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Spring Term Newsletter 02 - 01/04/2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Easter. We can't quite believe that we are already at the end of the Spring term! The recent sunshine has given a taste of what we hope is to come next term. We look forward to residential trips, school trips, lots of outdoor learning and special events. Thank you from staff for all your support so far this year and enjoy the Easter break.

Special Mentions

Another wonderful week for all here at Pennington. Well-done to our children who received awards.



Parents Evening

Parents evenings will take place, the week we return after the Easter break, on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April from 3.30-6pm for Reception Class, Year 1-5

Please sign up for a time on the time sheets provided on classroom doors/office entrance doors (Y4 & Y5). We encourage everyone to come and meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress, strengths and areas for development. Time allocations will be 10 minutes which we will endeavour to keep to. If anyone has any concerns or needs more time, teachers will arrange another time. Ideally, children should not attend parents evening so that teachers can have an open and honest conversation.

If you cannot make it but would like to organise a phone call, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or Tapestry and they will try to accommodate.

Year 6 Parents Evenings are happening this week.

Easter Church Service - Wednesday 2nd April

Children will be attending Pennington Church for an Easter Service on Wednesday 2nd April during the morning. They will sing Easter hymns and songs and celebrate this important event in the Christian calendar. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents and friends to our service as there is not enough room in church but we will endeavour to record some of the songs for you to listen to on our Facebook page.

Easter Trail and Competition

The Pennington Community Group will be providing an Easter trail again this year. Maps will be left outside school in the Easter holidays which will lead you to find Easter Bunnies around the Pennington area. We usually mark the beginning of the trail by providing a focal point outside school. This year we are asking children and families to create 'Easter Bunnies' sculptures or artwork to stand on the grass or hang on the railings at the front of school. As school will be closed, we will not be able to protect the art work but there has never been any vandalism in the past and locals appreciate the effort that we go to, to provide an Easter display.

Sculptures and artwork can be any size but must be weatherproof. They can be collected when we return to school but in our experience, they are often past their best.

We will provide all children who participate with an Easter treat and there will be a prize awarded to one child from each class who is judged to have made an extra special effort with this task. This could be a fun, crafty activity that parents can get involved with. Please bring your spring rabbits into school by Wednesday 2nd April.

Many thanks for your support in advance, from the Pennington Community Group.

Parking at Nursery

Pennington Nursery have asked us for our cooperation in leaving their carpark available for Nursery parents/people using the community hall. The car park is small and we aim to cooperate with our neighbours as those using the car park are often supervising very young children or attending organised events in the hall.

After School Clubs

Information will be sent out towards the end of the week for clubs that will start the first week back after the Easter break.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Residentials - deadline for full payment - 31st March 2025

Just a gentle reminder that the Year 4, 5 and 6 Residentials will take place during the Summer Term - Full payment is required by Friday 31st March 2025. Parentpay has been set up so you are able to pay the deposit and monthly payments thereafter to enable you to spread the cost over 6 instalments. If for any reason there is a difficulty paying this amount, please contact the school office.

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Pennington, we get an extra £1,385 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

To be eligible for free school meals, your family's annual household income must be no higher than:

- £22,700 for families with one child
- £26,300 for families with two or more children

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on- paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Kind regards

Mrs Storey
Headteacher

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

Easter Colouring Competition

We will be running our annual Design an Easter Egg Competition. Templates will be available from the school office from tomorrow. Designs should be returned with a 50p attached to each. Children are invited to design and colour their egg using whatever materials they would like. Entries can be handed in to the school office to be judged after the Easter break. There will be a prize for the most original and creative design.

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. Sponsorship details to follow!

Thanks, Stella, Carly and Amanda.

Friends of Pennington School

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



Onside Sports Easter Holiday Camps

Onside Football & Multi Sports Academy (4-12 year olds)

The camp will consist of fun and enjoyable warm up games and then allow the children to experience numerous sporting activities during the day including; football, cricket, dodgeball, multi skills, basketball, handball, table tennis, tennis and more. All coaching will be delivered by coaches with enhanced DBS disclosures to work with children enabling us to provide a fun, safe environment for your child to work

St Bernard's High School

Mon 7th April – Fri 11th April



UVHS

Mon 14th April – Thurs 17th April



*** Book early to avoid disappointment ***

- Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (group drop off and collection times will be confirmed on booking)
- We have use of a multiple sports halls, 3g (UVHS) and playing fields so if the weather is poor the camp will run as normal.
- Participants will require appropriate sports kit and trainers. Also, a packed lunch and still drinks will be needed for their lunch break.
 - **INDIVIDUAL DAYS £20**
 - **ALL 9 DAYS £160**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler

T – 07887940150

E – Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk

F- **Onside Sports coaching Development**

Photographs/Videos may be taken for publicity, training and advertisement purposes. By circling YES it will indicate you DO have objections to this, please contact Onside Sports Coaching with any questions



BOYS' FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Mondays

5-6pm

For ages 4+

Glaxo Sports Hall (LA12 9DR)

**These sessions are non- competitive
and suitable for all abilities!**

Email hannah@hpactivities.com

Book via hpactivities.com



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Girls Football

Thursdays

4-5pm

Ages 4-11

GSK Sports Complex (LA12 9DR)

All abilities welcome!

**For more info get in touch-
hannah@hpactivities.com**

Visit hpactivities.com to book on!



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Morecambe Comic Con

**Free Entry
Event!**

Characters
"Meet & Greet"
Photo Op's
Cosplay Competitions
Costumers
Props
Merch Stalls & more



Sunday 20th & Monday 21st April

10am - 4pm

The Platform, Morecambe

0 – 19 Child and Family Support Services – South Lakeland

Spring walks and forest fun!

Tues 15th April, Conishead Priory, Coast road, LA12 9RX

Wed. 9th April, Windermere, Footprint, LA23 1NH

Come and join outdoors for fun themed crafts and adventures in the forest.
Open to all children accompanied by an adult. Appropriate clothing recommended.
10:00-11:30am

Limited places, to book contact joan.hanson@actionforchildren.org.uk Mobile: 07725 782198
After 26th March please contact 01539 734456 to book your place

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0 – 19 Child and Family Support Services – South Lakeland

Spring Cooking & Craft Session

Tuesday 8th April, Kendal Children's Centre. LA9 5PP

Weds 16th April, Flookburgh Children's Centre. LA11 7LE

Come and join us to make and decorate spring biscuits and have fun making spring themed crafts. Open to children under 11 years old accompanied by an adult.
10:30-12pm

Limited places, to book contact sharon.norton@actionforchildren.org.uk Mobile: 07545 701232 until 26.03.2025
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