

As we approach May half term I wanted to remind you about some activities next week as well as all that will be happening in our Sports Week straight after half term.

**Next week:**

**Art Exhibition**

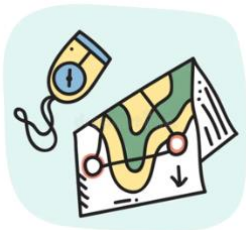
On Monday we have our annual Art Exhibition. This is a chance for us to share and celebrate some of the children's artwork from this academic year. We would love you to come and see all the work on display.

The exhibition will be in the Lower School Hall.

There'll be the opportunity to see the children's artwork before and after the end of the school day.

We'll open the gates at 2:30 to enable parents to come in sooner to enjoy the exhibition. We'll also make it accessible at the end of the school day too, until 3:45.

We hope you will have time to see all the art on display.



**Orienteering in the school grounds for Y5 and Y6**

Parents of children in Y5 and Y6 are invited to join their child next week to complete an orienteering in the school grounds.

**Year 5 parents are invited in on Monday:**

5R are invited for 2 p.m. and will complete the course and then be free to attend the Art Exhibition before the end of the school day.

5M are invited to come for 2:30 p.m. Parents in 5M should still have some time to visit the Exhibition after they have done the course. Please wait at the main entrance gates and there will be someone there to let you in at your allocated time.

**Year 6 are invited in on Tuesday:**

Parents from both classes should come to the main entrance gates for 2:15 p.m. (please note the change of time) and should plan to be in school for the rest of the school day.

**Y1 Multisports and Anti-Bullying Champions**

Our Y1 children along with the Y4 Anti-Bullying Champions (ABCs) will go to Brandon on Tuesday morning. Y1 will take part in a variety of different sports throughout the morning and the ABCs will meet with their fellow ABCs from the other schools to carry on with their work. It should be good fun for all children.



**Assessments**

Y6 completed their SATs yesterday and have enjoyed their post SATs party today. The rest of the school completed their assessments last week.

There are still two more assessments to take place this term.

**Phonics Test** – All of Y1, and those in Y2 who did not meet the required standard last year, will take the Phonics Test the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. This will be done on a one-to-one basis and should be completed for all children by the end of the week.



**Multiplication Test** – All of Y4 will take the Multiplication Test during the first three weeks after half term. This is an online, timed test which tests the children's knowledge of their times tables up to 12 times 12. If your child wants to practice for this the Sound Check on Time Table Rock Stars is a similar format.

## Head Lice

This is a timely reminder to check your child's hair regularly for head lice. They are very common in children and their families.

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. It's also good if your child has long hair to ensure this is tied back when they are in school.

Please read the guidance by using the link below. It's important to keep vigilant and check regularly.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## P.E. Kits

I'd like to remind all parents that when children come dressed for P.E. they should be wearing plain, non-designer labelled clothing. This includes any form of football top. We still regularly have some children coming in wearing football shirts.

They must have a plain T-shirt, ideally the colour of their Team.

Please ensure that they adhere to this. Thank you. In addition

to this, please ensure your children has proper trainers - Croc sandals are not suitable for PE or as school shoes.



## Sports Week

Our first week back after half term is Sports Week. We hope the weather will be kind to us all week! Children should come in their PE clothing Monday to Thursday (Y1 to Y4) and then non-school uniform on the Friday. Y5 and Y6 should be in PE clothing all week.

We have a range of activities for the children and the plan is as follows:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Skipping Activities led by Skipping School Ltd**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – CnS Active morning** – a variety of activities for children from Y1 to Y6  
After School – **Sponsored Bike Ride** for children from Y2 to Y6 and their families.  
We cycle from school along the cycle path to the 'Transformers' near Leadgate and then back.  
The children do it as a sponsored event. Details have already been emailed to the children from Y2 to Y6.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day**

The events will run in the following order:

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

Parents are very welcome to come and see their children's races take place. Hopefully, if things go to plan, one event will finish in time for parents to leave and then new parents arrive.

To ensure the safety of the children in school we will open the main gates for entrance 10 minutes before the start of each event e.g. For Y1 and Y2 the main gates will be opened at 10:20.

The children in Pre-School (one race), Reception (two races), Y1 and Y2 will take part in three races each.

For Key Stage 2 we aim for the children to take part in at least two races. Some children may take part in more than this due to the number of children in their team, others may only choose to take part in one, but we aim to involve them all. **Year 6s should bring a change of top as they might get wet!**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Outdoor Activities in the school grounds – Y1 and Y2 a.m./Y3 and Y4 p.m. Sleepover for Y6** – an evening in school and then a night on the hall floor.  
Details have already been emailed directly to parents of children in Y6

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Outdoor Activities in the school grounds – Y5 and Y6 - including the climbing wall**

We're sure the children will enjoy everything that is in store for them over the next few weeks and leading up to the end of this academic year. The next two pages have reminders about the dates for the rest of this term.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### Summer 2024

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Art Exhibition - celebrating the children's artwork. Parents will be invited in during the afternoon to see this
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Orienteering in the school grounds for Y5 - 2 p.m. until 2:30 for 5R and then 2:30 to 2:55 for 5M</b> As it's the same day as the Art Exhibition, parents will be welcome to visit this before or after the activity
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Brandon
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Orienteering in the school grounds for Y6 – 2:15 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.</b>
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 <b>Y6s to bring a change of top</b> 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
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>German Club NOT on tonight.</b> We have completed all we need to do in preparation for the visit so are not going to have the club tonight.
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) Next round of the Cricket Tournament for those Y5 and Y6 who took part in the first round

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	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.
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<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 <b>Additional Session for all parents of children moving into Y3 (current Y2) plus any Key Stage 2 parents interested in a refresher on Accelerated Reader – in Miss Keith’s classroom.</b>
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.)
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 to be invited in this afternoon from 1:30 to make mini greenhouses. This links with their Design and Technology curriculum</b>
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
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reception to visit the Great North Museum</b>
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>

