

PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
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## Autumn Term Newsletter 04 - 12/10/2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### Harvest - 17<sup>th</sup> October

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having a harvest celebration which will be held at Pennington Church. The whole school will walk to church together, setting off at 9.30am from school. Please ensure your child has a coat and is wearing sensible footwear. We will sing songs and say prayers for this special Christian celebration. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents/carers due to the size of the church.

All children are invited to bring a contribution of tins and packet food that they will carry to church themselves and will later be given to the local food bank. The foodbank have reported that they are particularly short of tinned spaghetti and beans, biscuits, UHT milk and orange and toiletries but any donations will be gratefully received. The cost-of-living crisis is certainly having an effect on everybody. If you or anybody you know needs support, please contact The Barrow Food Bank. They have a web page with details of how to access support. The phone number and email are as follows: 01229 343436 or [projectmanager@barrowfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:projectmanager@barrowfoodbank.co.uk).

### Parking

A number of parents whose children attend Pennington Nursery are struggling to park in their carpark at drop off and pick up times due to parents of children who attend our school choosing to park there. We are appealing on their behalf to ask that you leave the car park available for parents of the nursery children. It would be reasonable and thoughtful for us to avoid using this carpark, where often parents are carrying young children and babies in an out of nursery. Our older children are capable of walking further up the road to meet their parents.

### Boxes of Hope

Your child has brought a leaflet home for Boxes of Hope, our local shoebox charity. A small team visits Romania each year to distribute the Christmas boxes to children. The leaflet explains what to do and the ideal items to put in a box. Please try and ensure that there is a £2.00 donation with each box to cover the administration and transport costs. Can you return the boxes to school on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Thank you in advance, you are always very generous with your donations.

### **Individual School Photographs**

Our school photographer will be visiting school **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, 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 on how to purchase on line

### **Pennington C of E School Open Days - 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be holding an Open Week for parents of potential new Reception children (2023-2024) the first week back after half term. 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 on the Cumbria County Website is set out below. Please apply online.

### **The closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.**

If you live in Cumbria and your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they will be due to start school in Reception year group in September 2022. You must apply to Cumbria County Council for a place.

Before you apply for a school place, please read through the [Starting School in Cumbria 2021 \(PDF 8MB\)](#) booklet. If you need a printed copy of the booklet, please contact the School Admissions and Appeals Team: **Email:** [school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk)

**To apply for a Reception place for your child in September 2023, you can:**

- [APPLY ONLINE](#)
- complete a [WORD version of form SA1 application form \(Word 66kb\)](#), which can be completed electronically and sent to School Admissions by email to [school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk)

download the [PDF version of the application form \(PDF 267kb\)](#) and send it to School Admissions at: School Admissions and Appeals, Cumbria County Council, PO Box 415, Carlisle, CA1 9GU

### **Transfer to Secondary School: September 2023**

We have received a reminder from County for those parents who have not yet applied for a Secondary School place; the half term break is approaching and the closing date for applications is 31 October 2022. Parents can make an application online at:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

Parents can contact the School Admissions Team, e-mail: [school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk) or tel: 01228 221582

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5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy on the school governing board for 1 parent governor. Details of the process to fill the vacancy follow:

### The Nomination of Parents as Candidates

Each parent\* of a pupil attending the school is to be given the opportunity of putting their name forward with a view to becoming a parent governor. If you want to submit a nomination on your behalf you should do so in writing to Alison Holland (Clerk to the Governors). Letters of nomination, attached, must be counter-signed by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the school. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Please note that incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

In the event of there being no more than one nomination, the person nominated will automatically be elected, unopposed as a parent governor.

### The Election Procedure

If the school receives more nominations than vacancies, an election by secret ballot will be held as soon as possible. Each parent\* of a child who at the time of the election is a pupil at the school will be entitled to vote.

In the event of an election, the Clerk of the Governors will issue all parents with further details concerning the way in which the ballot (which will be entirely secret and as fool proof as possible) is to be organised and supply the official ballot papers.

### Candidates' Contribution to the Election

Candidates will be given the opportunity to write a short statement, which will be circulated to all parents of the school. Should candidates wish to seek support in any other way, this will be entirely their own responsibility.

Following an election, parents will be told the name of the successful candidate.

### Term of Office of Parent Governors

An elected parent governor will hold office for a period of 4 years.

### Parents Participation

It is very important for the efficiency and effectiveness of schools that parents should be encouraged to have an active involvement in their children's education. Consequently, parents are encouraged to participate and take an interest in the election process whether as candidates or voters.

If you have any queries at this stage regarding the subject of parent governors, would you please contact Elisabeth Fenwick (Chair of Governors), email [LisF@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:LisF@penn.cumbria.sch.uk), who will be pleased to help you.

Yours sincerely

Alison Holland  
Clerk to the Governors

\*Definition of 'Parent'

Please see section 576 of the Education Act 1996

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## PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

The above-named has a child at the school, is willing to serve if elected and is hereby nominated to stand for election.

Sponsored by (Name in capitals and address):

Signature of Sponsor:

Date:

Sponsored by (Name in capitals and address):

Signature of Sponsor:

Date:

Candidate's statement for inclusion on ballot paper (limited to one side of A4):

Completed nomination must be returned to the school by 12noon, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## After School Clubs

We aim to offer a range of after school activities throughout the year. The timetable for this term is displayed below. **There will be a charge for any clubs marked in red as there is a cost to the school to run these clubs.** We still consider this to be good value. Thank you to staff for giving their time freely to offer these opportunities.

If you want your child to take part in an after-school club activity, please email [admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) to give permission to the clubs your child wishes to attend.

**If your child wants to join Multisports or Football please log into Parentpay to secure their place.**

For those clubs that need payment an email will be sent out to the whole year group the club is aimed at, to enable parents to give permission and pay by Parentpay. If your child does not want to take part in a paid after school club, please can you email [admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk) and the payment request will be removed from your Parentpay account.



## After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2022

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Computing Club (20)	Mr Hodgson	Year 5 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm
	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Walking Wellbeing Club	Miss Wren	School Grounds/ Wetlands	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	<b>Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports</b> <b><u>£15.00</u></b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>School Playing Field</b> <b>Hall when wet</b>	<b>3.15-4.00pm</b>
Wednesday	<b>Year 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 Football</b> <b><u>£15.00</u></b>	<b>Corey</b>	<b>School Playing Field</b> <b>Hall when wet</b>	<b>3.15-4.00pm</b>
	<b>Year 1 to 6 Reading Club -</b> <b>FULL</b>	Miss Barnes Miss Huddleston	Year 3 Classroom	3.15-4.00pm

**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 2022/2023



## AUTUMN TERM 2022

### STARTS

Wednesday  
7 September

### ENDS

Tuesday  
20 December

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24 October -  
Friday 28 October

Number of school days in term - 70

## SPRING TERM 2023

### STARTS

Wednesday  
4 January

### ENDS

Friday  
31 March

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 20 February -  
Friday 24 February

Number of school days in term - 58

## SUMMER TERM 2023

### STARTS

Monday  
17 April

### ENDS

Wednesday  
19 July

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29 May -  
Friday 2 June

Good Friday - 7 April  
Easter Sunday - 9 April  
Easter Monday - 10 April  
May Bank Holiday - 1 May

Number of school days in term - 62

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days: Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September  
Tuesday 3 January



# SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023/2024



## AUTUMN TERM 2023

### STARTS

Wednesday  
6 September

### ENDS

Tuesday  
19 December

Number of school days in term - 70

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23 October -  
Friday 27 October

## SPRING TERM 2024

### STARTS

Wednesday  
3 January

### ENDS

Thursday  
28 March

Number of school days in term - 57

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 12 February -  
Friday 16 February

## SUMMER TERM 2024

### STARTS

Tuesday  
16 April

### ENDS

Friday  
19 July

Number of school days in term - 63

Number of days in year - 190

INSET Days:      Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September  
                         Monday 15 April

### HALF - TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29 May -  
Friday 2 June

Good Friday - 29 March  
Easter Sunday - 30 March  
Easter Monday - 1 April  
May Bank Holiday - 6 May

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### **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?**

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
- 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://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

**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

# HALF TERM

Monday 24th  
Little Ballers-1pm  
ages 18 months+

Tuesday 25th  
Multi Sports (ages 4-7)  
10am-12pm

Wednesday 26th  
Multi Sports (ages 5+)  
9.30am-2.30pm

Thursday 27th  
Craft Day (ages 5+)  
10am-2pm

Friday 28th  
Football (ages 4+)  
1-2pm

See more details and book via-  
[hpactivities.com](http://hpactivities.com)



## Onside Sports Coaching Half Term Holiday Camp

### 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. 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



**FURNESS ACADEMY**  
**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct**



**Limited places available. Book early  
to avoid disappointment**

- Each camp will run **9am-3pm** (bubble drop off and collection times will be confirmed on booking)
- We will continue to run age group bubbles and the children will work with the same coaches each day.
- We have use of a huge hall and 3g playing facilities 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 £15**
  - **FULL WEEK BOOKING £65**

For further info please contact Gavin Butler

T – 07887940150

E – [Gav@onsidesportscoaching.co.uk](mailto: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



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# U V E R

# S T M



Ulverston Victoria High School  
Springfield Road, Ulverston

Saturday 12th November 2022 ■ 9am - 4pm

Challenge on @UlverSTEM for all 6-16 year olds. Bring the family!

Discover more about opportunities to be gained from studying science, technology, engineering and maths - STEM subjects



Meet local employers including Bender UK, Siemens Energy, Oxley Developments, FESP, Kimberly-Clark, NHS, BAE Systems, GSK, Orsted, Inspira and many more

Interactive and fun activities throughout the day including SciFi Ulverston Challenge

Join in with the activities before and during the event to win great prizes!



Keep up to date with news, activities and prizes by visiting our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and website



There are shows and presentations throughout the day, with guests including Professor Pumpnickel, Cumbria Constabulary Cyber and Digital Crime Unit and Inspira

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