

Dear Parents and Carers,

July 2025

The end of term is rapidly approaching and we have a lot planned for the last 2 weeks. Y6 have had their transition days this week and the rest of our children met their teacher and had their transition lesson as well. We also had our 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions. Thanks to all who were able to attend this. We have uploaded the PPTs to the website. They are easiest to find if you search for 'Meet the Teacher' on the site.



The children's end of year reports will go out via email to all parents at the end of the school day tomorrow, 4th July. For the majority of parents this is enough as it is very detailed. However, if you have something in particular you would like to discuss with your child's teacher (Reception to Y6) then we do have some appointments available to book on Monday 7th July. We've sent an email out about this with instructions on how to book.

We currently have a **job advert for a cleaner**: <https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaner/282806>. The closing date for this is 7th July.

Shirt Sponsorship

KBC Ltd has sponsored 30 new sports shirts for our Years 4, 5, 6, for our inter-schools sports competitions. Thank you. Karen Blackburn Brown, MD, said "I was proud to help the school where my Mother, Christine Blackburn, taught in the 1980s. My grandchildren have thoroughly enjoyed their time at Tanfield Lea Community Primary and I wish the school success in the future." KBC Ltd offer support for businesses to achieve ISO International Standards in 9001 (Quality), 14001 (Environment), 45001 (Health & Safety) and 27001 (Information Security). www.kbc-ltd.co.uk.



Our OPAL play continues to provide children with the opportunities to experience active, exciting, collaborative and creative play during breaktimes. If you have any bikes, scooters or other wheeled toys that your children have out grown and no longer use, we would be grateful for any donations. We are also looking for dolls, action figures and toy cars. Please bring these to the main entrance. Thank you in advance! Miller Homes have kindly given us some money to purchase new swings – more on this in September.

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you are wanting to express your thanks to your child's class teacher at the end of their time in their class, or indeed any other staff members, then please don't buy a present. We would much prefer that you send a card. It's much cheaper and appreciated even more. Thank you.

Please read on to find out more about the last two weeks of term.
Mark Temple (Acting Head Teacher)

Y3 and Y4 Design Technology Session Wednesday 9th July at 2pm

Y3 and Y4 parents have been invited in for a sewing session this Wednesday. Please come to the main entrance at 2pm.). We'll open the doors at 2pm. A separate email has been sent about this too.

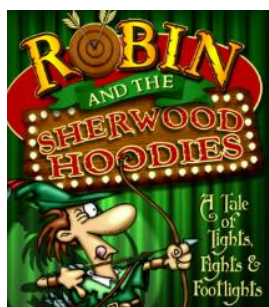


Cricket session – Classes in Y1 and 2, 3K and 34B will have a cricket taster day on Thursday 10th July in lesson time. Children should wear a PE kit on that day. This is to generate interest for All Stars at Tantobie Cricket Club.



Bastille Day – As we study French in school we are celebrating Bastille Day on **Monday 14th July**. This will coincide with the special lunch we are also doing that day. We are asking the children to come dressed in red, white and blue and they will learn about Bastille Day and complete an activity about France during the day. Regarding the lunch, you will have received an email about this and orders must be placed by Friday 4th July. Thank you.

Year 6 Pizza party – We will hold the Pizza Party on Monday 14th July at 4.15. Please check your emails about this.



The children in Mr Patterson and Mr Rudge's classes are well into rehearsals now for their end of year performance. This year it is **Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies** and will be performed on Tuesday 15th July at 6 p.m. in the Upper School Hall. Tickets have gone on sale - £2 for an adult and £1 for a child – maximum of 3 tickets per child initially. Please order your tickets soon. It's not to be missed! Please ensure your child is available to take part in the performance that night as each member of Year 6 is crucial to the overall play. Thank you.

Lower School Fun Day – Wednesday 16th July

This year for children in Pre-School, Reception and Key Stage 1 the Lower School Fun Day will take place on Wednesday 16th July. Children from Pre-School will attend during their usual hours.

The cost of this will be £1 per family. Children do not have to come in their school uniform.

More details will be sent out from your child's teacher nearer the time.

Upper School Walk from Craster to Embleton, including beach activities



Our annual Upper School walk on the Northumbrian coast is on Wednesday 16th July.

All children from Y3 to Y6 will go on this. There will be no charge to parents for this. Buses will be funded through contributions from the Friends of Tanfield Lea and the school fund.

We'll be leaving promptly, as close to 9 a.m. as possible, and we aim to be back for the end of the school day. Children will have

the opportunity to play on the beach and paddle in the sea. They should bring a change of clothes and towel if they intend to get wet. We'll send a further email closer to the day.

Y2 Moving On Assembly – Thursday 17th July

Our Y2 will present their 'Moving On' assembly on Thursday 17th July.

They will be reflecting on their time in school so far as well as looking forward to what is to come in KS2. We're hoping many of you will be able to join us for this although, due to numbers, we are restricting this to no more than 3 adults per child. It will take place in the Upper School Hall starting as soon as the children are ready – probably between 9 and 9:15. We won't be able to let parents into the hall until we have cleared Breakfast Club away and chairs have been set out so once you've dropped your child/ren off please queue up under the covered walkway leading into the Upper School Hall. As soon as we are ready we'll invite you in to the Upper School Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Durham Brass

Once again we are going to benefit from a visit through the Durham Brass Festival, which is taking place once again this month. We are hosting Diddy Sweg. They are a five-piece brass group who describe themselves as 'intergalactic groove merchants'. They will be performing at our school on Thursday 17th July in the afternoon and I am sure will be a great hit!



Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 18th July

As with the Y2 Moving on Assembly, this will take place in the Upper School Hall. We are restricting this to 2 adults per child and we aim to start as soon after 9 a.m. as possible.

Again, we'll have to wait for Breakfast Club to be cleared away and chairs set out so please queue up under the covered walkway leading into the Upper School Hall. As soon as we are ready we'll invite you in to the Upper School Hall.

Flyer for Summer Activity Den activities. We have attached a flyer for the Activity Den's summer activities. Please check them out to keep the children entertained through the summer.

Residential Visits to Grinton and Howtown – Autumn 2025

Thanks to all parents in Y4 and Y5 who have booked their children on to the residential visits in the Autumn term. Parents should now have paid at least half of the total cost for these visits and full payment for Grinton is to be made by Friday 5th September and for Howtown, full payment should be made by Monday 29th September.

Howtown is full now but there are still spaces for Grinton.

If you have not booked but your child is now thinking they would like to go to Grinton, please get in touch and we will see if it is possible to confirm a place. It's a great experience for the children and not to be missed.

Dates for your Diary	
Friday 4 th July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family <i>This will be combined with the Tanfield Mile Walk. Pre-School parents have been invited.</i>
Friday 4 th July	Reports go out to all parents
Monday 7 th July	Parent Meetings for those parents who would like an appointment
Tuesday 8 th July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival + ABCs @ Tanfield
Wednesday 9 th July	Y1 and 2 Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse
Wednesday 9th July	2PM. Y3/4 Parental Engagement Sewing DT
Thursday 10th July	Cricket Taster Sessions for Y1, 2, 3K and 34B. Please bring a PE kit.
Friday 11th July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition @ Brandon
Monday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Meal – 4:15 until 5:45
Monday 14 th July	Bastille Day – all to come in dressed in red, white and blue
Monday 14 th July	Thank you tea for all who have helped us this year – 2:30 until 3:30 Y5 to prepare and serve.
Tuesday 15 th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal to the Upper School and some parents – afternoon Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Wednesday 16th July	Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach
Wednesday 16 th July	Lower School Fun Day
Thursday 17th July	Y2 Moving on Assembly for their parents (9 a.m.)
Thursday 17th July	1.30pm Diddy Sweg Brass Band playing to the children
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 and their parents (9 a.m.) Last day of term
Tuesday 2 nd Sept 2025	Back to School

