraising opportunities and we would like to extend a big thank you to our fabulous PTA for organising our recent Red Nose Day afternoon tea, to Year 1 & Year 2 who helped host the event, to all the classes for baking an array of goodies and to everyone who came along and showed support!

Year 5&6 residential (including future bookings)

We cannot commend our Year 5 and Year 6 children enough on how brilliantly they demonstrated resilience, collaboration and perseverance during their recent residential to Robinwood Activity Centre. The three days were action packed and the children had the opportunity to take part in a huge variety of activities, including canoeing, zip lining, trapeze, quest challenges, archery and much more! As you may be aware, we operate a two-year cycle for our residentials where we visit an outward bounds centre one year, followed by a city residential the following year. Next year, we are trialling a change of venue for our city residential and, rather than Edinburgh, have provisionally booked two nights in York from Wednesday 19th May – Friday 21st May 2027 for Year 5&6 (children who are currently in Year 4&5). The year after, we aim to return to Robinwood Activity Centre.

Menus

Following feedback from the children through our School Council, we have been exploring some possible alternative options for our Wednesday menus. Sam, our school cook, provided the children with a range of options and, after a whole school vote took place, two alternatives have been selected to trial after the Easter holiday. These will be a burger in a bun (Week 1) and an extra day of chicken wraps (Week 3). If your child would prefer a jacket potato or baguette on these days, please do let us know. The menus on the website will be updated shortly.

PE days

The PE days for after the Easter holiday will be as follows:

Nursery – Tuesday and Thursday

Reception and Nursery pre-schoolers – Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 – Thursday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

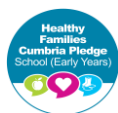
Year 3&4 – Monday and Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Sports day – Wednesday 20th May 2026

We like to give as much notice as possible for our annual Sports Day which, weather permitting, will take place on Wednesday 20th May 2026. The activities normally take place in the afternoon for children in Reception – Year 6 and parents and families are welcome to attend. More information with further details will be shared nearer the time but, for now, please make note of this date for your diaries. If, for any reason, Sports Day is unable to go ahead, our alternative date is Wednesday 3rd June 2026.



Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – Year 3&4 trip to Vindolanda

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 5 & 6 RSE sessions with the school nurse (more information to follow)

Friday 27th March 2026 – Easter service at St Mary's Church (children only)

Friday 27th March 2026 – School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 13th April 2026 – School reopens for summer term

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd April 2026 – EYFS-Y5 parent's evenings

Monday 4th May 2026 – School closed for May bank holiday

Thursday 7th May 2026 – Year 2 trip to Carlisle Castle

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATs week

Friday 15th May 2026 – Year 6 trip to Keswick Mountain Festival (more information to follow)

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May 2026 – Wellbeing Week (PE kits / sportswear all week)

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Reception 'Pedal & Scoot' sessions (more information to follow)

Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Year 3&4 Forest School session with Miss Kendall

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – Sports Day

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Year 1&2 fun session at Woggle Goggle Swimming Pool & Activity Centre (more information to follow)

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Last day of term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher