



NEWSLETTER: 9th JUNE 2023



Dear Families

EYFS Spruce Up

Thank you, to everyone who participated in the EYFS Spruce Up. Our grounds have been tidied weeded and plants are starting to bloom. It is certainly true that many hands make light work! We finished the evening off with soup and bread.

Y6 Residential

Our Year 6 children have had a fantastic week on their Wilderness Residential. They have taken part in archery, raft building, abseiling, rock climbing and hill walking. Before retreating into their tents for the night, they toasted marshmallows over the campfire and had hot chocolate to keep them warm. What a wonderful experience! Huge thanks to Mr Haveron, Mrs Haveron and Miss Glendenning, who accompanied pupils on their visit. We very much appreciate your time and your enthusiasm. It is what makes these memorable visits possible.

Here are some quotes from the happy campers:

Tyler

We loved jumping off the waterfall, it was amazing!

Harrison

I feel like I could conquer anything after this week!

Bentley

I've loved having quality time with my friends.

Riley

The scenery around the camp was amazing!

Sophia B

What an adventure. I've enjoyed the water activities the most, especially the paddle boarding.

Neve

We've loved sitting around the campfire chatting and reflecting on our exciting adventures.

Miss Glendenning

Mr Haveron has been utterly amazing this week. He is an inspiration to us all.

Y4 Multiplication Check

Well done, to our Year 4 children, who have been completing multiplication tests this week.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our Book Fair from Wednesday 14th June – Tuesday 20th June. Children will be able to visit the Book Fair and buy books at allocated times throughout the school day. The Book Fair will also be open for half an hour after school each day for children to visit with their parents/carers.

Football Trials

Football trials will take place on Wednesday 14th June from 3.30pm – 4.45pm at Oakies Playing Fields for any pupils (boys & girls) in Y3, Y4, Y5 who are not already on the team. Pupils need to be picked up from Oakies at 4.45 pm.

EYFS Celebration Liturgy

Reminder that this is taking place next Wednesday morning. All welcome.

Y5 Class Mass

All are welcome for the Y5 Class Mass in school on Wednesday 14th June at 2pm.

Diary of events

We have updated our 'Dates for your Diary' and attached. It is always particularly busy at this time of year and we would not want any one to miss out on any school events.

Mum2Mum Market

Mum2Mum Markets are nearly new sales for baby, maternity and children's items and offers local parents a chance to buy a wide range of quality, preloved goods, all at huge savings compared to buying new. The events are perfect in the current economic climate and the cost associated with new babies and growing children! The sales are ran for local families to sell their outgrown and unneeded items, allowing them to make some money whilst having a clear out, reducing waste and encouraging sustainability.

Our last event, held in Stanley back in April was a great success, with happy sellers and buyers leaving with bags and bags full of bargains. It would be great to have even more local families benefit from this next event, as either a seller or a buyer.

Details of the next event:

Saturday 17th June North Durham Academy, Stanley, DH9 0TW 2:30 - 4:30

Mum2Mum Market - Durham & Gateshead

www.mum2mummarket.co.uk

Facebook: [Mum2Mum Market North East](#)

Instagram: [mum2mummarket_gateshead](#)

Next Event - Saturday 17th June

[Book A Stall To Sell](#)

Eco Poster Competition

We have recently held an Eco School Poster competition in school. The winners for this are:

1st place- Kamran (Year 2)

2nd place – Chloe H (Year 4)

3rd place- Emily H (Year 4)

Well done to every child who participated!

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate for week ending 5th May:



Nursery	Noah	For being a superstar when sharing objects into equal groups!
Reception	Emie	For sharing ideas on the carpet with growing confidence.
Year 1	Charlotte	For trying her best to be super sensitive during carpet times!
Year 2	Jude	For a brilliant piece of artwork linked to Vincent van Gogh.
Year 3	Sophie	For settling in so well and for being enthusiastic in all that she does.
Year 4	Emil Mc	For demonstrating fabulous athletic skills in PE.
Year 5	Archie	For excellent effort working with decimals.
Year 6	Whole Class	Displaying such a positive attitude and great teamwork throughout the residential visit.



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is 94.28%. Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	91.9%	92%	97%	92.4%	95.4%	96.5%	96.6%

House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan – 375

St Oswald – 339

St Cuthbert – 276

St Bede – 362

Well done to everyone who has earned points this week.

Dates for your Diary		
Monday 5 th June- Friday 16 th June	Year 4	Multiplication check 2-week window
Monday 5 th June – Friday 9 th June	Year 6	Residential trip to Middleton
Wednesday 7 th June - Cancelled	Year 3	Additional swimming session
Monday 12 th June - Friday 16 th June	Year 1	Phonics screening check
Tuesday 13 th June – Friday 16 th June	Y4	First Holy Communion Programme – school time
Wednesday 14 th June	Y6	Y6 swimming until the end of term
Wednesday 14 th June	Y5	Class Mass in school 2pm All welcome
Wednesday 14 th June	EYFS	Celebration Liturgy led by Nursery and Reception – 9.15am Parents welcome
Wednesday 14 th June – Tuesday 20 th June	Whole School	Scholastic Book Fair – 3.15pm
Saturday 17 th June	Year 4	Holy Communion 11am All welcome
Monday 19 th June- change of date	New parents	Parents meeting for new Nursery and Reception children (parents only) 5pm
Monday 19 th June	Year 1	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 1 – 9.15am Parents welcome
Wednesday 21 st June	EYFS	Sports Day 1.30pm All welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Sports day 9.30am All welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Years 1 & 2	Sports day 1.15pm All welcome
Thursday 22 nd June Change of date	New parents and children	School start trail activity – New Reception parents and children 3.30pm
Friday 23rd June	Whole School	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 27 th June	Whole School	Hoopstars
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3	River fieldwork at Gibside
Friday 30 th June	Year 6	Youth Village Festival
Monday 3 rd July- Friday 7 th July	Year 6	Careers week

Tuesday 4 th July	Reception – Y5	Moving up afternoon All children meet their new teachers
Tuesday 4 th July	Y6	Transition intake day 1 & Welcome Mass
Wednesday 5 th July	Y6	Transition intake day 2 & Welcome evening for parents
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 3	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 3 – 9.15am All welcome
Wednesday 5 th July	Y1 to Y6	Meet the New Teacher Event for parents and carers 2 sessions (repeated) 3.30pm + 4.00pm
Thursday 6 th July	Year 2	Centre for Life Trip
Friday 7 th July	Year 4	Seaham Trip
Friday 7 th July	Whole school	End of year reports issued (Following report, no additional parents' evening planned, however, parents can meet the class teacher upon request)
Monday 10 th July	Whole school	Celebrating 150 years of St Joseph's Church Summer fun activities in school All welcome pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 4 – 9.15 am All welcome
Tuesday 11 th July Change of date	Year 2	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 2 – 2:30pm All welcome
Tuesday 11 th July	Y5	Feeder open evening
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5	Celebration Liturgy led by Year 5– 9.15am All welcome
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6	Y6 celebration event 6pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Whole school	End of term Mass 9.30am at Church
Friday 21st July	Whole School	School closes for Summer holiday. School reopens Tuesday 5th September

NB: In an attempt to keep families aware of forthcoming events, this list gives you some dates to add to your diary. Events may still be added, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to change some activities. You will be informed as soon as possible of any changes. Further information will be sent nearer the time if required. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.