

PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
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Summer Term Newsletter 01 - 07/05/25

Dear Parents and Carers

Special Mentions

Another wonderful week for all here at Pennington. Well-done to our children who received 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 are sad to announce that two of our teachers are retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Barton and Mrs Solloway have been an important part of our Pennington family for many years and will be greatly missed. We wish them both a long and happy retirement and thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the years. We are currently advertising for a Key Stage Two teacher and will provide further details of which teachers will be teaching which classes next term when we have completed appointments.

Year 1 Coffee Morning - Friday 9th May

This Friday, 9th May, Year 1 will be hosting a VE Day themed coffee morning between 9.30-10.20am for their parents and friends. We are asking them for donations of cakes and biscuits to sell. There is an entry charge of £2.00 and the proceeds will go to school funds. Year 1 look forward to welcoming and serving everyone.

Whole school VE Day celebrations - Friday 9th May

We will be celebrating VE Day on Friday with all classes following the year 1 coffee morning, children are asked to wear **red, white and blue**. Each class will enjoy a nostalgic tea party where they will play wartime games such as Dominos, Cards and Jacks and listen to wartime music. We would welcome donations of cakes and biscuits. We will get the fine china out for the occasion!

Sports Day - Monday 19th May

Sports Day is planned for Monday 19th May with Monday 9th June as a reserve option in case of inclement weather. Children will be involved in some fun, active sporty activities in the morning and parents will be invited to join us from 1.00pm to watch the traditional track races. Friends of Pennington will be organising a raffle and refreshments will be available.

BounceFest - Thursday 22nd May

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If you would like to help out on the day parent/carer volunteers are most welcome. Please contact the school office or email FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to volunteer.

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Refreshments on sale:

Beef Chilli Nachos, Veg Chilli Nachos both £4,
Hot Dogs £2
Crisps, biscuits, sweets, children's drinks 50p
Cold drinks for £1
Ice Lollies for 50p



After School Clubs - Summer 1 2025

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Cricket (Places available) Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 £7.50 (only 3 sessions due to bank holiday)	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Choir (Places available) Year 1 - 6 £5.00 (Bank holiday sessions will be replaced with lunchtime sessions)	Mrs Solloway	Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Cooking Club Year 5 (Full) £5.00 (10 places)	Mrs Tuck	School Hall	3.15-4.15pm
	Craft Club (Full) Year 1, 2 and 3 £5.00 (10 places)	Mrs Baldwin	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Multisport (Places available) Reception, Year 1 and 2 £15.00	Corey	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Gardening Club (Full) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £5.00 (15 places)	Miss Simona	School Playing Field	3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	Lego club (Places available) Reception, Year 1 and 2 £6.00 (20 places)	Miss Steel	Year 1 Classroom	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Tag Rugby (non-contact) (8 places available) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £5 (15 Places)	Miss Shalby	School Playing Field	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Upcycle Craft Club (Full) Year 4, 5 and 6 £5.00 (15 - 5 places per year group)	Mrs Tuck	School Playing Field	3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	Dance (15 places available) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £15.00 (25 places)	Louise Walton	School Hall	3.15-4.15pm
	Chess Club (9 Places available) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £5 (20 places)	Mrs Hockaday	Year 6 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm

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

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

It's now less than 2 weeks until a team of 11 take on the Coniston to Barrow course, to raise funds for Friends of Pennington. The team is made up of a current pupil, an ex-pupil, school staff and parents. Our training is going well and we'd love friends and families to support our fundraising if you're able to; please head to the Keswick to Barrow page and find us using our names, or use the links below:

Oscar Dexter, current year 5, <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/235795?cid2=235795>

Farren Pyne, ex pupil, <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/235060?cid2=235060>

Shalby Goodbody <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/235157?cid2=235157>

Leanne Wright <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/110535?cid2=110535>

Chris Dexter <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/109816?cid2=109816>

Amanda Dexter <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/191546?cid2=191546>

Jenna Pyne <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/110767?cid2=110767>

Carly Baird <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/204015?cid2=204015>

Gina Weston <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/228063?cid2=228063>

Jennifer Underwood <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/236904?cid2=236904>

Suzy Hosler <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/230292?cid2=230292>

BounceFest Reminder - Thursday 22nd May

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22nd May 4.30-6.30pm

Thanks, Stella, Carly and Amanda.

Friends of Pennington School

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



HAPPY NEWS



Scientists discover new colour
 A team of scientists in the USA say they've discovered a brand-new colour no human has seen before, thanks to an experiment where laser pulses were fired directly into their eyes. The colour, named olo, is described as an ultra-saturated blue-green, unlike anything naturally visible. Researchers believe the discovery could lead to breakthroughs in colour vision science and offer new ways to support people with colour blindness. Here's the shade that they say comes closest to olo [pictured right].



KIDS



'Seagull boy' retains crown
 Cooper, a 10-year-old from Chesterfield, England, has successfully defended his title as Europe's top seagull screecher - becoming the first ever to do so in the contest's five-year history. Competing in Belgium's EC Gull Screeching Championships, he wowed judges with his high-pitched gull impression, even out-screeching his 7-year-old sister Shelby, aka "Sea Gurl," who took fourth place!



Whale on the Wharf

A massive blue whale has appeared in Canary Wharf - but it's just a sculpture! Standing four storeys tall, Whale on the Wharf is made from plastic waste collected from Hawaiian beaches and coffee grounds from local cafés. The artwork aims to highlight the impact of ocean pollution.



Pee from marathon to help grow wheat

This year's London Marathon is one of the greenest yet - it's turning runners' pee into plant food! Around 1,000 litres of urine collected at the start line will be processed by NPK Recovery and turned into fertiliser for wheat crops. Since urine is rich in nitrogen, it's perfect for helping wheat grow. The team estimates the fertiliser could produce enough wheat for 3,142 loaves of bread!



Turtle Power!

We've got two amazing turtle tales for you this week! First up, meet Rockalina [above], an eastern box turtle from New York who finally stepped outside and tasted her first earthworm - after nearly 50 years indoors! Rescued by turtle expert Chris Leone, Rockalina was nursed back to health after decades of poor care, and is now enjoying the sunshine and freedom she's long missed. Meanwhile, in Nova Scotia, Canada, museum workers helped a turtle with a missing leg get moving again, with a custom mobility aid made from LEGO! [Left]





Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am



Onside Sports Half term 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
Tue 27th May – Fri 30th May



UVHS
Thurs 29th – Fri 30th May



*** 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 4 DAYS FOR £70**

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



CYBER FAIRY TALES:

Are you up for the challenge?

the bridge

When: Wednesday 28th May
10:30 – 11:45 and 13:00 – 14:15

Where: The Bridge, Portland Walk
Barrow in Furness, LA14 1DB

Who: Designed for ages 9 – 13 but suitable for younger children with adult help.

How: There is no charge for this event, but booking is essential as places are limited!

Please use the QR code to book a place for your team (up to 5 people).

Looking for something different during the school holidays?

Why not get involved with our new Cyber Fairy Tales challenge!

Join us for an exciting activity where you will work as a team of 'Cyber Crime Prevention Officers' to solve challenges, puzzles and interrogate evidence.



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Lego Robotics

the bridge

When: Tuesday 27th May
Drop in any time between 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00

Where: The Bridge, Portland Walk
Barrow in Furness, LA14 1DB

Who: Designed for ages 9 – 13 but suitable for younger children with adult help.

How: There is no charge for this event, but booking is advised. Walks in welcome where spaces are available.

Please use the QR code to book a drop in session.

Looking for something different during the school holidays?

Why not get involved with our new Lego Robotics challenge!

Join us for an exciting activity where you will work as a team to build and programme a robot to collect 'hazardous material' before the timer runs out!



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Furness Junior Chess Association

Spring Tournament 2025

To be held in
The Coronation Hall,
Ulverston
on
Saturday 24th May 2025
12:30pm - 5:00pm

Supported by:



Ulverston Town Council

Organised by:



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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

Ulverston Junior Chess Club



**We meet every Tuesday in Ulverston Market Hall
3:15pm - 4:45pm**

**Parents are welcome to stay.
For further information please telephone:
Peter Hanks on 07833934031**

It's free.

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5-7/ 8-11 age groups
Bring your own team
1 adult needed per team
Bibs provided (or bring a kit)
Not got a team?
We'll put you in one
£25 per team or £5 for an
individual

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HPACTIVITIES.COM**

GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



SUNDAY 13 JULY

10AM-1PM



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY
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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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