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Summer Term Newsletter 04 - 14/07/25

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another year, I want to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support. We are very proud of our school and all our children. It is amazing when we look back, particularly if you scroll through our Facebook, just how much we manage to fit into one school year. It has always been our aim to make Pennington a comfortable and inspiring place to learn where we appreciate everyone's talents and individualities and develop an appreciation that we can achieve great things when we work together.

On that note, we hope you enjoyed our fabulous show. Well-done to Year 6 who led with superb acting and singing and to all staff who made it happen, particularly Mrs Holiday, Mrs Rutter and Mrs Shaw-Kilburn. A full team effort!

Please find the link below for the show

<https://youtu.be/J5xlkAA5SBM>

A repeated special mention to Mrs Solloway for her dedication to music, not just for this show but for the last 27 years at Pennington! She has led the choir, taught us songs, led and organised performances, concerts and church services. Mrs Solloway is now retiring to spend more time with her family and take up new hobbies. She has been teaching Year 1 for the last few years of her career and has also led RE in school and taken responsibility for school trip risk assessments. We will miss her calm, supportive presence in school and of course, her singing.

Mrs Barton is also retiring after 13 years! She has taught Year 4 and led science and history. She has introduced our school to the Barrow Engineering project and accessed funding for STEM subjects. She has also run water colour club for our budding artists. She too has been a dedicated, reliable member of staff who has always helped others, particularly when new teachers have joined the school. We will miss her organisational skills and sense of humour.



Both teachers have made enormous contributions to school life at Pennington and we really want to say a huge thank you for everything. They have both recently become grandmas and their grandchildren will be lucky to spend time with such fabulous humans. I am sure you will join us in wishing them good luck with whatever adventures the future holds.

Miss Toal and Miss Shalby will also be leaving us at the end of term and we want to thank them for all their hard work both in supporting individual children and groups with their learning, for being part of our lunchtime team, for supporting whole school events and contributing in many ways to our successes.

We hope our Year 6's will enjoy their last week at Pennington. They have worked hard and tried their best, been caring buddies to our reception children and enjoyed all that we have been able to provide. They are almost ready to leave us and we wish them all the best at their new secondary schools and beyond.

One last shout out to the Friends of Pennington who have been fundraising all year and have raised over £6000 for luxury extras and who have organised some fabulous and enjoyable events.

Happy holidays to everyone. We will see most of you on Wednesday 3rd September for a new school year.

Best wishes

Helen Storey

Special Mentions

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.



Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning has become a real strength at Pennington and will continue next year. Mrs Lindhofer has done a fantastic job of bringing the curriculum to life outside of the classroom, creating memorable learning experiences for all year groups. She will also continue teaching French to Key Stage 2 classes. Fantastique!

Mrs Lindhofer will also teach Year 3 on Tuesdays covering Mrs Satterthwaite's planning and preparation time. We are glad to have her on board and she is excited to continue working with us.

Below is a list of teachers for September:

Reception	Mrs Hockday	Miss Mycock
Year 1	Mrs Bennett (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)	Mrs Dearden (Thursday and Friday)
Year 2	Miss Lloyd (Monday, Tuesday)	Mrs Muir (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Year 3	Mrs Satterthwaite	
Year 4	Mr Fleming	
Year 5	Mr Hodgson	
Year 6	Mrs Holiday	

Results Summary

Whilst we have lots of extra-curricular activities and special events in school, and we believe our children learn from these, we are proud of the results produced from assessments and national tests this year. They will be published on our website before the end of term.

In summary:

81% of children in Reception class achieved a good level of development

86% of children in Year 1 passed their phonics screening check

94% of Year pupils passed their Year 6 reading SATs

90% of pupils passed their Maths SATs

81% of pupils passed their Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation SATs

70% of year 6 children achieved the expected standard in writing

Teachers and children work hard together. We know that everybody's best is different. We use the information to identify gaps in teaching and learning and strive to continue on our journey of improvement.

Please help us identify our strengths and areas for development by completing a short survey.

The link is below: **(Please note this link did not work last week, please try again)**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPPIYH4Gm-fnYhQdCETHRoUx9G7ODOVPkDC1WIBx4qK1T7Lg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=11177169591980650004>

Vacancy in School

Would you like to earn £125 each week during term time? We are currently looking for someone to collect and deliver our school lunches from Croftlands kitchen and then help in our dining hall. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01229 587253.

Penningtonbury - Wednesday 16th July

Our annual Penningtonbury festival will be held on Wednesday 16th July. The children are encouraged to wear festival clothes, hats, etc. **We would also like to ask for a donation of £3.00 per child to be paid via Parentpay**, to cover costs, including wrist bands, PA system/stage hire, etc. This is a fun day when the children can engage in a range of creative activities and enjoy differing acts on the main stage.

Please note that there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS on Wednesday after Penningtonbury

School Uniform

Please see our website for a full list of school uniform. When purchasing uniform for September, please note that children should wear:

- smart school trousers, shorts or skirts rather than leggings
- flat practical school shoes or plain black trainers
- a waterproof coat as we aim to play out in all weathers
- School PE uniform for PE and after school clubs (red school hoody optional or black sweatshirts)
- NO jewellery

We aim to promote a smart image of our school and expect that all children come to school dressed in smart Pennington school uniform. We appreciate it can be expensive. Sweatshirts and PE tops must have the Pennington Logo and can be bought from Identity in Barrow. Most other items can be purchased from most major supermarkets. We will also be holding a 2nd hand uniform sale once a term. The next uniform sale is Thursday 17th July after school.

Uniform Sale - Thursday 17th July

On Thursday 17th July, we are holding a second-hand uniform sale. This is an opportunity for families to bring in old uniform that no longer fits and purchase second hand uniform for September. It is not only cheaper; it is a greener alternative to buying new. If you have any reasonable to good quality uniform that you no longer need, please send it in to school. The success of this relies on parental contributions of uniform. We will sell every item for £1.00 and all proceeds will go into school fund to benefit all children. The school gates will open at 3.00pm for those parents who want to buy without their children.

Leavers Assembly - Friday 18th July

Leavers Assembly is scheduled for Friday 18th July at 10.00am in Pennington Church. Year 6 parents are invited to attend. Due to space in Pennington Church only Year 6 and their Reception buddies will attend. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch for Year 6 and their parents, which will be set up in the Year 6 classroom.

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 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.

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

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

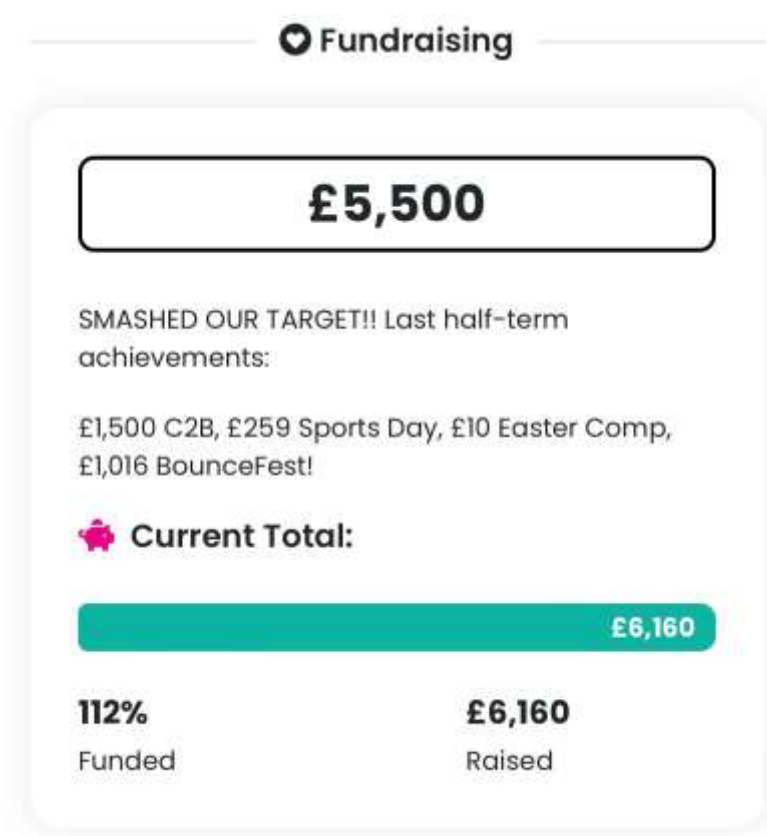
<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 13 April	Friday 17 July	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
Good Friday - 3 April Easter Sunday - 5 April Easter Monday - 6 April May Bank Holiday - 4 May		

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



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

NEW STARTER'S UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS BOOK EARLY

School Uniforms
Appointments
Book today

Identity 
BTS
2025

We are offering 15 minute in-store booking slots 1 per family
To book an appointment go to the home page www.oneidentity.co.uk

To Buy on-line register on the home page for Access Code
on-orders please place before 15th August



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

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Summer Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 22nd July, Flookburgh Family Hub 11am-1pm
Wednesday 30th July, Ulverston Family Hub 11am-1pm
Wednesday 6th August Sedbergh Family Hub 11am-1pm
Wednesday 27th August, Kendal Family Hub 11am-1pm

Come and join us to make your own healthy sandwich or wrap followed by a fruity yoghurt. There will be lots of crafts, play and fun. Remember to bring a teddy! Open to children 18 months to 10 years old, accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential, please contact
slakesfamilyhubs@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
or 01539 713070
Let us know about allergies or dietary requirements



SUMMER HOLS

ACTIVITY DAYS

WED/ THURS 9.30-3
LOW FURNESS SCHOOL
23RD JUL, 6TH /20TH / 27TH AUG
ST MARYS SCHOOL
31ST JUL, 14TH/ 26TH AUG

MULTI SPORTS

TUESDAYS 9.30-12.30
22ND JUL/ 5TH & 19TH AUG
ST MARY'S SCHOOL

FOOTBALL/ RUGBY

TUESDAYS 10-2
29TH JUL/ 12TH AND 26TH AUG
ST MARY'S SCHOOL FIELD

LITTLE BALLERS

THURSDAYS 10-10.30
7TH AND 21ST AUGUST
FORD PARK ULVERSTON

FAMILY ROUNDERS

THURSDAYS 10.45-11.45
7TH AND 21ST AUGUST
FORD PARK ULVERSTON

SEE MORE DETAILS AND BOOK VIA
HPACTIVITIES.COM



The Westmorland and Furness Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activity Fund programme is continuing in Westmorland and Furness council. This DfE funded programme supports children aged 4-16 years who receive means tested free school meals through providing enriching activities and opportunities to learn new skills during school holidays.

We invite providers who would like to know more or apply to contact us:
HAF@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Families wanting to know more can access information on the website
www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/holidays or contact us
HAF@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



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The Westmorland and Furness Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Visit www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/holidays to search the range of activities available and make your booking. Or scan the QR code.



Who is it for?

- The Holiday Activity Programme is aimed at all statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11).
- The Department for Education has funded places for eligible children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and other eligible children in particular circumstances.
- If you are not eligible for a funded place many providers offer paid places - please contact them to discuss your options.
- All children who attend will be provided with a meal.
- To book a place you must provide your child's HAF code. For any enquiries, to check your child's eligibility status or to request a code, please email: HAF@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
- Many of our providers cater for children with additional needs, please contact the provider to discuss your child's needs and suitability of the session. We want to offer the best possible experience for all children. If your child has any additional needs that make them vulnerable or challenge them in a group situation where they do not know other children or the adults at the provision, please tell the provider and include any extra help that they find beneficial.
- Bookings will work on a first-come-first served basis - and are subject to availability.
- Dates are liable to change, please contact the activity provider for more information.
- If you need help with transport please contact the activity provider.



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Monday 4th August

Litcraft combines reading with immersive play
and challenges within the digital Minecraft

World. **Suitable for ages 7-12 years**

10 am - 12noon - Ulverston Library @ The Coro

2pm - 4pm - Barrow Library

Please book a space for your child online via
Trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/libraryevents

