

Dear Parents and Carers,

January 2024



A Happy New Year to all our families. We look forward to all that 2024 has in store for our school community.

We had a lovely end to the term. Thanks to you all for coming in to support the children. They all had the opportunity to perform in the lead up to Christmas. Our Early Years children (Pre-School and Reception) delighted their parents with their Christmas songs. For many it was their first time on the stage so they did incredibly well. Y1 and Y2 entertained their parents with their performance of Barmy Bethlehem; I think all parents left with a smile on their faces. The celebrations culminated with the Upper School children retelling the Christmas story through poetry and music in their Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church. We had some excellent individual performances from our musicians and the choir sang beautifully. All in all, a great celebration of Christmas. The children loved their parties and thoroughly enjoyed their theatre experiences too. Miss Renyard's class won the post theatre quiz, testing their powers of observation.

Our Christmas Fair was extremely well supported – thanks to all who helped with the stalls, especially our Friends of Tanfield Lea, and we really appreciated how many families came to enjoy all that was on offer. We made a huge £1504.90. Of this total, the Friends of Tanfield raffle made £553. The tombola, bottle and cakes/tea stalls made £411.90. Thank you SO much for all you donated for these stalls.

The children's enterprise stalls made a grand total of £511.99. They created a great variety of Christmas items as well as the many games they encouraged everyone to take part in. Mrs Brown's class took the most money this year, raising £55.95, just narrowly beating Mrs Wilkinson's class who raised £55.50 and Mrs Morning's class took third place with £49.10.

The money we raised is used to subsidise some of our annual activities including the theatre visits. It helps us to continue to enrich the children's lives through the additional activities we do.

As ever, we have much to look forward to this term. Our Y6 children will be visiting Nissan next week for their Monozukuri experience, fully funded by Nissan.

There are Stay and Play dates for Pre-School parents coming up towards the end of January, Maths being the focus for these. On 30<sup>th</sup> January there is a SATs meeting for our Y6 parents.

We have our annual Talent Show on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and then our Y4 children plus the choir and some of our musicians will be performing at the Gala Theatre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

There are many more things happening too, please check the 'Dates for your Diary' at the end of this newsletter.

Please keep the 'Dates for your Diary' pages handy for future reference and read on for updates and information on some of the events this term.

## New Staff

We have welcomed two Teaching Assistants to our team this term. Mrs Moscardini will be working in Early Years and Mrs Heslop will be working within Key Stage 2. Both are experienced in the role and we look forward to working with them.



We currently have two vacancies to join our cleaning team. If you are interested in this please go to [https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaner\\_x2\\_/256019](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaner_x2_/256019)

The closing date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon.

## GRINTON SLIDE SHOW

The Y5 children have been busy putting together the Slideshow of their visit to Grinton in September 2023.

We would like to invite parents to come in to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9 a.m. in the Upper School Hall. We hope you can join us for this to enjoy seeing all the children did during their visit.

### Gala Theatre

Our Y4 children and our choir will be taking centre stage with children from Brandon Primary on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the Gala Theatre in Durham. The Y4 children will be singing as well as playing their ukuleles and the choir will be singing a medley of songs.

The children will travel by bus to the Gala Theatre for the afternoon to rehearse. They will be asked to bring a packed tea and then we invite parents to join us for the performance at 6 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for this performance and the money raised will go towards paying for the buses and the hire of the Gala Theatre. This is the fourth year we have done this. It is a great opportunity for the children. All the children who have had the opportunity to do this in the past have loved it (even if they found it nerve wracking) and really benefitted from the experience. It's certainly something for our Y4 and choir parents to look forward to.



## After School Clubs

Our CnS After School Club programme will be continuing as usual this term.

You can book a place for your child by following this link:

<https://cns-sports-stars.classforkids.io/camp/121>

The link is also accessible via our website – as is the link to book After School Child Care.

Reception children are now able to attend the After School sports clubs, as listed below.

Monday – Reception, Y1 and Y2 – Multi Skills

Tuesday – Y3 to Y6 – Indoor Cricket

Wednesday – Reception Y1 and Y2 – Dodgeball

Thursday – Y3 to Y6 – Dodgeball

Friday – Reception to Y6 – Just Dance

## Tanfield's Got Talent



Yes – it's that time of year again and I have no doubt the children are already anticipating this and thinking about what they can do. The Talent Show is for Y2 to Y6 and the children will be told more about this within the next week as class auditions will be taking place soon.



## Social Media

We are mindful that some of our older children may have received mobile phones for Christmas. As a parent, it's important that you monitor your child's use of their phone carefully. Below is some advice from National Online Safety for children regarding their use of mobile phones. I think it's useful for parents to read through and discuss this with their child. In addition to this it is important that you regularly monitor your child's messages to ensure that they are using their phone appropriately and not sending messages which could be hurtful. Growing up with access to social media is not easy and the more support we can give children with this the safer they will be.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

# 12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

## FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device. Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

- 1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD**  
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.
- 2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS**  
This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.
- 3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK**  
When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.
- 4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW**  
A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.
- 5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**  
Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.
- 6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE**  
Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.
- 7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**  
Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.
- 8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS**  
Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.
- 9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**  
This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.
- 10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE**  
Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.
- 11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK**  
This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.
- 12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.**  
Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

## **Attendance**

Good attendance and punctuality is key to your child being happy, confident and well educated.

### **Lateness**

If your child arrives late to school, it can have a big impact on their emotional well-being as well as the fact that they are losing learning time.

Our lessons start promptly. Children are expected to arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:50. Registration takes place at 8:50 and then lessons begin. If your child arrives late it impacts on them in the following ways:

- ⇒ They don't come in to school with their friends, not benefitting from the social interaction at the start of the day – this can impact on their friendships
- ⇒ They can become anxious – embarrassed by coming into class late when everyone else is settled and has started on their work
- ⇒ They miss valuable teaching time, time that they can't get back. If they arrive 10 minutes late each day they lose 50 minutes teaching in a week, 4 hours 20 minutes in 4 weeks. It's a lot of learning time to lose and will impact on their attainment



### **Absence**

Being absent from school can cause children anxiety. If they are not well enough to attend then they should stay at home and we ask that you ring us first thing in the morning to explain why they are absent and if they continue to be off, that you keep us informed. We do not expect children to be well enough to work when they are absent and so will not provide any work. If you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, this link from the NHS provides further guidance: [https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) As soon as you feel they are well enough to return, they should do so. The longer they are absent, the harder it is for them to return.

We closely monitor children's attendance. Mrs Sabourn, our Attendance Officer, monitors children's attendance on a weekly basis. As soon as their attendance dips, she will explore the reasons for this. Children whose attendance dips below 90% are classed as being persistently absent and this is a concern. She may ring you to discuss their attendance or you may receive a letter advising you of their attendance percentage or you could be invited in to meet with her so she can share her concerns and explore if there is any support we could give.

We also promote good attendance with the children. We share attendance totals on a weekly basis, tracking the attendance of each class. Children who have 100% attendance for the week are entered into a class spinner, with a chance of winning a small prize. We also reward the class with the best attendance for the half term with a £20 prize to spend as their wish. Mrs Brown's class won the prize in Autumn 1 and they had an ice-cream treat which they loved. The children will find out on Friday which class is the winning one for Autumn 2.

We also link attendance with our Privilege Time reward. Every half term children from Y1 upwards are rewarded if they have not lost any Privilege Time over the half term. They enjoy their chocolate biscuit (Y1 and Y2) or hot chocolate (Y3 to Y6) treat. To achieve this they require attendance above 90% (unless they have an exceptional medical reason). We feel this is another way to encourage good attendance and could help you on those days when maybe your child is well enough for work but feeling a little reluctant to come.





## Dates for your Diary

**Spring 2024**

**Please note, all new or amended dates are written in green.**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Girls' football matches at Greenland</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Choir resumes for Y3 to Y6</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	6T to go to Nissan Monozukuri Workshop
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>German Club begins for those going to Germany (3:15 – 4:15pm)</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6P to go to Nissan Monozukuri Workshop
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Pre-School Parents – you must have completed the application for your child's primary place (place in our Reception Classes) by today
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Boys' Football at Greenland Primary after school</b>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>German Club</b>
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Maths will be the focus Parents of Bumblebee and Caterpillar children to be invited in – 8:50 until 10:30
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Maths will be the focus Parents of Ladybird and Caterpillar children to be invited in – 8:50 until 10:30
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9 a.m. in Upper School Hall – Grinton Slideshow for parents of Y5 children who went</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 SATs Meeting for Y6 parents and children @ 5 p.m.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Swimming Gala for Y3 -6</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Boys Football at Greenland Primary after school</b>
<b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>German Club</b>
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tanfield's Got Talent 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nissan Lego Robotics for Y6 team
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Brilliant Club Graduation Day at Durham University, Stephenson College</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ATTITUDES TO LEARNING SHEETS SENT OUT THIS WEEK Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Burnopfield
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last swimming session for Y4
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All of our Y4 children and our choir to perform at the Gala Theatre. Rehearsal in the afternoon and then performance at night. All parents of children involved are invited to attend. This is a joint concert with Brandon Primary School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys High 5 competition @ Brandon
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 to start swimming this week
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Parent Meetings – after school – 3:30 until 5:30</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Parent Meetings – after school – 3:30 until 5:30</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Week beg 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in Monday through to Wednesday
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Local author (Dan Smith) coming to work with KS2</b>
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 and Y4 to have an educational visit to Beamish Museum
<b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>German Club</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day ( <i>We will not be asking children to dress up as book characters</i> )
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Beamish Museum to work with KS2 for Science Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Author Victoria Downes to work with EY and KS1</b>
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body meeting
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>German Club</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Day – 'As Creatives' coming in to do Science workshops across school</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Assessment information to be shared with parents of children from Reception through to Y6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non-School Uniform Day – please donate an Easter Egg for the Chocolate Raffle – one per family
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y1 and Y2 Football Competition @ Tanfield
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ladybirds to bring their decorated eggs to school today ready for the competition on Monday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Egg Decorating: Lower School children to bring decorated egg into school today for competition. Upper School children to bring boiled egg and decorating resources to school to decorate egg – parents welcome to come and work with the upper school children in class on this a.m. (until about 10 a.m.) Friends of Tanfield to hold a coffee afternoon in Lower School Hall from 2 p.m. – this includes viewing of the eggs and the Chocolate Raffle draw.

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Multi Skills Festival and Anti Bullying Champions (ABCs) @ Brandon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Easter Celebration – through music and poetry in St. Margaret’s Church This is for children in Y3 to Y6 only. Parents of children involved are invited to join us for this special service – starting between 1:30 and 1:45. Children able to go home with parents afterwards.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Start of Easter Holidays</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Summer 2024</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Half of Howtown Payment to be made by today</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>German Club</b>
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Pre-School visit to Hall Hill Farm – all Pre-School to attend for the whole day
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Vision Tests for Reception Children</b>
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>German Club</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Half of Grinton Payment to be made by today</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> –10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School Assessment for whole school except Y6</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 and Y2 parents to be invited in during the afternoon to make Rockets with their children We will start this at 2 p.m. but would like to invite parents of children in Y1 in for a meeting before this so they can find out more about the Phonics Assessment. Therefore, 1:30 p.m. Y1 parents invited in for Phonics meeting followed by rocket building with children 2 p.m. Y2 parents invited in to rocket building session with their children
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATS WEEK</b> It is very important that you <b>do not</b> book a holiday for this week or for the weeks leading up to it. <b>Requests will not be authorised and absence will impact on your child’s attainment.</b>
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>German Club</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition @ Burnside
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art Exhibition - celebrating the children’s artwork. Parents will be invited in during the afternoon to see this
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Brandon
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>School closed today – Teacher Training Day</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>School closed today – Teacher Training Day</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closed today – Teacher Training Day</b>
May Half Term	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Back to school</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June to 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Multiplication Tables Check – Test period for all children in Y4</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>SPORTS WEEK</b> Skipping Activity Session today for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	CnS Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	After school - Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SPORTS DAYS for all year groups – parents invited to join us for this:</b> 9:15 – Years 5 and 6 10:30 – Years 1 and 2 11:15 – Pre-School (Bumblebees only) 1:00 – Pre-School (Ladybirds and Caterpillars) and Reception. Ladybirds to start 15 minutes later today. 2:00 – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>German Club</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/2 (a.m.) and Y3/4 (p.m.) – Outdoor Activities in the grounds
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sleepover for Y6 – arriving at school between 6:30 and 6:45
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Activity Day for Y5 and Y6 (Including Climbing Wall) Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Phonics Screening Check – Test Week</b> – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year.
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>German Club</b>
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	In it Together Conference for Y3 (no cost for this visit – school will fund it)

<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Group of 30 Y5/6 children to visit Berlin – learning more about Germany, its people, their childhood experiences. They will visit a primary school and see some of the main historical sites in Berlin.</b>
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day for Reception (current Pre-School to move into Reception)
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Group of 30 Y5/6 children return from Berlin</b>
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2 to visit Northumberland College Zoo - Note the change of date</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3rd July	Transition Days for Tanfield School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition lesson for all children at our school (10:20 to 11:20)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Meet the Teacher meeting – 4:00 p.m. + Creche. All parents to be invited to these meetings
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<i>Transition afternoon for children and parents of Pre-School and Reception to learn more about how things work in the new year groups and support their children with this progression.</i> Reception to move to Y1 – Parents to be invited to join us at 1:45 p.m. Pre-School to move to Reception – Parents to be invited to join us at 2 p.m. (If attending this you do not need to attend the ‘Meet the Teacher’ on Monday night.)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports go out to all parents
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Meetings for those parents who would like an appointment
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Tanfield
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition @ Brandon Bastille Day – all to come in dressed in red, white and blue
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers’ Meal – 4:15 until 5:45
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Thankyou tea for all who have helped us this year – 2:30 until 3:30 Y5 to prepare, serve and take part
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower School Fun Day Y6 Dress Rehearsal for the Upper School and some parents – afternoon Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Moving on Assembly for their parents starting as soon after 9 a.m. as possible
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for Y6 and their parents starting as soon after 9 a.m. as possible Last day of term
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Back to School</b>

## Reminder again re Teacher Training Dates for 2024-2025

### No Training Days in May 2025

Every year we have to plan our Teacher Training Days. Staff have to complete 5 Teacher Training days and these can be done as either full days or twilights.

In 24-25 we can only take 2 days out of term time, the other 3 days are taken out of the days allocated for school holidays and again, any or all can be completed as twilights. This is most unusual and means that we will have 2 training days in November 2024 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The BIG change is that we will have NO training days in May 2025.

This means that those parents who, in the past, have used this time to book a holiday will not be able to do so. I thought it was important to inform you of this as soon as possible.

The holiday dates for 24-25 are at the end of this newsletter.



# Holiday Dates

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2024 / 2025



Tanfield Lea Primary School will re-assemble on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for the commencement of the Autumn Term. Thereafter holidays for the 2024 / 2025 academic year are shown below – **please note that these may differ from other schools in the area due to Teacher Training days.**

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2024	Tuesday, 23rd July 2024	<u>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024</u>
Autumn Half-Term 2024 (1 week)	Friday, 25th October 2024	<u>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024</u>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i> (2 days)	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<u>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024</u>
Christmas 2024 (2 weeks)	Friday, 20th December 2024	<u>Monday 6th January 2025</u>
Spring Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday, 21st February 2025	<u>Monday, 3rd March 2025</u>
Easter 2025 (2 weeks)	Friday 11th April 2025	<u>Monday, 28th April 2025</u>
May Day 2025 (1 day)	Friday, 2nd May 2025	<u>Tuesday, 6th May 2025</u>
Summer Half-Term 2025 (1week)	Friday, 23rd May 2025	<u>Monday, 2nd June 2025</u>
Summer 2025	Friday, 18th July 2025	<u>To Be Confirmed</u>

N.B. Due to the changes in amendments to School Attendance Regulations Head Teachers may not grant ANY leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. From September 2015 each adult with parental responsibility will be fined £60 per child if they choose to take their child out of school for more than 14 sessions/7 school days unauthorised absence over a rolling 12 week period. *Exceptional circumstances will be extremely rare.*

**TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS :- 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and 22nd November 2024** (Please note, this year there are only 2 days from term time for Teacher Training – there are NO days in May 2025)

