

Haverigg Primary News

Friday 17th July 2026

Good Luck Year 6!

As we come to the end of another truly busy, hot, but happy summer term, it's lovely to look back on all the learning, achievements and memorable experiences that have made this another successful school year.

Our Year 6 children are more than ready for the exciting move to secondary school, and we wish them every success and happiness in this next chapter. Good luck, Year 6 - keep paddling and, most importantly, no capsizing!

All of our classes have enjoyed their transition mornings and are excited to move into their new classrooms with their new teachers in September. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Before we all enjoy a well-earned rest and, hopefully, a little more sunshine (before the rain returns!), I would like to say a huge thank you to the incredible staff team at Haverigg. Your dedication, positivity, care and unwavering commitment to our children make our school such a special place.

To all of our families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. You are such important partners in your children's learning and development, and we truly value everything you do.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Wednesday 2nd September**, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year together.

Mrs Narongchai



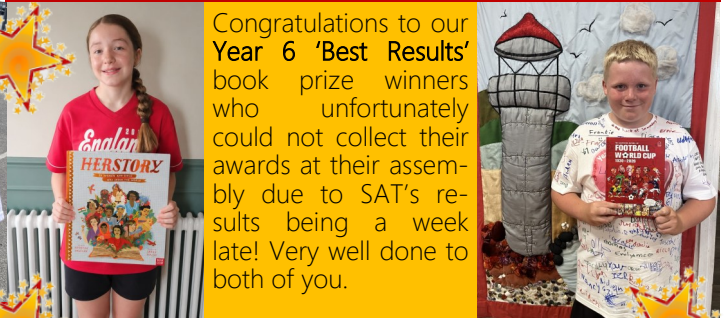
When you're taller than the staff, it's time to leave!



Traditional shirt signing for our 2026 leavers!

Year 6 Best Results Awards 2026

Congratulations to our Year 6 'Best Results' book prize winners who unfortunately could not collect their awards at their assembly due to SAT's results being a week late! Very well done to both of you.



Revenge is sweet...take that Year 6!



YEAR 6

Den Building Day!



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.



Top Class Brass!



On Wednesday last week, our brass players from Y4,5&6 took part in a brass workshop at the Palladium in Millom. It was a busy morning, learning some new tunes and having fun. Then in the evening, 18 of our children played for the first time as Haverigg School Brass Band in a very special (and very hot!) concert with Holborn Hill Band and some amazing RNCM students from Manchester.



Year 4 Low Bank Ground

Year 4 had an amazing, sunny, water day at Low Bank Ground on Thursday. They kayaked and canoe rafted across the lake but the highlight was definitely jumping and somersaulting off the jetty! All the children were so well behaved, a pleasure to take away. - thank you Year 4.



Presentation Assemblies 2026

Thank you everyone for attending our end of year presentation assemblies. We are so proud of all the children, thank you for being there with them to celebrate their achievements.



Marble-ous

House point winners:

The BIG Count has taken place, we have counted up the house marbles for this year! The house with the most marble-ous points is: **Hodbarrow**

Hodbarrow - 1151

Whicham - 1091

Lacra - 1028

Including sports day, the children achieved **3270** Marble-ous acts of kindness, determination, honesty, courtesy, respect, tolerance and cooperation.

What a team! What a school!

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

Congratulations to the children who have achieved 100% attendance for the entire year! Well done to you all.

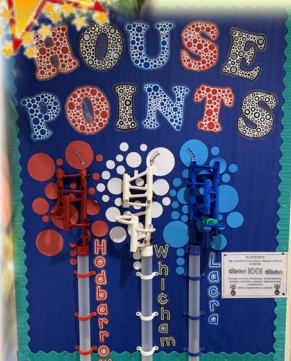
100% ATTENDANCE



End of Year Attendance Report

Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%

Well done everyone - keep it up next year!





Haverigg School 3 Week Menus from 20th April 2026

Week 1		
Monday	Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Chocolate Crunch and Vanilla Sauce
Tuesday	Chunky Chicken in a Tomato Sauce with Rice and Naan Bread	Meringue and Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash / Pasta and Vegetables	Gingerbread and Custard
Thursday	Battered or Plain Chicken Fillet Baguette with Diced Potatoes, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks	Victoria Sponge Cake
Friday	Fishy Ships, Chips, Baked 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	Mild Chicken Korma, Rice and Naan Bread	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Tuesday	Arrabiata Pasta Sauce (cheese optional), Crusty Bread, and Green Salad	Shortbread and Drink of Milk
Wednesday	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash / Pasta and Vegetables	Chocolate Pear Marble Cake and Custard
Thursday	Pizza Wrap, Red Pesto Pasta and Sweetcorn	Meltin' Moment Biscuit
Friday	Fishy Ships, Chips, Beans / Peas	Waffle with Fruit Salad and Ice-cream
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit
Week 3		
Monday	Sausage Baguette, Wedges, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks	Iced Sponge Cake
Tuesday	Pasta in a sauce (cheese optional), Garlic Bread and Salad	Scotch Pancake with Bananas and Ice-cream
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mash / Pasta and Vegetables	Chocolate Orange Cake and Custard
Thursday	Meatballs in Gravy, Mash / Pasta and Sweetcorn	Fruit Scone with Jam (optional)
Friday	Fishcake, Chips, Beans / Peas	Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk
	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

HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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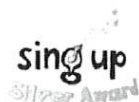
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Holiday dates

Spring Term starts 5th January 2027



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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 Nurse & Primary School



Healthy Packed Lunch Policy



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, houmous 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.

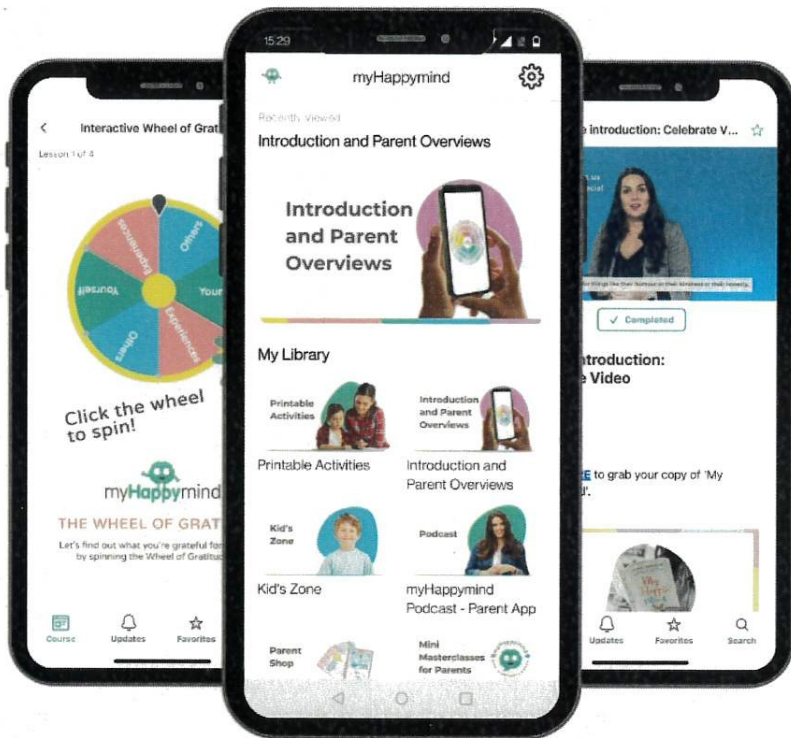
Packed lunches should not include:

- 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.





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