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**Get in the Halloween spirit with**

**a monster line up of half-term family fun**

With autumn half-term quietly creeping up on mums and dads, Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway has a monster line-up of activities to keep families occupied over the school break later this month.

As well as some devilishly good decorations adorning the railway’s stations and cafés*,* there will be the **added seasonal spectacle of ‘double header trains’** featuring two heritage steam engines rather than the usual one.

A train on the tracks with smoke coming out of it

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A pumpkin on a rock wall

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The trains are expected to run daily from Monday 23 to Friday 27 October on the 10.25am departure from Ravenglass to Irton Road, along with full line returns for the 40-minute journey to Dalegarth departing Ravenglass on 11.25am services. That’s subject to operations and times/engines on the day may vary.

The Halloween fun and games will also feature a special **'Witch Trail' quiz**, including a sweet treat for completed trail sheets handed in by children on the day.

Meanwhile, there will be further family fun at the [**Ravenglass Railway Museum**](https://ravenglassrailwaymuseum.co.uk/), with some **spooky storytelling** on Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October.

Daily storytelling sessions at midday, 1pm and 2pm will be free to join, although donations to support the Museum’s appeal to overhaul the [**historic locomotive ‘Synolda’**](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ravenglasssynoldaappeal) are welcomed. No booking is required.

General Manger of Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, Stuart Ross, says: “*Spooky things will be happening both on the trains and at the Museum this half-term, so it’s a* *great time to bring families together to enjoy the ghostly goings-on. The rarely-seen double-headed trains are a particular treat and means there will be*

*something to get the whole family in the Halloween spirit!”*

Check the website for all the latest information:

[**www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/halloween-at-the-railway**](http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk/events/halloween-at-the-railway)

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Notes to Editors:

Hi-res images attached:

* Halloween fun at Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway
* ‘Double header’ train: River Esk and River Irt (*Credit Mark Fielding*)

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