Haverigg Primary News

Friday 13th November 2026

Thank you for your Children in Need contributions. We raised £ 180.62 towards the appeal!





BBC Children in Need MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Odd Sock Monday! Anti-bullying Week

On Monday, we are inviting everyone in school to wear odd socks to mark **Anti-Bullying Week!** Wearing odd socks is a fun way to show that we are all different and unique, and that's something to celebrate! It reminds us that we should always be kind, respect each other and celebrate our differences. Remember, it's okay to be different – to be yourself. We look forward to seeing your odd socks!

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Wednesday 18th November** to take individual and sibling photographs. All children will automatically have their individual photo taken and also one with their siblings from other classes. If you require a photo of your children with a pre-schooler, please arrive at school for 8.30am as these will be taken first. You are under no obligation to purchase any of these photographs. Information will go home on how you can place any orders online. Any children who have PE that day, please come in your uniform and bring PE kits with you. Thank you.

Year 6 Cake Fundraiser - what an amazing amount of cake and what an amazing amount of money raised to help our Year 6 London residential. Including the Halloween events, we have raised a phenomenal £650, that is just brilliant! Thank you all so much for your generosity.







IMPORTANT

Peoples Emergency Briefing - See page 4 and 5

Congratulations to this week's Lighthouse Winners

Reception Miss Blackburn	**William** - for answering questions so confidently and thinking deeply about all of our learning. You are a superstar!
Year 1 Miss Leece	**Archie Y** - for being so determined this week, especially in Read, Write, Inc and literacy. You have worked really hard and have really impressed us. Well done!
Year 2 Mrs Redhead	**Cali** - for writing wonderful stories and poems both at home and school. She impressed the class by sharing her Bonfire Night and Remembrance poems with fabulous expression and her enthusiasm and curiosity shine through in everything she does.
Year 3 Mr Knowles	**Elia** - for being such a kind, helpful and hardworking member of the Year 3 class. Not only that, she is a cross country star in the making!
Year 4 Miss Usher	**Oliver L** - For absolutely blowing us away with his determination to learn his timetables. His speed of recall is just amazing! Wow! Well done maths magician.
Year 5 Miss Marinovich	**Lucy** - for making such a positive start to Year 5, growing in confidence, building friendships and approaching her learning with a brilliant attitude. We are so proud of you Lucy - keep going!
Year 6 Miss Musgrave	**Penny** - who could get the Lighthouse Award every week, as she works incredibly hard and has fantastic work ethic. This week in her reading lessons she has been able to answer some really tricky questions and we are so proud of her as she persevered. Also, outside of school she has been selected out of 600 children to take part in the National Youth Choir this year! What an achievement, well done Penny!
Music Award Mrs Cullen	**Everleigh** - for doing a great job re-joining the brass group! Well done.

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.

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Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 9th December.

We are asking for donations of any bottles that could be used for the Tombola and/or raffle prizes. If you are able to donate, please hand in at the school office by Friday 5th December. Thank you in advance.



Cross Country



On Thursday, 30 of our KS2 children travelled to Blackcombe school for the Millom schools cross country competition. Everyone was fantastic and all tried their best. A special mention to Elia, Austin and Charlotte who came first in their categories.

Beggars Theatre Christmas Performance

Information for the trip to watch Cinderella on Tuesday 8th December will be coming out on MS Forms and School Money, this trip is for children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6. Please can forms be submitted asap?

Thank you.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please can we remind parents to send in proof of medical appointments when they take children out of school. We do not need a copy, we just need to see it to authorise the absence as medical. Thank you all.

On Tuesday 1st December 2026 we will be taking part in the St Mary's Hospice annual Elf Dash to help raise money towards this very worthy cause. As a school, we will receive a percentage of the amount raised, which we would like to donate towards the Hodbarrow Lighthouse Restoration fund. As such, it seems appropriate for our 'dash' to be to the lighthouse on the sea wall. All children will receive an elf hat to wear on the day so we will all look very festive!

We have already sent out the link via text needed for people to donate. Thank you all in advance.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS:

Tempest Photography on Wednesday 18th

Year 4 Trip to the Beacon in Whitehaven on Thursday 19th

Marbleous

House point winners:

Poppy, Phoebe, Charley, Eva, Evelyn Mu, Jace, Austin, Everleigh, Ollie, Rosie, Freya Yr 4 x 2, Mikey, Reggie, Ethan, Frankie P, Elliot Yr 5, Albie, Reuben, Arlo, Luna, Kailani, Lachlan, Dora, Annie Yr 2, Bertie x 2, Mia, Keira x 2, Eli, Charlotte, Freya H x 3, Toby, Freddy, Freya A, Darcy Dee, Keira, Heidi, Penny, Gracie, Libby and Oliver B.

Well done everyone, you are all Marbleous!





Attendance Matters



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	97%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98%

I AM TAKING PART IN THE ELF DASH FOR ST MARY'S HOSPICE

Would you please sponsor me?



St Mary's Hospice

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

HP ACTIVITIES
Community | Inclusion | Engagement

Registered Charity Number-517738

Suitable for 16 years and over.

Haverigg Primary School invites you to a screening of

Important! Please come

People's Emergency Briefing

Saturday 21st November 2026
2:30pm
The Lighthouse Centre, Haverigg

An eye-opening film that outlines the current climate emergency we face, the key challenges and the actions needed at local and global levels.
The screening is 50 minutes long and will be followed by a facilitated discussion, providing a supportive space to share thoughts, ask questions and consider positive steps forward together in our community.



16+ only

RSVP here

People's Emergency Briefing

On Saturday the 21st November, we will be hosting a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing at the Lighthouse Centre at 2:30 pm.

This powerful and thought-provoking film presents the latest evidence about the climate and nature crises and explores the impact they are already having on our lives and communities. Bringing together insights from a range of experts, it offers a clear, informative and often eye-opening overview of the challenges we face.

While the content is honest and at times challenging, the film is ultimately hopeful and empowering. Rather than leaving viewers feeling overwhelmed, it encourages positive action and helps people understand the difference that individuals and communities can make.

Following the screening, there will be an opportunity to discuss the issues raised and explore practical ways we can move forward, both as individuals and together as a community.

Please note that this is not a film intended for children, but it is recommended for anyone aged 16 and over and I would urge you, as parents, to try and make time to come.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an engaging, informative and inspiring afternoon.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

FoHS

BOTTLE DONATIONS

needed for the

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

at the Christmas Fayre

We are asking for donations of bottles for our Bottle Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre.

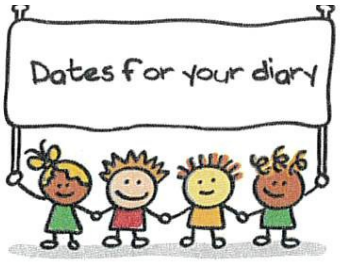
IT CAN BE ANYTHING IN A BOTTLE!

Wine, prosecco, beer, soft drinks, sauces, toiletries, sweets, biscuits, olives, spirits, bubble bath... the list is endless!

PLEASE HAND IN BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH

Thank you for your support!

FoHS



HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES 2026 - 2027

(updated October 23rd 2026)

October 2026

Wednesday 7th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in School (pm)
Friday 9th	React Science Show Years 5 and 6 (pm)
Tuesday 13th	Year 6 Trip to Wordsworth Grasmere
Monday 19th	Year 5 Trip to the Buddist Temple in Ulverston
Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd	Energy Quest Workshops in School
Wednesday 21st October	Rec and Year 1 Trip to the Grufflao at Coronation Hall
Friday 23rd	Finish for Half Term
	Lighthouse Centre Halloween Disco
Friday 31st	Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

November

Monday 2nd	Return to School
Thursday 5th	Bag 2 School collection
Wednesday 11th	Parents Evening
Friday 13th	Children in Need (non-uniform with a donation)
Friday 6th	Remembrance Service in School
Wednesday 18th	Tempest Photography (Individual and Family Photographs)
Thursday 19th	Year 4 Trip to The Beacon Whitehaven
Monday 23rd	KS2 DJ Workshop

December

Tuesday 1st	Whole School Elf Dash for St Mary's Hospice
Sunday 6th	LCL Christmas Family Bingo
Monday 7th	LCL Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Tuesday 8th	Friends of Haverigg School (FoHS) Selling Parent Presents
	Beggars Theatre Trip for Years 2 – 6 (am)
Wednesday 9th	LCL Community Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 9th	FoHS Christmas Fayre in School
Friday 11th	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 14th	Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Performance
Thursday 17th	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th	End of Term (1.15pm finish)

January 2027

Monday 4th	Staff INSET day
Tuesday 5th	Back to School

Friday 15th	Deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2027
Wednesday 27th	Young Voices Choir to Manchester

February

Monday 8th – Thursday 11th	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 12th	Finish for Half Term
Monday 22nd	Back to School

March

Monday 1st	KS2 DJ Workshop
Thursday 4th	World Book Day
Thursday 18th	Parents Evening
Thursday 25th	Finish for Easter Holidays

April

Monday 12th	Back to School

May

Monday 3rd	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10th to Thursday 13th	KS2 SAT's Week
Friday 28th	Finish for Half Term

June

Monday 7th	Back to School
Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th	Year 6 London Residential Trip
Thursday 17th	Sports Day TBC
Friday 18th	Reserve date for Sports Day TBC

July

Friday 9th	Presentation Assemblies
Friday 16th July	End of Term (1.15pm finish)

Cumberland Council



Parents/carers are responsible for applying for a school place by **15 January 2027**

Starting School

Children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** can start school in **September 2027**

You can apply online at: **www.cumberland.gov.uk**

or contact: **01228 221582**

or email **school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk**

cumberland.gov.uk

Haverigg School 3 Week Menus from 7th September 2026

Week 1		
Monday	Pasta Bolognaise, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Scotch Pancake, Bananas & Ice-cream
Tuesday	Sunshine Pizza, Wedges, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Scone & Jam
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Mash/Pasta & Veg	Gingerbread & Custard
Thursday	Pasta in sauce (Cheese optional), Garlic Bread & Salad	Afghan Cookie & Milk
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips, Beans/Peas	Lemon Drizzle Cake
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit
Week 2		
Monday	Meatballs in Gravy, Mash/Pasta & Sweetcorn	Iced Sponge Cake
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka, Rice & Naan bread	Toffee Angel Delight & Bananas
Wednesday	Shepherd's Pie & Veg (no pasta alternative)	Apple Cake & Custard
Thursday	Pizza Wrap with Red Pesto Pasta, Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Fruit Salad, Waffle & Ice cream
Friday	Fishcake, Chips, Beans/Peas & Bread & Butter	Choc Chip Cookie & Milk
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit
Week 3		
Monday	Chicken Mini Fillet Wrap, Savoury Rice, Salad	Victoria Sponge Cake
Tuesday	Arrabiata Pasta (Cheese optional), Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Zucchini Brownie
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash/Pasta & Veg	Chocolate Sponge & Custard
Thursday	Sausage Finger bun, Wedges/Diced Potatoes & Cous Cous	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream
Friday	Fishy Ships, Chips & Beans/Beas	Vanilla Shortbread & 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

Lighthouse Centre Haverigg

Family Christmas Bingo

Sunday 6th December 2026

Doors Open 12:30pm

Eyes Down 2:00pm

Bingo Tickets £10 per book / Cash Flyer £1

Light Lunches, Tea, Coffee and Cakes available.

All welcome!



Lighthouse Centre
Haverigg

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Monday 7th December 2026 – 6.30pm
£45 per ticket

(Includes £10 non-refundable deposit)

Price includes a traditional 12-inch Christmas wreath with oranges, cinnamon, fir cones and ribbons. You may bring additional decorations of your own to add if desired.

(Gloves and secateurs advisable)

Refreshments Included – Sandwich platter, Nibbles, Teas and Coffees. You may bring your own alcoholic beverages if you wish.

Contact Caroline Knowles on 01229 719910 or Tammy Thompson on Facebook to book a place!

The Lighthouse Centre Haverigg Community Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 9th December 2026

Arrive 12:45 to start 1:00pm

Magic Moment
Home-roast Turkey with root vegetables, served with roast potatoes, sage and onion stuffing, pigs in blankets and roast gravy.

Vegetarian option available on request

Grand Finale
Selection of Homemade Desserts including
Chocolate Fudge Cake
White Chocolate Cheesecake
Raspberry Pavlova
Sherry Trifle

Tea or Coffee with Home-made Mince Pies

£13.50 per person

To book please contact
Caroline Knowles 01229 719910
or
Tammy Thompson on Facebook

HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2026

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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.

MANarongchai

Head teacher

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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

Millom Amateur Dramatic Society

PRESENTS

Aladdin

By John Birchley

AT

MILLOM SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 2ND
THURSDAY 3RD
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

7:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE FROM
THE HAIR GALLERY
FROM 11TH NOVEMBER

ADULTS £10 | CHILDREN £6

Pantomime by
John Birchley

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Be inspired by amateur theatre