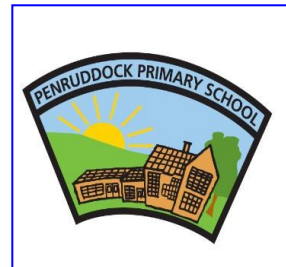


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Penruddock Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 – Issue 2

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2. We have lots to look forward to this term as we progress towards Christmas and all the excitement that it holds for our children.

I am delighted with the progress our children are making in their new classes and how well our new children and families have settled into our routines at Penruddock. Reports come out later this term and as usual will be followed with parents consultations when we can discuss your child's outcomes for the term.

Please remember we are always available for a catch up if needed before then, just contact us via email or the school office. As always, we look forward to seeing you all at the various events as we progress to Christmas.

Best Wishes

Carol Sharp

REMEMBRANCE

We commemorated Remembrance again this week with a selection of activities and an assembly to consider the plight of the fallen in our 2 World Wars and beyond. Thank you to families who supported our Poppy Appeal this year.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas preparations are underway.

The St Andrews Church Christmas concert will be running again this year in Penrith on Monday 8th December at 7pm, As usual, all our Helvellyn and Skiddaw children will be taking part.

We are performing a Nativity, and our KS2 children will be performing songs and carols. Mrs Ward will be sending home costume letters, scripts and song words soon.

As usual we will hold a Christmas party afternoon with a special visitor. This year this is scheduled for Wednesday 17th December following the Christmas lunch. Please book your child's lunch via Arbor before December 8th by selecting the main meal option.

As usual FOPS will be running Secret Santa Further detail from FOPs will follow. The date is Monday 15th December.

Book Sale

On Monday 1st December a book sale will be held after school to sell second hand books. All books will be priced at £1. The money will be split with Hospice for Home and to support us in getting some new books to add to our library. Many thanks to Penny Ritson for supporting us with this.

Book Sharing

As part of our reading initiative this year we would like to invite parents, grandparents or friends of the school to come in on an occasional basis to share a favourite book with some or all of our children. If you think this is something you could do on a one off or more regular basis please let us know...we are keen to get our library story chair into more use.

We could even organise a schedule if we have enough volunteers.....

Fort Update

Many of you will have noticed that we have been unable to replace the play fort. We are still working towards a replacement and thank FOPs for continuing to help us raise money through various grant opportunities. If you have any time, or knowledge submitting grant applications please make yourself known. The figures quoted so far equate to around £20,000 for a new one so we have a bit of a journey ahead of us. Fingers crossed we can make some progress for the Spring/ Summer terms.

Theatre Trip We are looking forward to our trips to the Theatre by the lake on **Tuesday 9th December** to see Wizard of Oz (Y1-Y6) and **Wednesday 10th December** to see Little Gift (Nursery & Reception). A huge thanks to FOPS for subsidising the transport for this trip.

PARENTS EVENINGS and REPORTS

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Friday 5th December.

Parents Evenings for Years 1/ 2 will be held on Tuesday 9th & Years 3-6 & Reception — Wednesday 10th December.

Appointment booking will be opened soon via the website as usual.

PE TIMETABLE

Children have timetabled lessons as follows:

Blencathra (R/Y1/Y2) - Tuesday & Thursday

Helvellyn (Y3/Y4) & Skiddaw (Y5/Y6) - Tuesday & Thursday

Please remember to ensure the PE kits are in school ready for Tuesday afternoon and that they come into school dressed ready for PE on a Thursday morning with their school clothes ready to change into after PE.

Spare Wellies and helmets

The school council have asked that I put out a request for spare wellies for KS2 children in case anyone forgets them for forest school and playtime. If you have any wellies lying around at home that are no longer needed between a children's size 12 up to size 8 please can you donate them to school.

We would also like some new helmets for our balance bikes, so if your children have grown out of their helmets Blencathra class would really appreciate them.

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st December	Book Sale
Monday 8th December	Penrith Schools Music Association—Carol Festival, St Andrews Penrith
Tuesday 9th December	Theatre by the Lake—Wizard of Oz—Y1-Y6
Wednesday 10th December	Theatre by the Lake—Little Gift (Nursery and Reception)
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Monday 15th December	Secret Santa Whoops a Daisy Angel —Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Tuesday 16th December	Whoops a Daisy Angel—Afternoon Performance 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	Stay & Play 9.30 -11.30 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party Whoops a Daisy Angel—Evening Performance 6pm
Friday 19th December	End of Term—1pm finish FOPS Christmas Party
Wednesday 4 February	Save the Date—Colours Fashion Show—(details to follow)

Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Weds 3 September	Fri 19 December	Monday 27 October—Friday 31 October

SPRING TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Weds 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 16 Feb—Friday 20 Feb

SUMMER TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 13 April	Fri 17 July	Good Friday 3 April Easter Mon 6 April Mon 25 May—Friday 29 May Early May Bank Holiday—Mon 4 May