

Haverigg Primary News

Friday 23rd January 2026



We will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th February. 3.30pm- 4.00pm in the school hall.

Letter regarding price increase for school meals on page 3.



Reception class children have been busy creating wonderful art work to display for their topic 'on the move'.



Year 1 have been experimenting with water colour paint. They enjoyed researching work by different artists, inspiring them to create their own masterpieces.



CROSS COUNTRY

Reminder for the selected children from years 4, 5 or 6 that are taking part in the cross country next Wednesday 28th January. Please remember to bring two packed lunches, spare clothing, studded boots (if possible) and a spare bag for dirty clothing. We have removed any school meals that have already been ordered for that day and your account will have been credited.

Congratulations to this week's Lighthouse Winners

Reception Miss Blackburn	Pippa - Pippa is an all-round superstar! She is always working hard and trying her best in all that we do. This week she has blown us away with her kindness and respect for others which she shows all the time and does it instinctively. What a fantastic role model for all in school.
Year 1 Miss Leece	Kaelan - for being a fantastic artist this week. You took your time and really thought about how you wanted to use the water colour paint in your painting. Well done Kaelan!
Year 2 Mrs Redhead	Delilah - for amazing writing. Delilah has been working hard on her hand writing skills and this week she has produced an amazing Supertato story book. Well done Delilah!
Year 3 Mr Knowles	Louis - for his fantastic progress in both reading and writing. Since becoming a junior, he is blowing our socks off!
Year 4 Miss Usher	Austin - Austin is someone who could win the lighthouse every week. He consistently works hard and is a good friend to everyone. He is polite, respectful and is always kind to others. Thank you Austin. Your hard work and kindness never goes unnoticed.
Year 5 Miss Marinovich	Mia - for an absolutely incredible week and impressing us so much with her lovely, kind attitude as well as her schoolwork. Everything from spelling to writing to maths has been outstanding — very well done, Mia, and keep it up!
Year 6 Miss Musgrave	Tommy - for his perseverance and determination in every single piece of work he completes. Tommy also demonstrates our school values of honesty, kindness and respect day in and day out.
Music Award Mrs Cullen	Dolly Year 5 and Charlie Year 4 -for playing really well at Holborn Hill band for the first time. Charlotte Year 5 – for playing baritone in the flexi-band on Sunday.

At Haverigg Primary School we take the safety and welfare of your children very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of any children at Haverigg school please speak to Mrs Narongchai (our designated safeguarding leader), or Miss Musgrave / Mrs Redhead, (our deputy safeguarding leaders), in her absence.

School Disco

Friday 30th January.
Details on page 5.



Just a couple of gentle reminders regarding school lunches.

- * Please can all lunches be ordered by the Thursday 9am deadline for meals the following week.
- * Please tell your child the meal to expect that day, we are rarely able to change these selections on the day when children say they do not like something!

Thanks all for your co-operation.

Reminder - you can re-cycle your batteries at school. Please drop into the box by the door at the main entrance. Thank you.



Marbleous

House point winners:

Rosie x 3, Nancy R x 2, Pippa M x 2, Albie x 2, Lily K x 2, Archie, Caiden, Luna, Dorothy, Indie, Noah CG, Mya x 3, Xander x 2, Louis, Lydia, Fearne, Abel, Freya EP, Dale, Daisy x 2, Libby, Joey, Ethan H, Jace, Anderson, George, Demi, Amelia, Joseph C, Ayda M x 2, Olivia, Mikey, Elliot A, Charlie S, Lucas x 2, Harry H, Freya A x 2, Dolly, Keira, Aaron, Mia S, Harry F x 2, Kieron, Emily, Ellie, Lily B, Libbie, Emmie Mae, Tommy, Ethan C and Emmy.

**Well done everyone,
you are all
Marbleous!**

HOUSE POINTS

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

What is considered good attendance? Regular and punctual attendance is essential for effective learning, promoting positive relationships and developing good attitudes to education. **A child's attendance at school is expected to be 96% and above.** Anything that is below this needs to be addressed by school to ensure attendance improves. We need to ensure that all children attend school regularly as it is important for friendships and academic progress/success.

Key daily timings:

8:50 to 9:00 → Register takes place
After 9:00 → Late mark in register
After 9:30 → unauthorised absence

Weekly Attendance Report

Reception	98%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	97%



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School meal price increase

22nd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we will be increasing the cost of school meals from £2.65 to £2.85 from the w/c 23rd February 2026. We have maintained the current cost of £2.65 for nearly two years now but the ever-increasing food and utility costs mean we need to implement this 20p rise to ensure we can maintain the menu options and meal quality.

During the summer term we would like to offer the opportunity for you to try a Lighthouse lunch for yourself. We will be offering a “lunches for loved ones” week where you will be able to join your child/children for lunch. A separate letter will be sent out after Easter confirming the week this will be happening, the ordering details and instructions.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of school lunches or have any other suggestions, then please get in touch.

Head teacher



HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIARY DATES

(updated 7th January 2026)

January 2026

Tuesday 6th	INSET Day for staff
Wednesday 7th	Spring term starts
Thursday 15th	Deadline to apply for a Reception class place Sept 2026
Friday 30th	FoHS School Disco

February 2026

Friday 6th	Young Voices choir to Manchester
9 th – 12th	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Friday 13th	School finishes for February half term
Monday 23rd	Back to school

March 2026

Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Friday 13th	Non-Uniform Day – chocolate donations for FoHS Easter Raffle
Wednesday 25th	Easter Raffle drawn
Friday 27th	End of term (normal finish time)

April 2026

Monday 13th	Summer term starts
Friday 24th	FoHS School Disco

May 2026

Monday 4th	Bank holiday
Friday 8th	Bag 2 School Collection
Monday 11 th – 14th	SAT's week
Friday 22nd	School finishes for May half term

June 2026

Monday 1st	Back to school
Wednesday 3 rd – 5th	Year 6 London residential trip
Thursday 18th	Sports Day
Friday 19th	Reserve date for Sports Day

July 2026

Friday 10th	Presentation Assemblies
	FoHS School Disco
Friday 17th	End of term (1.15pm finish)

Haverigg School



Friday 30th January 2026

6pm – 7.30pm

At Haverigg School

Admission: £2.50, £4 for 2 siblings, £5 a family

HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spring Term starts 5th January 2027

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19.11.25

Safety Concerns on Atkinson Street

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with increasing concern that I write to you about the traffic issues we have along Atkinson Street at drop off and pick up times and the danger this is posing to children's safety. We have again had a near miss this morning.

Despite previous requests and safety concerns, we continue to have vehicles driving along Atkinson Street and dropping children off/picking children up next to the school gates and parking on the zig zag lines; these cars are then turning around in the Lighthouse Centre carpark. We also still have cars using the back streets around Atkinson Street.

These ongoing safety concerns were raised again at our full governors meeting this week and it is clear that we need to reinforce the following steps to ensure school drop off and pick up times are as safe as we can possibly make them. So, please can we ask that:

- **No vehicles (other than taxi drop off and pick up) drive down Atkinson street to drop school children off between 8:30am and 9:00am / 3:00pm and 3:30pm.**
- **This should mean that no cars are parked on the yellow school zig zags at all, leaving the road clear and visibility good. We will be asking the police to enforce this.**

We realise the challenges of getting children to and from school, however if everyone complies with these requests we will be ensuring that drop off and pick up times are safer for our children and families. The last thing we want is for a child to get injured or worse – this is the reality we are facing.

Please can we ask that you pass this information onto any family members who pick up/drop off your child/children at school.

Many thanks

Head teacher



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Attendance matters

24th October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This academic year we have once again had increasing numbers of families taking children out of school for holidays during term time. As you will all be aware, schools must consider enforcement action if a child/young person has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (equivalent to five days). While schools and local authorities will generally offer support to improve attendance first, persistent unauthorised absences or term-time holidays may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution.

As part of our ongoing attendance monitoring and in line with the Cumberland attendance strategy, we will now be passing on attendance casefiles to the local authority where we feel the threshold has been met for fixed term penalty.

Reminder of Attendance expectations:

- Ensure your child/young person attends every day the school is open; except when a legal reason applies
- Notify the school as soon as possible when your child/young person is unexpectedly absent
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance (please note: family holidays are not generally considered exceptional circumstances and all leave of absence requests are considered at the headteacher's discretion)

Please also be aware that taking your child out of school after registration in the afternoon will still count as an unauthorised session as they are not in school during the afternoon.

Head teacher

CHANGES TO FINES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

With the introduction of the new National Framework for penalty notices, the following changes will come into force for fixed penalty notice fines issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools after 19 August 2024.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in lieu of prosecution. The decision on whether to issue an FPN or prosecute rests with the Local Authority and is made on a case-by-case basis.

National threshold

There will be a single, consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to five full school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

For example: a five-day holiday would meet the national threshold.
The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Who may be fined?

Penalty notice fines are issued to each parent who allows their child/young person to be absent from school.

For example: three siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving three separate fines.

First offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday, the fine amount will be:
£80 per parent, per child/young person if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second offence (within three years)

The second time a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the amount will be: £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child/young person, payable within 28 days.

Third offence and any further offences (within three years)

The third time an offence is committed, a penalty notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns.
This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court.
Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Please note any monies collected through fines come back to Cumberland Council to facilitate attendance support and not to schools.



POMS Cluster Attendance Agreement 2025 - 2026

Guidance on authorised term-time pupil absence

The Education Regulations 2013 [aka, the Regulations] which came into force on 1 September 2013, made it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless "exceptional circumstances" prevail. The regulations also state that headteachers should determine the number of school days a pupil can be away from school if they grant a leave request because of "exceptional circumstances".

The fundamental principles for defining "exceptional circumstances" are that they are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.

POMS cluster Headteachers have worked together to agree some guiding principles for headteachers to consider when families request absence during term-time. This will ensure consistency across the cluster and ensure all schools are sending the same message surrounding the importance of attendance at school.

Guiding Principles

1. Term times are for education. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Headteachers will rightly prioritise attendance. The default school policy should be that absences will not be granted during term time apart from in "exceptional circumstances".
2. The decision to authorise a pupil's absence is wholly at the headteacher's discretion based on their assessment of and circumstances of each individual request. POMS Headteachers have worked collaboratively to agree a shared approach. Schools in the POMS cluster will follow these agreed principles.
3. If an event can be reasonably scheduled outside of term time, then it will not be authorised. Holidays are, therefore, not considered exceptional circumstances.
4. Absence from school to visit seriously-ill relatives or for bereavement of a close family member are usually considered to amount to 'exceptional circumstances', but for the funeral service not for extended leave.
5. Absences for important religious observances are often considered, but only for the ceremony and not for extended leave. This is intended for one-off situations rather than regular or recurring events
6. Schools may wish to take the needs of the families of service personnel into account if they are returning from long operational tours that prevent contact during scheduled holiday time.
7. Whilst as school settings we must make reasonable adjustments for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities in school time. Regarding attendance, we work closely with our colleagues from our local special schools. In line with their guidance, we would not consider requests that are based on holidays during quieter times.
8. Families may need time together to recover from a trauma or crisis.
9. POMS schools will consider a pupil's historical record of attendance when making absence-related decisions

10. It is important to note that headteachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether an absence is authorised.
11. Absence will only be authorised where proper request procedures have been followed and the permission given.

12. Tickets and/or other travel arrangements should not be booked prior to discussion with and agreement of the school.
13. Parents and Carers should not confuse telling the school about an absence with having permission.
14. Whether alternative care arrangements have been considered by the parent to limit the time away from school.
15. The impact on any interventions, assessments or referrals being undertaken with the child or family, for example, family support, social care assessments, CAMHS, SEN.
16. The potential impact that the absence will have on the child.

This guidance has been agreed by all schools in the POMS (Partnership of Millom Schools) cluster;

Parkview Nursery School

Millom Infant School

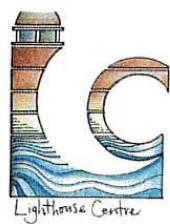
Black Combe Junior School

Haverigg Primary School

St James' Catholic Primary School

Thwaites Nursery & Primary School

Captain Shaw Nursey & Primary School



Haverigg School 3 Week Menus from November 2025

Week 1

Monday	Chicken Fillet (Battered or plain), Red Pesto Pasta, Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Victoria Sponge
Tuesday	Pasta in sauce (Cheese optional) Garlic Bread, sweetcorn	Zucchini Brownie
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Creamed Potatoes / Pasta and Vegetables	Apple Cake & Custard
Thursday	Meat & Potato Pie & Veg	Choc Chip Cookie & Milk Drink
Friday	Fishy Ships, Beans/Peas	Fruit Jelly and Ice-Cream
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

Week 2

Monday	Fish Cake, Chips, Spaghetti Hoops / Peas, Bread and Butter	Scone with Jam
Tuesday	Mild Chicken Tikka Curry, Rice & Naan	Toffee Mousse, Bananas/Oranges
Wednesday	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Vegetables	Gingerbread & Custard
Thursday	Pizza Wrap with Green Pesto Pasta and Salad	Chocolate Cake
Friday	Meatballs in Gravy, Mash/Pasta & Vegetables	Fruity Flapjack
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

Week 3

Monday	Pasta Bolognaise, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Sprinkle Cake
Tuesday	Sausages, Mash or Pasta & Beans/Peas	Meltin Moment Biscuit
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash/Pasta & Vegetables	Chocolate Crunch & Custard
Thursday	Sunshine Pizza & Wedges	Vanilla Shortbread & Milk Drink
Friday	Fishy Ships, Beans / Peas	Fruit, Waffle & Ice-cream
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

Please note: any children with a food intolerance can still order the main meal and pudding. If applicable, the kitchen staff will adjust the meal according to their intolerance e.g. dairy.

Thank you



How to pack a well-balanced lunch box - focus on the food groups

To be in-line with the School Food Standards set by the Department for Education, we feel this is a very reasonable packed lunch policy and one which we would like all parents to work towards achieving **one small change at a time**. We do understand that some children struggle with change but, the healthier choices you can gradually make, the better your child's health will be.

Packed lunches should include:

- At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- Meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, humous or falafel) every day.
- Oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- A starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal every day.
- A dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.
- A drink of water, fruit juice or smoothie (maximum portion 150ml), or semi-skimmed milk or skimmed milk, yoghurt or another milk drink.

Packed lunches can occasionally include:

- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages.
- Cakes and biscuits - but encourage your child to eat these as part of a meal and be mindful of appropriate portion sizes.



Packed lunches should not include:

- Nuts or nut butters (we do have children in school with allergies)
- Salty snacks such as crisps.
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- Sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks.



SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY | 10.30AM - 4PM

RNCM Engage Cumbria Saxophone Day

We're excited to announce that the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) and Cumberland Music Service are partnering with the Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre to present a free day dedicated to the saxophone.

The RNCM Engage Cumbria Saxophone Day will provide an opportunity for players of various ages and abilities to develop creative, musical, and technical skills. It will also include a performance from and workshops with RNCM alumnus, the Solasta Saxophone Quartet.

Whether you are new to the saxophone or a more experienced player, there will be something for everyone!

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Thursday 29th

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Friday 30th
January 2026
6pm

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Adults: £5
Children/ Students: £3