

# Haverigg Primary News

*Friday 6th February 2026*

School will finish next Friday, the 13th at the usual 3.20pm time for our half term holiday and start back on Monday 23rd February.

**FEBRUARY**  
Half term

## REMINDER

### Help us to safeguard your children.

**Traffic** - Please can we remind everyone about the ongoing traffic problem we have in Atkinson street and kindly request that everyone reads the letter on page 3 that was initially sent out in November. Thank you to all those who are adhering to this request, your co-operation is much appreciated.



**Scholastic Book Fair** - Monday 9th to Thursday 12th February. 3.30pm– 4.00pm in the school hall.

Thank you to all the children who came along to our Disco last Friday. We raised just under £500 which is fantastic!



Our very excited Young Voices choir set off to the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester today to take part in tonight's concert. We look forward to seeing more photo's when you return. Have an amazing day!

When your favourite instrument is bigger than you!



We had a very tuneful morning listening to these talented brass players. Trumpets, cornets, baritones, Euphonium and bass. You name the instrument, they will have a go at playing it.



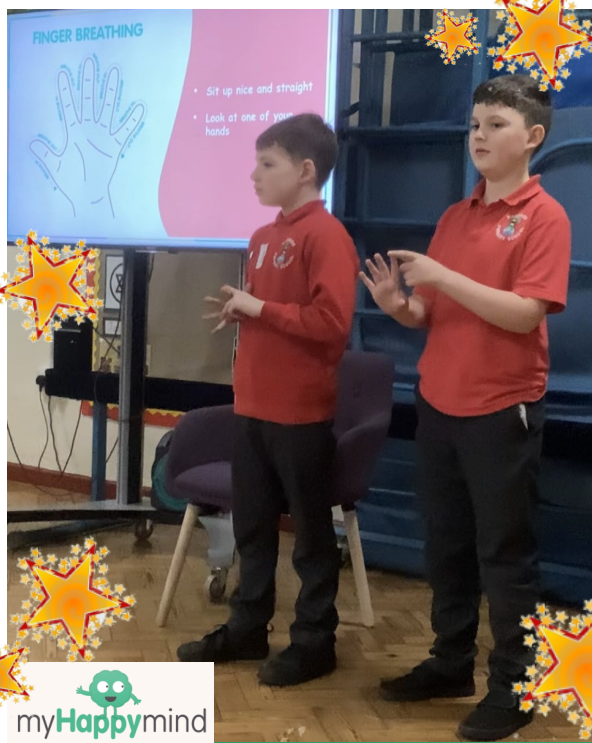
## Congratulations to this week's Lighthouse Winners

<b>Reception Miss Blackburn</b>	<b>Lena</b> - for growing in confidence so much throughout the whole year but especially in the last couple of weeks. This confidence has allowed us to see how sparky you are and how much you have learnt since starting school. Keep it up superstar!
<b>Year 1 Miss Leece</b>	<b>Bella</b> - for your hard work and determination whilst learning to read. You have impressed Mrs Jordan this week with your fantastic reading. We are so proud of you!
<b>Year 2 Mrs Redhead</b>	<b>Arthur</b> - he has worked incredibly hard with his letter formation in handwriting and has blown us away with the progress in his writing. Superstar!
<b>Year 3 Mr Knowles</b>	<b>Libby</b> - for her kindness to others, the amount of books she is currently reading at school and home and also for her progress in fiction and non fiction writing. Well done, keep up the great work Libby.
<b>Year 4 Miss Usher</b>	<b>Joseph</b> - Regardless of the task given, Joseph gives 100% every time. He thinks carefully about his learning and will rise to any challenge set with determination and resilience. This is wonderful to see. Not only this, he has smashed his reading target this term! Great work Joseph, keep being you!
<b>Year 5 Miss Marinovich</b>	<b>Lucas</b> - for showing wonderful commitment to his learning and demonstrating great resilience and determination. He has made excellent progress in both his writing and arithmetic and always tries his very best. We are very proud of Lucas for his effort and positive attitude - well done and keep it up.
<b>Year 6 Miss Musgrave</b>	<b>Ada</b> - she is a fantastic person to have in our classroom, always incredibly helpful and full of positivity. Ada has been working really hard this term getting ready for her SAT tests and never giving up when faced with a challenge. Well done Ada!
<b>Music Award Mrs Cullen</b>	<b>All of the Brass band</b> -for fantastic work this morning, with younger ones trying out bigger instruments – trumpets, cornets, baritones, euphonium and bass.

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.

**childline** ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111





myHappymind

Two of our Year 5 My Happy mind Happiness Heroes, confidently leading happy breathing in assembly. They are brilliant role models, helping children across school learn ways to stay calm and look after their wellbeing.

## REMINDER

**Lancaster University**

### Children's understanding of food production

We are inviting primary and secondary schools to take part in a fun research project.

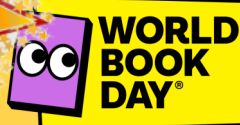
We are interested in what children understand about how their food is produced, and their views of children who choose not to eat certain foods.

**The study**

- 20 minutes to complete
- Educational and interactive questionnaire.
- Primary school children complete in school with the researcher, and secondary children can complete online.
- Certificate and seeds to grow as a thank you for each child.
- £100 book token for each school.

If you would like more information  
Please contact Victoria Simpson  
v.a.simpson@lancaster.ac.uk

We have been asked to take part in a local research project by Lancaster University looking at children's understanding of where their food comes from. The research looks very interesting and the project will entail children answering some simple questions and playing some games in school. An email containing a link was sent to parents earlier this week and also by text again today. Please could we encourage as many children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 to take part in this interesting study. Thank you.



**Thursday 5th March** Bring your favourite book to school and come dressed as one of the characters from that book. We look forward to seeing you all dressed up - this includes staff!

**My Happy mind Parent Workshop - Tuesday 9th February 4 - 4.30pm**  
Miss Marinovich will be holding a parent workshop to inform parents how My Happy mind is delivered to the children in school. Please drop in after the Book Fair on Tuesday, it would be lovely to see you there.

# Marbleous

## House point winners:

Lena, x 2, Charlie L, Charlie F, Grayson, Pippa S, Ettie, Eva, Vincent, Holly B x 2, Holly M x 2, Annie, Dorothy, Bobby, Imogen, Mya, Gracie, Frankie P, Louis P, Elia, Joseph E, Noah CG, Ethan H, Keiara, Hunter H, Oliver L, Harrison x 5, Joseph C, Evelyn Mc, Lewis C, Austin, Penny, Dolly Freddy x 2, Louie, Freya H, Isabella, Mabel, Oona, Sophia R, Bertie, Heidi, Keira, Mia, Faith x 2, Ellie and Miss V Leece!

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

## 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	97%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	97%





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Headteacher: Mrs M Narongchai

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### 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





# HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DIARY DATES

(updated 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> – 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<sup>th</sup> – 14th

SAT's week

Friday 22nd

School finishes for May half term

### June 2026

Monday 1st

Back to school

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5th

Year 6 London residential trip

Thursday 18th

Sports Day

Friday 19th

Reserve date for Sports Day

### July 2026

Friday 10th

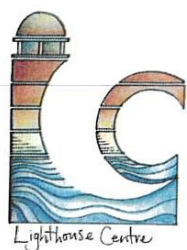
Presentation Assemblies

FoHS School Disco

Friday 17th

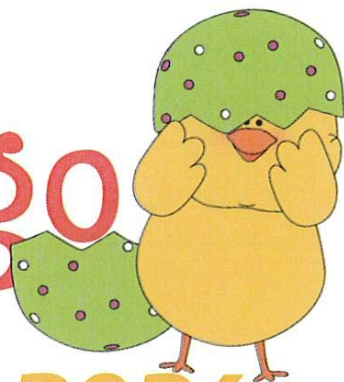
End of term (1.15pm finish)





# Lighthouse Centre Haverigg

## Easter Bingo



**Sunday 22nd March 2026**

**Doors Open 12.30pm**

**Eyes Down 2:00pm**

**Bingo Tickets £10 per book / Cash Flyer £1**

**Light Lunches Available**

**All welcome!**

**BINGO**



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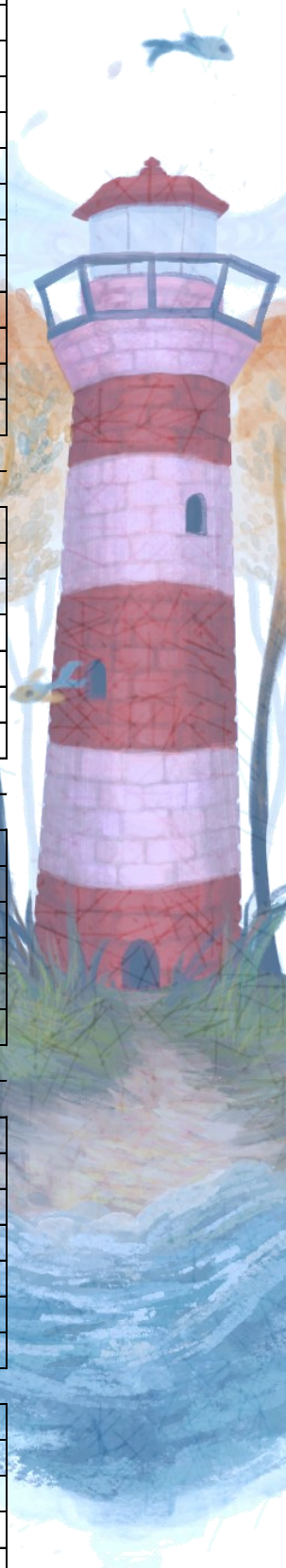
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Holiday dates

Spring Term starts 5th January 2027





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### Attendance matters

24<sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken, Red Pesto Pasta, Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Victoria Sponge
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pasta in sauce (Cheese optional) Garlic Bread, sweetcorn	Zucchini Brownie
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Creamed Potatoes / Pasta and Vegetables	Apple Cake & Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Meat & Potato Pie & Veg	Choc Chip Cookie & Milk Drink
<b>Friday</b>	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		
<b>Monday</b>	Fish Cake, Chips, Spaghetti Hoops / Peas, Bread and Butter	Scone with Jam
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mild Chicken Tikka Curry, Rice & Naan	Toffee Mousse, Bananas/Oranges
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Vegetables	Gingerbread & Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Pizza Wrap with Green Pesto Pasta and Salad	Chocolate Cake
<b>Friday</b>	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		
<b>Monday</b>	Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Sprinkle Cake
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausages, Mash or Pasta & Beans/Peas	Melton Moment Biscuit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash/Pasta & Vegetables	Chocolate Crunch & Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Sunshine Pizza & Wedges	Vanilla Shortbread & Milk Drink
<b>Friday</b>	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**





## 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:

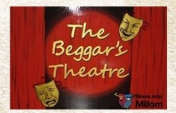
- Nuts or nut butters (we do have children in school with allergies)
- Salty snacks such as crisps.
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- Sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks.







MOORE ARTS: MILLOM



# SONGWRITING WORKSHOP X2



*With Patsy Gilliam*



**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE**

**10.30AM – 1.30PM – YR 2 – 6**



**1.30PM – 4PM – YR 7+**



**£5 PER SESSION**

**Join others to learn songwriting skills and unlock your musical creativity by writing lyrics to a song together. All skill levels are welcome, and you don't need to be a singer!**

Patsy is a singer/songwriter and musician from Ulverston who is a regular performer at festivals and local venues as well as travelling with her music, she also teaches music in schools and colleges. A very talented musician indeed.

Patsy is bringing her Songwriting workshop to Millom and would love to work with kids of all talents, you just need to be interested. Musicians and non musicians welcome.

**LIMITED PLACES – BOOKING IS ESSENTAIL**



Millom Amateur Operatic Society

Presents for 2026...

# ROBIN HOOD

BY BRADFORD & WEBSTER  
SCRIPT PROVIDED BY PANTOSCRIPTS, NODA

**PALLADIUM THEATRE, MILLOM**

**WED 11TH - SAT 14TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Wed - Fri:  
Evening: 7:30pm  
(Bar opens 6:45pm)

Saturday:  
Matinee only: 2:30pm  
(Bar opens 1:45pm)

**ADULTS £7.50 JUNIORS/CONCESSIONS £5.50**

**Tickets Available from:**

\* Home and Sole  
St Georges Terrace, Millom  
from Mon 26th January

\* Online: Millom Palladium  
and click 'book tickets'  
\* Email: [thepalladium@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thepalladium@yahoo.co.uk)

\* Also available on the Door

**NODA**  
For every stage

