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Spring Term Newsletter 01 - 15/01/2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term of 2025. This is the first newsletter of the new year. Although Christmas seems ages ago, staff would like to thank the children and their families for cards and gifts they received at the end of last term. They are not necessary but much appreciated. We hope you all had a good break and wish you all the best for a healthy and happy new year.

Special Mentions

Well-done to our children who received this weeks' Special Mention awards. It is great to hear that many children have been able to attend hobbies and events outside school and they were very proud to receive recognition in front of their peers and teachers.



Staffing

We want welcome Mrs Palmer who is teaching Year 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Bennett will continue to teach Year 3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Lloyd continues to recover from her surgery and we wish her well. We will welcome her back when her health improves. We look forward to the arrival of Mrs Edward's baby in February and after interviewing for a maternity cover, we are pleased to welcome Miss Mycock to Pennington who will start after February half term, working alongside Mrs Hockaday in Reception class. We look forward to working with her

Panto Reminder

Please see letter below regarding the Red Riding hood and the Three Little Pigs- the last day to log onto Parentpay to request tickets is Wednesday 22nd January.

Wet Weather Play

You may have noticed our welly sheds which are positioned next to the hedge at the side of the Pennington Paces track. In Opal Play, we encourage different types of play in all weathers and in order for the children to be able to enjoy it, they need the correct clothing and footwear. **Please can you provide your child with waterproof coat and trousers to be kept in their cloak-room and a pair of wellies (named and pegged together) that will permanently be kept in the welly sheds.** If you have items that your child has grown out of, perhaps you could think about donating them for families who are in need of help.

After School Clubs

We are introducing a Chess Club which will be run by Mrs Hockaday and volunteers from a local community Chess Club this will be held on Friday afternoons. There will also be a cooking club run by Mrs Tuck. Year 3 will be invited to take part for the first half term, followed by Year 4 the following half term, then Year 5 and then Year 6 will be offered the opportunity later in the year.

A Polite Reminder

Just a reminder that any children who arrive late at school (after 8.45am) should be signed in at the office by a parent or carer.

If parents need to collect their children within the school day (e.g. urgent medical appointment), please also come to the school office to sign your child out and a member of staff will contact your child's classroom. Thank you

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Dear Parents/Carers

PANTOMIME 2025

RED RIDING HOOD AND THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025

Pantomime Time - for traditional family fun to brighten up the months after Christmas, Ulverston Pantomime Society are putting on 'Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs' at the Coronation Hall.

I am delighted to be able to continue with our annual tradition of organising a trip to see Ulverston Pantomime Society's production every January. This year's performance of Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs will take place on Thursday 30th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

This event is always well supported and is a fun evening and for those of you who haven't been before, it would be lovely to have you involved.

If you would like your child/ren to attend, please log into Parentpay to pay for tickets by Wednesday 22nd January 2025. The performance will begin at 7:00pm and we wish children to be dropped off outside by 6.40pm where they will be supervised by a member of staff. Alternatively, you are welcome to join us as both adults and children's tickets will cost £13.00 each. The performance will finish at approximately 9.30pm and would appreciate parents being available outside to collect their child/ren at this time.

Reception children may come if you feel they have the maturity to sit through a two-and-a-half-hour performance but we would have to insist that an adult come with them on this occasion.

As in previous years this has been an enjoyable evening and we look forward to Pennington representing a good presence.

Kind regards.

Helen Storey
Headteacher

After School Clubs

We aim to offer a range of after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **All clubs need to be booked, paid for and permission given through ParentPay.** There will be a nominal charge for clubs run by school staff to cover resources and sports/outside providers will be charged to cover their time. We still consider this to be good value. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities. Clubs will start the first week back for 6 weeks.



After School Clubs - Spring 1 2025

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 1, 2 and 3 Multisports £15.00	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 5 and 6 Computers £5.00 (16 places) (FULL)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Year 3 and 4 Watercolours £6.00 (20 places) (FULL)	Mrs Barton	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 4, 5 & 6 Multisports £15.00	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	Year 3 Cooking £6.00 (8 places) (Full)	Mrs Tuck	Year 3 Classroom	3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	Year 4, 5 & 6 Chess Club £6 (20 places)	Mrs Hockaday	Year 6 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm

After School Club Attendance - To enable that we know your child is safe, please can you let school know if your child is not going to be able to attend their after-school club. Thank you.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024/2025



AUTUMN TERM 2024

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 4 September	Friday 20 December	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Number of school days in term - 73

SPRING TERM 2025

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 4 April	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Number of school days in term - 59

SUMMER TERM 2025

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Tuesday 22 April	Friday 18 July	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

Good Friday - 18 April
Easter Sunday - 20 April
Easter Monday - 21 April
May Bank Holiday - 5 May

Number of school days in term - 58

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
Monday 6 January

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026



AUTUMN TERM 2025

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 3 September	Friday 19 December	Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October
Number of school days in term - 73		

SPRING TERM 2026

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February
Number of school days in term - 53		

SUMMER TERM 2026

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 13 April	Friday 17 July	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
Good Friday - 3 April Easter Sunday - 5 April Easter Monday - 6 April May Bank Holiday - 4 May		

Number of school days in term -64

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September
 Tuesday 6 January

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

AGM - Tuesday 20th February @ 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed)

Coniston to Barrow (C2B), Saturday 10th May 2025

Due to the success of the Friends of Pennington C2B team last year, raising £1,100 for Friends of Pennington, we are going to input a team to walk it again on Saturday 10th May.

If anyone is interested in joining our C2B team, please can they let me know by **Wednesday 22nd January**. There's also the potential to set up a Keswick to Barrow team for anyone looking for a tougher challenge, but we'd need a minimum of 4 people to make that team official.

Last year we set up some weekend training walks at the start of the year which were a great way to get healthy and meet new people, and we had a great laugh on the day, despite the blistering heat! It would be good to have some new team members to join in the fun and help us raise money. For more information, see <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/>

Thanks, Amanda, Carly and Stella.

Friends of Pennington School

Email us at FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to get in touch

Christmas Family Fun Night

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, staff, organisers, donors and attendees! We raised an amazing £2,212 to add to our total for this academic year!

Winter Disco

The next Friends of Pennington Event will be our Winter Glow disco, put on your brightest clothes and dance the cold away. There will be face painting, glow sticks, games and a competition for the best dressed in each group. There will be two time slots, the first for reception Year 1 and 2 and the second for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Drinks, snacks and hotdogs will be available. Date TBC

FUNDRAISING

LET'S KEEP GOING!

£372 Nov Coffee Morning!

£2,212 Christmas Family Fun Night



Ulverston Junior Open Chess Championships

To be held in
The Coronation Hall,
Ulverston

on
Tuesday 18th February 2025
12:30pm - 5:00pm



Rules

All junior chess players welcome (6 years old to under 18 on Sept 1st.)
The tournaments will be 7 rounds Swiss style competition.
The time control will be 15 minutes each (no increments).
Additional rules will be explained prior to the start of play.

Parents & Teachers

Under 11s must be accompanied by an adult.
All parents are welcome to stay.
For further information & registration please telephone:
Peter Hanks on 07833934031
Entry is free.



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