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Autumn Term Newsletter 02 - 30/09/2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Special Mentions**

Congratulations to our children whose special achievements were celebrated with our Special Mention Certificates in our Collective Worship.



## **Bromcom - My Child at School (MCAS)**

My Child At School (MCAS) is a parent portal and app, created by the school management system provider Bromcom, that allows parents to view and manage their child's school-related information, such as attendance, online payments for school-related costs like trips and after school clubs.

This will be rolled out to parents this week and you will need to download the app 'MyChildAtSchool' - please find link to **user guide** below. (We will still be using Parentpay until early next year.)

<https://d3kchveacp7yrb.cloudfront.net/2020/08/MCAS-Parent-Guide-July-24-New-UI-version-1.pdf>

## **Outdoor days**

We will continue offering regular outdoor days for all classes this year. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing for the weather conditions. They should have a waterproof coat, enough warm clothes and wellies or old trainers. Please see below dates for outdoor learning days.

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Yr 1
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2

## **Harvest - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we will be having a harvest celebration at 10.00am in Pennington Church. The whole school will walk together to church so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. We will sing songs and prayers for this special Christian celebration. Please can children bring donations of tinned and packed food and toiletries which will be donated to Ulverston Food Bank and distributed to those in need.

Unfortunately, due to the size of the church we will not be able to invite parents and friends to join us. However, there will be a further Harvest celebration on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in church and all families are welcome to attend.

## **Individual School Photographs - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Our school photographer will be visiting school **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, to take individual photographs of the children. If you wish to have a photograph with younger siblings who do not attend Pennington, then please come into school from **8.00am**. Proofs will be sent home with instructions of how to purchase on line.

## **Coffee Mornings**

Due to the success of last years' PenPals Coffee mornings, we will be holding them again this year. Each class will have an opportunity to host a coffee morning this school year and the children will invite their families and friends. We will also be informing the Pennington community group so that anyone from our community who would like to join, can come along. The class who are hosting will be asking their parents to provide donations of cakes and biscuits to sell and proceeds will be used between school and a charity yet to be chosen by our School Council. **The first coffee morning will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by Year 6.**

### **Pennington C of E School Open Days -20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding an Open Week for parents of potential new Reception children (2026-2027). If you know of anyone who would be interested in an appointment, please advise them to ring the school office.

The procedure for applying for a place will be found on the Cumbria Westmorland and Furness Website.

Please apply online. **The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026.**

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-reception-place>

### **Transfer to Secondary School: September 2026**

We have received a reminder from Westmorland and Furness Council for those parents who have not yet applied for a Secondary School place. Parents can make an application online at:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-secondary-school-place>

If you have a query about school admissions please email [school.admissions@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

### **Piano Lessons - new pupils**

Ms Heather Ord now has a limited number of places available for piano lessons within school from year 3 upwards. Ms Ord has 18 years' experience teaching piano and is currently teaching both privately and in 5 local primary schools. Lessons take place on Thursdays and pupils are timetabled with a weekly 20-minute lesson during school time, with lesson times changing weekly. The cost is £10 per lesson, paid for half termly. If your child is interested, please contact Ms Ord directly by email at:

[ordheather@gmail.com](mailto:ordheather@gmail.com). Lesson spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis.

### **Parking**

Please leave the first parking space in the layby free for one of our families who need assistance to bring children in and out of school.

We appreciate parking outside school is challenging- as it is outside most schools. Please avoid parking on the zigzags. PCSO Madden monitors road safety and asks for your cooperation the carpark at the Memorial Hall and Nursery is reserved for users of those buildings. Please avoid parking there and help us to keep good relations with our neighbours.

### **Functional Medication/Inhalers**

This type of medication is usually prescribed but is, in the main, necessary to ensure that a young person can function normally. Where functional medication must be given, staff will require training in the correct administration procedures. Inhalers and functional medication will be kept in the child's classroom. Please ensure that all inhalers are in date, (an asthma plan is included) and clearly marked with the child's name.

## **Medicine**

Following advice, we can only administer prescribed medication. If the prescription states that your child requires medication 3 times per day, this should be administered at home or outside of school hours. If your child requires a prescription 4 times per day, we can administer medication at lunchtime. We can also administer medication that needs to be taken at fixed hourly intervals. You will be required to sign and complete a form from the school office. Medication must be provided in the bottle or box that has the prescription details affixed.

We understand that there are reasons that children may require pain relief such as Calpol before they arrive at school. We will not be able to administer another dose during the school day and should a child require further pain relief, we will telephone parents to discuss how best to help them.

## **Breaktime Snacks**

KS1 children are provided with a fruit snack every day. KS2 children may bring a fruit snack to have at breaktime.

## **School Milk**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price, if your child wishes to have milk, please go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Milk is supplied free for children under five.

## **School Hub**

Please can we remind parents to choose their child's lunch from the School Hub website. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance. If you have any problems with your login details, please contact the school office. For those children in Reception Class, Year 1 and 2 who prefer to bring a packed lunch from home please can you inform the school office via the School Hub option **PACKED LUNCH FROM HOME**. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## **Water bottles**

Children will only be allowed to drink water in classrooms. They may bring juice to have with their lunch but at other times of the day will be encouraged to drink water. No energy drinks or fizzy drinks to be brought into school at any time.

## **Facebook**

Do you follow us on Facebook? We post all our activities on this page, including Special Mentions, classroom activities, outdoor learning days, sports events, school trips, school residentials and Friends of Pennington information. It is often the quickest way to receive information about what is going on in school.



## 2025 Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we are sending Christmas shoeboxes to People2People Foundation, Oradea, Romania. Last year Nicu Gal, the founder, drove a van to Barrow in Furness to collect 1100 shoeboxes to distribute to underprivileged children in Romania and Ukraine. This year their target is more boxes!

# 2025 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL for Romania and Ukraine



We're collecting amazing gift filled shoeboxes made with love. So far we have around 350 but hoping for more than the 1100 we sent last year for the under privileged children 3 to 12 plus years. Please contact us for more information. Collections will be arranged for two weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Thank you so much for your support.



As usual the boxes could contain any of the following so, please select from this list of ideas:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toothbrush &amp; toothpaste</li><li>• Hair accessories /brush</li><li>• Soap &amp; face cloth</li><li>• Stationery, paper, colouring books</li><li>• Pencils, crayons, pens, pencil cases</li><li>• Gloves, hat &amp; scarf</li><li>• New socks/underwear</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A soft toy, small game, puzzle</li><li>• Small musical instrument</li><li>• Toy vehicle</li><li>• Small rubber ball</li><li>• Sweets (use by date from March 2026)</li><li>• Plastic mugs / cups</li><li>• A photo and message from yourself</li></ul> |
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Do not include

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food (only exception is sweets)</li><li>• Medicines</li><li>• Military themed items (such as toy soldiers/tanks/guns)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aerosols or anything highly inflammable</li><li>• Sharp items</li><li>• Novels</li></ul>
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How to fill your shoebox

- Preferably medium size. Wrap the lid and the box separately in Christmas paper. Please close your box with an elastic band.
- Choose who you would like your box to go to, boy or girl. Please stick a label to the front of your shoebox lid.

Example:

BOY 6—11

Girl 6---11

A recommended donation of £3, in an envelope, should be placed on top of your box. This will help to cover transport costs.

Hilary Docker  
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01229823965  
hilarydocker@yahoo.co.uk

## After School Clubs

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 second week back for 7 weeks.



## After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2025

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	<b>Multi-Sports</b> Year 1,2 & 3 .....£15.00	Isaac	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.15pm
	<b>Bracelet Making</b> Year 3 & 4.....£7.00 (FULL)	Miss John	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
	<b>Computing</b> Year 5 & 6.....£7.00 (FULL)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	<b>STEM Lego</b> Year 4,5 & 6...£7.00 (FULL)	Miss Steel	Year 4 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
	<b>Stay and Play</b> Year 1,2 & 3.....£7.00 (5 places available)	Miss Simona & Miss John	School Playground Hall when wet	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	<b>Multi-Sports</b> Year 4,5 and 6 .....£15.00	Isaac	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday	<b>Colouring club</b> Year 1,2 & 3...£7.00 (FULL)	Mrs Baldwin	Year 1 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
	<b>Colouring Club</b> Year 4,5 & 6...£7.00 (2 places available)	Mrs Holiday	Year 6 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm
	<b>Orienteering</b> Year 4,5 & 6...£6.00 (15 places available 02.10.25 - 13.11.25)	Mrs Dearden & Orienteering Club	School Playing Field	3.15-4.15pm
Friday	<b>Chess Club</b> Year 3,4,5 & 6....£6.00 (8 places available)	Mrs Caine	Year 6 Classroom	3.15-4.15pm

**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 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

# SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026/2027



## AUTUMN TERM 2026

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 2 September	Friday 18 December	Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October
Number of school days in term - 73		

## SPRING TERM 2027

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Wednesday 5 January	Friday 25 March	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February
Number of school days in term - 53		

## SUMMER TERM 2027

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 12 April	Friday 16 July	Monday 31 May - Friday 3 June
Good Friday - 26 March Easter Sunday - 28 March Easter Monday - 29 March May Bank Holiday - 3 May		

Number of school days in term -64

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days:      Tuesday 1 September  
                         Tuesday 4 January



# The Friends of Pennington School Newsletter

## What is the FoP?

Introducing the Friends of Pennington School:  
The FoP is a welcoming community of parent/carer volunteers who collaborate with teachers and other "friends" to enhance the school experience and ensure a quality education for all pupils. We encourage everyone to participate, as we appreciate all contributions, great and small. This is your association, and we value your input!




## How does the FoP benefit the school?

The FoP is an independent, small-scale charity organisation operated entirely by volunteers. Research shows that parents and carers have a significant influence on their children's academic achievements. By taking an active role in the FoP, you can play a crucial part in your child's success and make a genuine impact on their school life.

## What does the FoP do?

Our Organisation's Core Objectives:

- Raising funds for school initiatives through charity events, activities, and grant applications from local businesses.
  - Establishing a social support network for parents and carers.
  - Volunteering our time to provide parents with opportunities to engage in their children's educational experiences.
  - Supporting the local community.
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Please contact [FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) if you would like to help out at future fundraising events and be on the committee.

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

AUTUMN DISCO

*it's time to*  
**Disco**



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

**Food and drinks available**

**TICKETS  
ON SALE SOON**

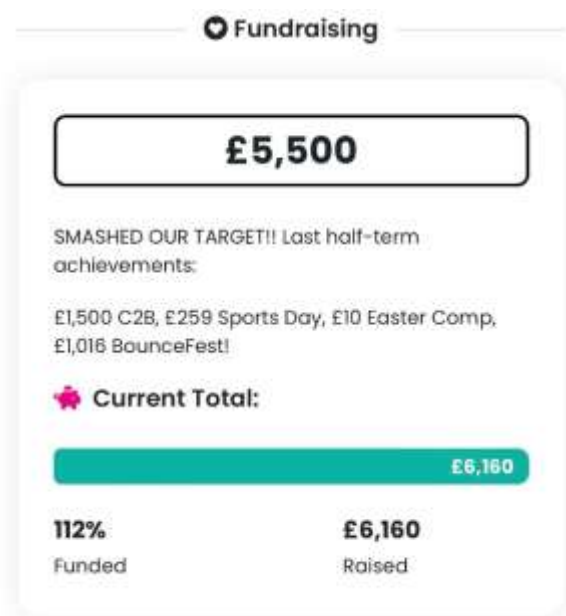
**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

# A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to all the FOP Events, we have had a fantastic year of fundraising and have raised £6,160!! We have smashed our target of £5,500 and made some amazing memories with the children and our friends.



## Your School Needs You!!

We need new members! Are you willing to spare a little time each half term? Do you enjoy organising fun and enriching events for your children and school community? Would you like to make new friends and help your school thrive at the same time?

If you do, we would like you to join us. It doesn't matter how much time you can spare, each and every contribution helps and is appreciated, even if it is just for one event.

Our first event will be an Autumn Disco, date to be confirmed, if you would like to help organise or volunteer on the night, please contact us.

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](mailto:FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) to get in touch

**MADE FOR**  
*This Game*



# GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



**THURSDAYS  
(TERM TIME)**

**4-5PM**



**GLAXO SPORTS HALL**



**HP ACTIVITIES**

Community | Inclusion | Engagement

# Your Family Hubs Tell us what you think

Help us to shape the future of services  
for families, children and young people in  
your community

As a thank you for taking part, we are offering the  
chance to be entered into a prize draw to win a £50  
Amazon voucher.

Please scan the QR code to access  
our online survey.



## Contact Information

### Barrow Family Hub Team

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