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Summer Term Newsletter 02 - 12/06/25

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.



OFSTED

Our Ofsted report has been published and is available for everyone to view on the government website from today. We feel proud of it and particularly happy with the opening line ' Pupils flourish in the welcoming school'. Ofsted see a tiny snapshot of the work we do approximately once every 5 years and when an inspector visited in April, they recognised lots of positive aspects of education at Pennington including:

- Everyone gets on together and are happy to come to school
- Pupils are well looked after by adults
- Pupils rise to the high expectations set for them
- Pupils with special educational needs receive timely and effective support
- Pupils progress through the curriculum and achieve well
- Pupils behave well
- They are kind to one another and play well together
- Varied activities at breaktimes and lunchtimes support behavior and interactions with each other
- The school nurtures pupils' talents through a diverse enrichment programme involving a vast array of sporting and creative activities
- Pupils benefit from a rich and varied set of experiences that broaden their horizons such as residential trips and fundraising events
- Pupils develop into responsible, well-rounded citizens
- and we will continue to develop our practice in line with latest research about how children learn best. They have given us one target which involves us clearly defining important knowledge so children can remember
- The school has developed a broad and balanced curriculum
- School prioritises reading starting in Reception class with a well-structured phonics programme
- Pupils with SEND benefit from strong relationships with staff
- Pupils are well mannered and welcoming towards each other, staff and visitors
- Pupils are proud of their school
- The school works in partnership with families to ensure that attendance is consistently high
- Pupils learn about different cultures and religions helping them appreciate diversity
- Pupils play and active role in the community
- Leaders engage well with staff to support well being
- Governors maintain effective oversight and provide both support and challenge to make sure the school meets its responsibilities
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective

They have also provided us with a target for improvement:

In some subjects, the important knowledge pupils should know is not defined as clearly as it could be. This makes it more difficult for staff to check what pupils know and can remember. The school should ensure that key learning is clearly identified in these subjects so teachers can check on pupils' progress through the curriculum more effectively.

We have taken this onboard and will make sure we refine objectives for each session so that all children are very clear on what they are learning. We will focus on helping children to remember key information over time.

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to the OFSTED survey. The inspector acknowledged that we had overwhelming support from parents and we thank you for that. We love working with you to support your children grow and learn.

Reception Coffee Morning - Friday 4th July

On Friday, 4th July, Reception will be hosting a 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. Reception Class look forward to welcoming and serving everyone.

Residential trips

Thank you to staff who have taken children on this years' residential trips to Low Bank Ground at Coniston for outdoor and adventurous activities (Year 4 and 5) and to York to experience city life and culture. You will appreciate that it is quite a responsibility and there are no breaks for staff. We received many compliments on children's behavior and everyone had a fabulous time.

Reports

Teachers are busy writing annual reports about your children. These will be emailed to parents/carers during the week beginning 7th July. Reception class and Year 6 will receive a hard copy of their reports in an envelope. If families require two copies for parents who do not live together, please inform the school office.

OPAL play

As you know we continue to expand our play opportunities at playtimes. Our site has been developed over time and now includes: a Playdale adventure circuit, an outdoor gym, two bandstands, bikes and scooters, a mud kitchen and café, music, dressing up, football pitches, oversized chess board, wheeled toys and buggies, den building and loose parts (building materials) for creative play, dolls, Lego, chalks and crafts, water play. We allow tree climbing, hanging and swinging.

We educate children to take sensible risks whilst our playtime and lunchtime staff supervise zones.

We are proud of what we have created and continue to develop the provision. We work hard and play hard at Pennington and believe, as research shows, that when children have positive playtimes, they work better and learn more during lesson times. Thank you to all staff who work hard to develop these play opportunities including Miss Simona our play lead, midday supervisors and Mr Muggridge our caretaker.

Parents and carers can continue to support by making sure children have suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers including waterproofs, wellies or old shoes for wet weather and sun hats and sun cream on hot days. One of our red bins will be placed outside the school gates for donations of specific things we need for OPAL. If you have any items, please donate and we will make good use of them. This week, we are collecting DOLLS.

A very busy term

The second half of the summer term is always the busiest! Here is a calendar of upcoming events:
We will provide further details of each one nearer the time of each event.

Summer Holidays

On the last day of term, Friday 18th July, we will be finishing school at 1.30pm for the summer. Please can you organise for your children to be collected at 1.30pm. Thank you.

Up and coming class trips and events

The last half term is always a busy one! Here are some provisional dates for your diary. Details of each event will be provided nearer the time.

Thursday 19 th June	Year 2 & 5 Trip to Blackpool
Friday 20 th June	Reception & Year 1 Trip to Muncaster Castle
Monday 23 rd June	New Reception parents meeting - 6.00pm
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 4 Guitar assembly
Monday 30 th June	Pennington 'Move Up Morning' New Reception Children joining us for the morning and lunch
Monday 30 th June	Transition Day - Year 6 to UVHS and Dowdales
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition Day - Year 6 to UVHS and Dowdales
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 4 Outdoor Learning Trip to Ford Park
Friday 4 th July	Reception Class coffee morning
Monday 7 th July	Whole school dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 1 & 2 School Trip to Manjushri
Wednesday 9 th July	Whole School Concert - Coronation Hall - 6.00pm start
Wednesday 16 th July	Penningtonbury Festival
Thursday 17 th July	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale after school
Friday 18 th July	Leavers Service and Leavers Lunch (break up at 1.30pm)
Wednesday 3 rd September	Return to school
Monday 15 th September	New Reception class start full time



After School Clubs - Summer 2 2025

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Cricket (Places available) Reception, Year 1 and 2 £15.00	Isaac	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Choir (Places available) Year 1 - 6 £5.00	Mrs Solloway	Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Cooking Club Year 6 (Full) £5.00 (10 places)	Mrs Tuck	School Hall	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Gardening Club (Full) Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £5.00 (15 places)	Miss Simona	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.00pm
	Cricket (Places available) Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 £15.00	Tom	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) (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	Mrs Tuck	The View	3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	Chess Club (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

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

End of Year Show Raffle

There will be a fundraising raffle the end of year show. We are asking for donations of prizes, if you know of any local businesses that may be able to help out please contact the school office or the email below.

Coniston to Barrow (C2B).

A massive thank you to our team of 11 took on the Coniston to Barrow course, to raise funds for Friends of Pennington. The team was made up of a current pupil, an ex-pupil, school staff and parents. Our team did well and would love to thank our friends and families who gave their support.

BounceFest

Thank you for supporting Bouncefest it was a great success and a lot of fun. Thank you to our volunteers and the Friends of Pennington who provided additional food and entertainment/ stalls/ raffle on the evening. We made a total of £1016.

If you would like to join the Friends of Pennington, please see Stella in the school office or contact us using the email below.

Carly, Stella and Amanda.

Friends of Pennington School

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

📍 Fundraising

£5,500

SMASHED OUR TARGET!! Last half-term achievements:

£1,500 C2B, £259 Sports Day, £10 Easter Comp, £1,016 BounceFest!

🧩 **Current Total:**

£6,160

112%
Funded

£6,160
Raised



ONSIDE SPORTS

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

ONSIDE FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORT ACADEMY (4-11 YEAR OLDS)

Fun camps consist of fun and engaging warm up games followed by a wide range of sports activities. Children can experience trying Football, Cricket, Dodgeball, Table Tennis and many more! All coaches are fully DBS checked and First Aid Trained.

UVHS

Week 1- Mon 21th - Fri 25th July

Week 3- Mon 4th- Fri 8th Aug

Week 5- Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Aug

ST BERNARDS

Week 2 - Mon 28th- Fri 1st Aug

Week 4- Mon 11th - Fri 15th Aug

Week 6- Tues 26th - Fri 29th Aug



INDIVIDUAL DAYS

£20

FULL WEEK BOOKING

£90

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

All camps run from 9am everyday
Participants require a packed lunch and drink
Participants require appropriate sports kit and trainers

FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT GAV ON 07887940150

Spring & Summer WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND Barrow

This spring and summer, Barrow is the place to be with an exciting range of events and activities across our wonderful town!

When the sun is smiling there's lots to do "out and about" with your family and friends. Why not enjoy some live music in our beautiful parks, get up close and personal with dinosaurs in the town centre or witness the spectacle of thousands of motorbikes roaring through the streets with the return of Dave Day!

There will be a series of free family events during the school holidays at the Dock Museum and Town Centre – look out for further details nearer the time on Barrow Market, The Forum, and The Dock Museum social media pages. Find us: @The Dock Museum, @Barrow Market Hall, @The Forum theatre Barrow

This being Furness, there may be the odd day when the weather isn't so kind! Don't worry, we've thought of that too - whether you fancy getting messy at a family craft session, relaxing at a show or enjoying a bit of retail therapy!

Many of our events are free, so all we ask is you come along, join us and have FUN!



**FRIDAY
20 JUNE**

**Exhibition
"Dave, a Barrow lad"**

11am - 4pm daily

Unique exhibition about Dave Myers and his life in Barrow and beyond.

Exhibition runs until 5 October 2025.

www.dockmuseum.org.uk
Dock Museum

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
21 & 22 JUNE**

Dave Day

All Day

Celebrate the life of Hairy Biker Dave Myers in his hometown as thousands of motorbikes descend on the town. Expect music, food, drink and other entertainment throughout the whole weekend.

www.visitbarrow.org.uk/dave-day/
Town Wide

**SUNDAY
22 JUNE**

Get it Loud in Libraries - Luvcat

2.30pm

Hotly tipped by the NME and Rolling Stone magazine, Luvcat will play an intimate show perfect for fans of Nick Cave, The Cure and Leonard Cohen.

www.getitloudinlibraries.com/events
Barrow Library

**SATURDAY
5 JULY**

**Reading Challenge
Launch Event**

10am - 3pm

Free activities for children including crafts and stories. Come and sign up your children to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge designed to inspire a love of reading over the Summer Holidays.

Barrow Library

**FRIDAY
11 JULY**

**Author Talk -
Jonathan Whiteleaw**

6pm

A fun evening with the amazing Jonathan Whiteleaw, author of the fantastically popular Bingo Club Murders books, a fun cosy crime series set in the Lake District.

www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/libraryevents?embed
Barrow Library

**SATURDAY
19 JULY**

Festival of Transport

10am - 4.30pm

A free family event including motorbike stunt shows, classic and performance vehicle displays and vintage bus tours.

www.festivaloftransport.co.uk
Barrow Town Centre

**SUNDAY
20 JULY**

Furness Wildlife Watch

9.30am - 11am

Nature activities for children such as crafts, nature trails and wildlife spotting.

Barrow Park

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
16 & 17 AUGUST**

Brilliant Barrow Weekend

All Day

Various events including:

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

Soapbox Derby

The Barrow Soapbox Race returns for 2025. Watch our teams compete as they navigate a 350ft course, as fast as they can!

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

Push the Boat Out

Step back in time to when Barrow built ocean liners. This heritage event at the Town Hall will feature local historians as well as traditional entertainment.

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

Dockside Festival

Join us at the Dock Museum where you can learn about our natural assets and coastline, as well as partake in a sandcastle building competition.

Town Centre/Town Hall/Dock Museum

See: www.visitbarrow.org.uk/brilliant-barrow-weekend/

PLAYCATIONS 2025

Come out to play with BarrowFull and enjoy games, music, theatre, craft and lots of fun this Summer in a space near you. No matter your age we'll have some creative games and play-themed activities for you to take part in.

Barrow Island Community Centre – Wednesday 6 August

Vickerstown Park – Thursday 7 August

Ormsgill Community Centre – Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August

Barrow Park – Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 August

All days run 10:30am to 4pm and are completely FREE!



**SUNDAY
17 AUGUST**

Voices of the Community

12pm - 3pm

Enjoy the sounds of a variety of choirs and singers.
Barrow Park Bandstand

**SUNDAY
24 AUGUST**

Sugarfoot

12pm

Enjoy some cracking country tunes from a top local band.
Barrow Park Bandstand

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
12/13 SEPTEMBER**

Heritage Open Days

From guided tours, to getting hands on with local history and culture, it's your chance to explore hidden places and try out new experiences. For more information please visit www.visitbarrow.org.uk
Various Locations

**SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER**

Pooch Fest

11am - 3pm

Expect some classy canine competitors at Barrow's very own dog show. Don't forget to visit all our dog friendly businesses too!

www.barrowbid.co.uk
Barrow Town Centre

**SUNDAY
28 SEPTEMBER**

Furness Wildlife Watch

9:30am - 11am

Nature activities for children such as crafts, nature trails and wildlife spotting.

Barrow Park

**SATURDAY
11 OCTOBER**

Forum on Tour: Kerry Ellis: Queen of the West End

7:30pm

Songs from an illustrious musical career ranging from Les Misérables to We Will Rock You!
Barrow Town Hall

**SATURDAY
25 OCTOBER**

Autumn Fest

10am - 4pm

Celebrate the Autumn season with our pop-up pumpkin patch, creative workshops, mobile caving experience alongside a host of family friendly entertainment.
www.barrowbid.co.uk
Barrow Town Centre

**SUNDAY
30 NOVEMBER**

Furness Wildlife Watch

9:30am - 11am

Nature activities for children such as crafts, nature trails and wildlife spotting.

Barrow Park

save the date
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
BARROW: SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER
DALTON: SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER



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



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Take shorter showers

Take shorter showers, saving on the amount of water used and the time it takes to heat the water. Open windows to ventilate and reduce the chance of condensation and mould.



Spin your washing twice

A second spin reduces the remaining moisture, making clothes even drier. Drying time is further reduced saving energy, time and money.



Only fill the kettle with what you need

By only boiling the amount of water you need, you can save energy, time and money.



Dry washing outside

Where possible avoid using tumble dryers. Instead dry your clothes outside, on a washing line in the fresh air or over a clothes airer in a well ventilated space.

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- Creating warmer homes
- Reducing carbon footprints



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SUNDAY 13 JULY

10AM-1PM



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SCHOOL ULVERSTON**



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