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Spring Term Newsletter 09 - 24/03/2026

Dear Parents and Carers

150th Anniversary Celebrations

This year we are celebrating 150 years since Pennington C of E School opened and 200 years since the building of Pennington Church. These are important historical events and we are excited to celebrate together. Throughout the week beginning the 23rd March, we are organising various activities. School will be open for tours on Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March, where log books and photos will be on display. School warmly welcomes anyone who would like to share memories from times at Pennington School e.g., past pupils, staff and parents. Photos and memorabilia to add to our displays will be gratefully accepted. If you cannot bring them in person, you are welcome to send by email or post and these can be copied at school. We will collate these photos and memories etc. for future posterity. Following this week, there will be a circular history trail from school to church, which the children will have compiled over the week for you to enjoy throughout the Easter holidays, similar to our previous Easter trails. School displays will be transferred to church for viewing over the Easter holidays.

Thank you to Mrs Hockaday for all her hard work in coordinating the celebratory events and to Carol Stringer and Yvonne Athersmith for giving so much time to help organise artifacts for our mini museum.

REMINDER - Victorian School Day - 26th March

On Thursday 26th March, as part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, we are holding a 'Victorian School Day'. To help set the scene, we are asking the children to dress up. Costumes can be very simple and home-made - use muted colours, this can be grey/black trousers tucked into socks, grey/black shorts, caps waistcoats, pinafores, white aprons, mop caps, bonnets or straw hats (available in the bargain shops in Barrow for £1)

Suggestions for outfits:

Girls' Outfit Ideas

- **The Schoolgirl:** A long, dark-coloured dress or a skirt paired with a collared white blouse and a white pinafore (or apron).
- **The Peasant Girl:** A simple, plain-coloured dress, perhaps with a shawl and a bonnet.

- **Accessories:** Ribbon hair bows, mop caps, knee-high socks, and pinafores.

Boys' Outfit Ideas

- **The Classic Scholar:** A white shirt with a collar (often worn without a tie), a waistcoat or knitted tank top, and dark trousers or shorts.
- **The "Oliver Twist" Look:** A tweed jacket, waistcoat, trousers, and a flat cap.
- **Accessories:** Long socks and a neckerchief.

DIY and Quick Tips

- **No-Sew Options:** A white shirt with a knitted cardigan, dark trousers/skirt, and a flat cap or homemade bonnet.
- **Colours:** While historically drab, simple patterns like gingham or small florals are appropriate.
- **Footwear:** Opt for black shoes or boots.

We have a solution for mop caps please send girls in with their hair in a bun with an extra bobble or scrunchie. School has a range of accessories for loan if needed.

Easter Church Service - Thursday 26th March

Children will be attending Pennington Church for traditional 1800 style Easter Service on Thursday 26th March during the afternoon. They will walk to church in costume to 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. Dependant on weather, please ensure children have coats.

Anniversary Open Day- Friday 27th March

On Friday the 27th (the actual anniversary date of the opening of the school) we are opening school to our community. You are welcome to visit for refreshments and to look at our home made museum, all about the history of our school in the morning 9am-11:30am or in the afternoon from 1pm-2:45pm. **We are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits to serve** just as we do for coffee mornings. We are hoping to have enough so that all the children have an opportunity to be served with a drink and a cake as well. The coffee morning/afternoon charge will be £2.00 as usual. Thank you for your generous support in advance.

Easter Colouring Competition

We will be running our annual Design an Easter Egg Competition. Templates will be sent home with the children from school 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 chocolate prize for the most original and creative design per class.

After School Clubs

Clubs will start the first week back after Easter and will be available to be booked via MCAS. See below for details.

Change of Inset Days 26/27

There has been a change to the inset days for the academic year 26-27. The children will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September and Monday 4th January.**

We will break up at the normal time of 3.15pm on Friday 27th March 2026

Diary Dates

Monday 13th April - Return to School

Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th - Year 4 Residential

Wednesday 29th April - Friday 1st May - Year 5 Residential

Friday 15th May - Year 5 Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st May - Sports Day (1st Choice)

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day (2nd Choice)

Friday 22nd May - Break up for half term

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th June - Year 6 Residential

Friday 3rd July - Reception Coffee Morning

School Meals - Bromcom MCAS

School Meals - MCAS We will be changing the way school meals are ordered after the Easter Break. School Hub will no longer be used to host ordering. Initially, menus will remain the same and will continue to be provided by Croftlands Junior School's kitchen. Meals will be ordered through MCAS - Please see below for a 'how to guide'.



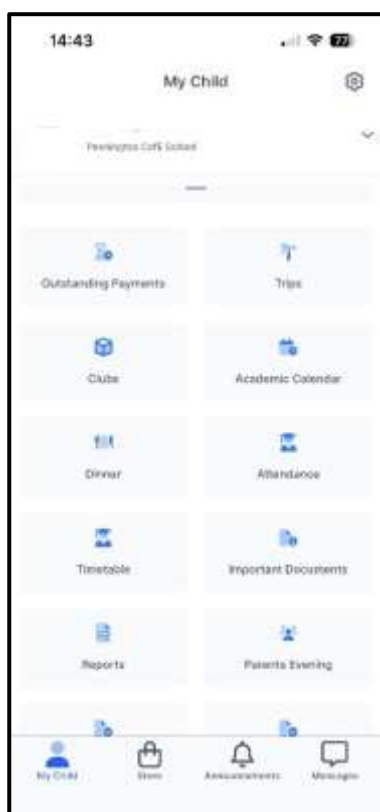
Bromcom



Parents can now order school lunches via the [MyChildAtSchool \(MCAS\) app](#) or web portal by navigating to the "Dinner" section. Parents can view menus and select meals up to four weeks in advance.

Key Steps for Ordering Lunch in MCAS:

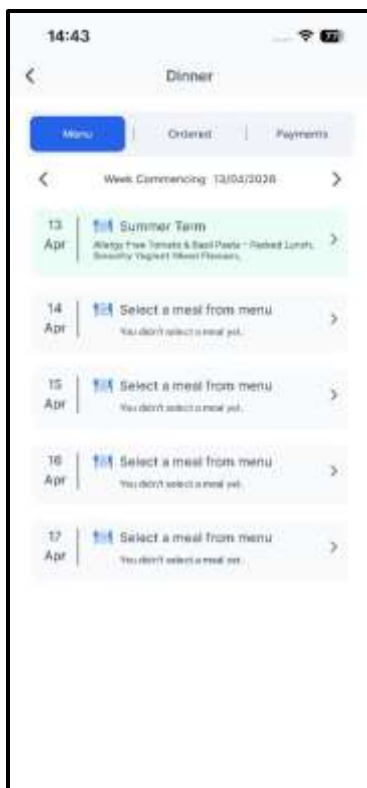
Access the App/Portal. Open the [MyChildAtSchool app](#) or visit the website and log in.



- **Navigate to Dinner Section:** Select your child (if you have more than one), then select the **Dinner** module.

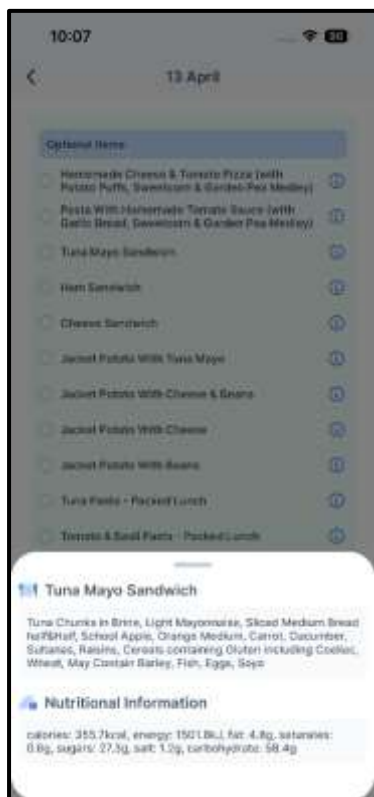
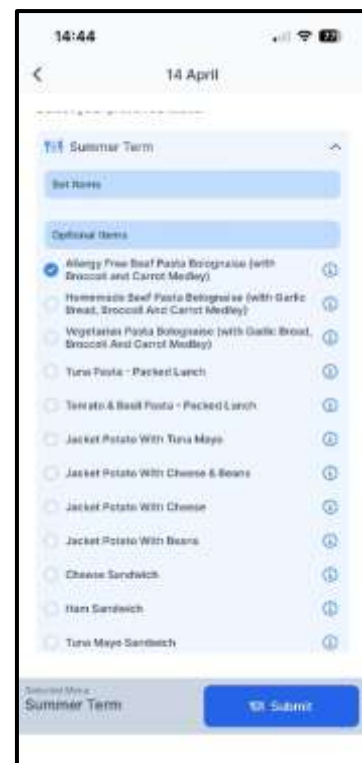


- **Select the menu:** select the current menu 'Summer Term' to expand and you will see the menu for the current week.



- Select the date you wish to order for to expand.

- **Ordering Meals:** Within this section, you can select items from the menu, one main course which comes with the sides listed and one dessert.



- **Please note:** Allergy Free Meals are marked as such, if your child has an allergy or dietary need it is your responsibility to ensure you have ordered an appropriate meal. Full ingredient list and allergen information is available by pressing the **i** on the right of the menu item.

14:44

14 April

☐ Broccoli And Carrot Medley
☐ Tuna Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Tomato & Basil Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Jacket Potato With Tuna Mayo
☐ Jacket Potato With Cheese & Beans
☐ Jacket Potato With Cheese
☐ Jacket Potato With Beans
☐ Cheese Sandwich
☐ Ham Sandwich
☐ Tuna Mayo Sandwich
☐ Allergy Free Tomato & Basil Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Optional Dessert
☒ Popsicle
☐ Fruit Salad
☐ Smoothy, Yoghurt Mixed Flavours
☐ Allergy Free Raspberry Jelly

Selected Term: Summer Term

Submit

• **Ordering Desserts:** Scroll down for dessert options, select items from the menu, once selected press 'Submit' to ensure your child's choices are recorded.

12:45

13 April

☐ From a previous
☐ Cheese Sandwich
☐ Jacket Potato With Tuna Mayo
☐ Jacket Potato With Cheese & Beans
☐ Jacket Potato With Cheese
☐ Jacket Potato With Beans
☐ Tuna Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Tomato & Basil Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Allergy Free Tomato & Basil Pasta - Packed Lunch
☐ Allergy Free Tomato Pasta
☐ Packed Lunch From Home
☐ Optional Dessert
☒ Strawberry Fruit Smoothie
☐ Smoothy, Yoghurt Mixed Flavours
☐ Fruit Salad
☐ Packed Lunch From Home

Selected Term: Summer Term

Submit

• **Packed Lunches:** There will be an option to select 'Packed Lunch From Home' for each course if your child does not require a meal. Please select 'Packed Lunch From Home' in the main meal section and again in the dessert section.

After School Clubs

We aim to offer a range of after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **All clubs need to be booked, paid for and permission given through MCAS (My Child at School)** 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 first week back for 6 weeks.



After School Clubs - Summer 1 2026

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Football Reception Year 1, and 2 £15.00	Isaac	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.15pm
	Gardening Club Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 £6.00	Miss Simona	The View	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Eco Club Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £6.00 (16 places)	Mrs Lindhofer	The View	3.15-4.15pm
	Stay and Play Reception Year 1 & 2 £6.00 (30 Places)	Miss Simona and Mrs Tuck	Playdale	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Football Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 £15.00	Isaac	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday	Lego Club Reception Year 1 & 2 £6.00 (30 Places)	Miss Steel	Year 2 classroom	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Art club Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 £6.00 (15 places)	Mrs Baldwin	Year 4 Classroom	3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	Chess Club Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 £6.00 (20 places)	Miss Mycock	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>
Thursday 3 September	Friday 18 December	Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October
Number of school days in term - 72		

SPRING TERM 2027

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 4 January	Thursday 25 March	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February
Number of school days in term - 54		

SUMMER TERM 2027

<u>STARTS</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>HALF - TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 12 April	Friday 16 July	Monday 31 May - Friday 4 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
 Wednesday 2 September

FRIENDS OF PENNINGTON

We would like to welcome Rob Browne to the committee as our new Finance Officer.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with events please email Stella, Rob or Amanda at FoP@penn.cumbria.sch.uk to get in touch or contact Mrs Baldwin in the school office. We rely on help from parents and carers to run these events and are always looking for new members to join our fun and friendly team.

Spring Sparkle Disco - Thursday 19th March

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees, we had a wonderful Spring Sparkle Disco and look forward to hearing how much we raised for the school.

Easyfundraising

We turn your daily shopping into free donations!

Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 retailers who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the retailer.

Retailers pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation! No extra cost, no extra effort.

Charity number: 1198666

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<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-pennington/wmqkbw/dc/4jeIros8/DCBUN/facebook/11.03>

Friends of Pennington School

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

Thanks, Stella, Rob and Amanda.



Pennington CofE
Primary School

FOP NEWSLETTER

March 2026

What we do

In 2025 we raised **£7776.79** by holding lots of fun events! Thanks to the spring disco, sponsors from the Coniston to Barrow walk, sports day and Y6 play raffle, summer bouncefest, sale of Christmas cards and the Christmas fair we raised an amazing amount!

Your support at these events have helped us to buy many new resources for the children at Pennington School! We used the money raised to buy...

- * Outdoor play equipment
- * Requests from the school Council group which included new musical instruments and more
- * We topped up classroom cashpots
- * Supplied the school with the FOP noticeboard at the school gates to keep you all updated
- * Funded the year 6 leavers books so they all left with a special memory of their time at pennington

This was all thanks to your support so THANK YOU! Let's make 2026 another great year for FOP so that our children can continue to benefit from all our support.

We would love more people to join the FOP team!! Speak to either of the members listed below to register your interest and we'll add you to the WhatsApp! We're a friendly bunch who love a social occasion so come and join the fun and help us plan the year's events!

Stella Baldwin
Amanda Dexter
Jane Murthwaite-Fox
Sidonie Hale

Reminders

Don't forget...

Get registered with easy fundraising, over 8000 retailers will donate part of what you spend to FOP and doesn't cost you a penny!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-pennington>

Upcoming Events

- Spring Disco - Thursday 19th March
- Colour run - Friday 8th May
- C2B - Saturday 9th May
- Bouncefest - Thursday 11th June (rain date 2nd July)

Contact Info

Email:
fop@penn.cumbria.sch.uk

Join our Facebook page!
Friends of Pennington

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.

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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)

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



Onside Sports Easter Holiday Camps

Week 1 – Mon 30th March – Thurs 2nd April

Onside Football & Multi Sports Academy

The camp will consist of fun and enjoyable warm up games and numerous sporting activities including...Football, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Baseball, Athletics, Basketball plus more.



- **ULVERSTON @ UVHS**
- **BARROW @ ST BERNARD'S**



Week 2 – Tue 7th April – Fri 10th April

Onside Football Academy (4-11 year olds)

The emphasis of the course is player development, each child will spend the morning enhancing their individual skills and, in the afternoon, get the chance to show them off with opposed practices, team games and competitions.



- **BARROW @ ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL**
- **ULVERSTON @ UVHS**



Camp Details

- Both camps will run **9am-3pm - Drop off from 8.45am**
- 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 the lunch break.

• **£20 PER DAY OR £75 FOR ALL WEEK**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler
Tel – 07887940150

✉ Email – Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk

📘 Facebook – Onside Sports Coaching Development

📷 Instagram – Onside Sports Development



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**Monday 30th March to
Thursday 2nd April**

**10am - 2pm / Ages 4 - 11 years
Free Lunch & Snacks!**

**FREE HAF AND PAID
PLACES AVAILABLE!**

For more details contact

[smartbodysports.com](https://www.smartbodysports.com) admin@smartbodysports.com

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Sir John Barrow
Primary School,
Argyle Street,
LA12 0BD



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Easter Holiday Activities

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite your child to join us this Easter for our fun-filled HAF Camp at **Sir John Barrow School**, specially created for children aged 4–11 years. If you're looking for a safe, engaging and enriching way to keep your child active and smiling during the holidays, our Easter camp is the perfect place to be.

As an Ofsted registered provider, we pride ourselves on delivering high-quality childcare that gives parents complete peace of mind. Your child will be supported by our team of qualified, DBS-checked staff who are experienced, caring and passionate about creating positive experiences for every child. We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where all children feel welcome, valued and encouraged to be themselves.

Each day is packed with exciting multi-sports activities to keep children active and build confidence, alongside enriching experiences that spark curiosity and creativity. From imaginative play and team games to creative challenges and themed Easter fun, there is something for every child to enjoy. Whether your child loves being energetic outdoors, getting creative with crafts, or making new friends, our camp offers the perfect balance of structure, fun and freedom to explore. Lunch Included.

Venue: Sir John Barrow School, Argyle Street, Ulverston, LA12 0BD

Ages: 4 - 11 years **Dates:** Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April **Times:** 10am-2pm

Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so we encourage early booking to avoid disappointment. We would love to welcome your child to what promises to be an egg-stra special Easter break.

How To Book: Simply scan the QR code below with your phone or visit our EEQU website and search for Smart Body Sports.

Kind regards,
The Smart Body Sports Team
admin@smartbodysports.com
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Your local SEND IAS Service Co-ordinator will listen to your concerns and can offer:

- Appropriate support, impartial information, and advice on a range of SEND related queries including - identifying a need, exclusions from school, complaints, and disagreements when something goes wrong.
- Advice regarding SEND related health and social care matters.
- Detailed explanations of how the Special Educational Needs (SEN) process should work, for example the support that should be ordinarily available for all children and young people with SEND in early years, schools, and post sixteen settings.
- Information about local and national voluntary organisations
- Information about young peoples' and parents' support groups in your area
- Support through the Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) Process including annual reviews.
- To help you learn more about the SEND Code of Practice and your legal rights.
- Support at meetings where appropriate.

A child or young person may have learning difficulties caused by:

- A physical disability
- A problem with sight, hearing, or speech
- Difficulties with reading, writing or mathematics
- Emotional or behavioural problems
- Communication and social interaction.

For self-referral, please use our email:

sendiass.waf@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Please give a brief description of the matter you require support with, and your location and a member of our team will be in touch with you to offer advice and guidance.



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Information,
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Services Network



Offering impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities and their parents & carers.



April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm