

Dear Parents and Carers,

September 2026



It was great to welcome all the children back this week. They have settled into the school routines very quickly and have enjoyed being back with their friends, and possibly making some new ones too. It was also lovely to see the new children, including those in Pre-School, settling in well.

Please read on for further updates and general information and reminders. I hope you find it useful and informative.
Mark Temple (Head Teacher)

Staffing/Building updates

We welcome Mrs Price to our team, who will be working with the 2-year-olds in our new unit attached to Pre-School. She is getting to know the children and the routines and is a welcome addition to the team.

There are pictures on our Facebook page of the building work that has taken place over the summer – what a transformation! If you have a 2-year-old or nearly 2-year-old, please ask Mrs Dunham about potential spaces.

We have also had some extensive drainage added to the field to avoid flooding. This was funded by the Sustainable Drainage team from central government.

Attached to this newsletter are the Dates for the Diary. They will also be sent out as a paper copy on Monday – *please keep this safe*. We are still waiting on some dates to be confirmed, such as the external sports competitions and trips/parental engagement activities. We will inform you of these as the year goes on.

Breakfast Club

The Finance Governors discussed the cost of the school's breakfast club during the summer term especially with the introduction of the Government's Free Breakfast Club Scheme starting in September 2026.

The Government scheme covers costs for half an hour before the start of the school day, and they give us £1 per child to cover these costs. However, governors felt that we need to continue to charge £2 per child per day including Fridays (there will be no reduction if your child stays a full week) as the cost of the club has been £2 for the past 10 years and with the increases in food prices and staffing costs, it is no longer sustainable.

Therefore, the cost will remain at £2 due to the additional Government support and £10 per week if your child attends every day.

It is now possible to book your child into Breakfast Club on Arbor which will help us with knowing how many children will be attending. You will see that there are two Breakfast Clubs: Breakfast Club; and DfE Free Breakfast Club. Please book your child onto both clubs as we need to do a return to the DfE on a weekly basis. We would also ask you to pay for the sessions when you book them on to ensure that your child's account does not go into arrears.

Cleaning Vacancy

We expect to have a part-time cleaning vacancy available in the coming weeks. Please enquire to Mrs O'Malley or check out the North East Jobs website.

Here are some of the highlights for the next few weeks:

Y5 Boggle Hole Residential – On Tuesday next week, the Year 5s will head off on residential to Boggle Hole near Whitby for 3 nights. Mrs Morning, Miss Bruce and I will be accompanying them.

Team Captains

On Friday 18th September, the Year 6 children will be pitching their ideas to the younger children to become Team Captains.

Bikeability

Learning to ride safely is a key skill. Bikeability are coming in to teach some of the children about bike safety.

Year 4 will have a session on 2nd October.

Year 5 will have a series of sessions from 12th October to 15th October.

We will email details to parents about this. There is a consent form to complete which must be done so that children can participate.



Phototronic Photos

On Wednesday 23rd September, Phototronics will be in to take photographs of individual children, plus their siblings.

If you would like your child's photo taken with an older / younger sibling who is not at this school, please come to the Main Gate for 8.25. Photos with siblings who do come to our school will be taken through the day, as well as individual photos. Children in Reception and Y6 will also be able to order class photos. For children who have PE that day (Year 3 and 4), can they please come in their school uniform and bring their PE Kits in their bags?



Instruments

Music tuition will be starting next week. For the first term, Durham Music Service will be delivering music lessons to Year 2 on a Tuesday afternoon. Miss Davis' and Mr Macdonald's classes will be having Ukulele lessons too on a Tuesday morning. Also, individual woodwind (Clarinet/Flute) lessons will be on Mondays with Mrs Milne and individual guitar lessons with Mr Taylor will be on Tuesdays.

School Uniform

Needless to say, the children look extremely smart at the start of this term. If you want your child to ensure they keep bringing their uniform home then I can't reinforce enough that you MUST put a name on all of their clothing. A name ensures that if they leave anything lying around school we can return it to them. If there is no name then it's impossible to return it to its owner.

We have stocks of nearly new uniform in school. If you are short of any uniform then please either come in to school, and we'll see if we can help you out, or go to PACT House in Stanley which also has stock.



Wellies and OPAL

With Autumn on the way, we want the children to be able to enjoy the whole grounds. To do this, they will need wellies. Please check that your child has wellies in school and that they still fit. If you are sending wellies in, please ensure that your child's name is labelled clearly inside.

Hair Cuts

Following the summer holidays, some children have hair cuts which were fun during the holidays but are not appropriate for school. These include dyed hair and shaved patterns.

Clubs

We are in the process of organising clubs/parental engagement activities for the rest of the year.

The following clubs will begin for this term:

- Football training – for Year 5 and 6 boys and girls – Wednesday until 4.15pm. Letters have gone out for this.
- Choir – for children in Upper School – Mondays until 4pm. Beginning after October half-term
- School Council – for elected children from Year 2 to Year 6 – beginning in October- dates to be confirmed following the elections
- Arts and Crafts Club – for Year 2. Beginning after half-term.

In addition, Mr Ashman is going to run a Sports Club on a Friday for the following groups of children:

Term	Day	Activity	Year Groups
Autumn 2	Friday	Dodgeball	1 - 2
Spring 1	Monday	Dance	3 – 6
Spring 2	Friday	Table Tennis	4 - 6
Summer 1	Friday	Golf	3 - 6
Summer 2	Friday	Multi-skills	Rec, Y1, Y2

There will be no costs for these activities, except for the Dance club as an external coach is coming in for this. The Dance Club will also lead to a Dance Festival.

Also, Year 1 and 2 Privilege Time will follow the model of Key Stage 2 where children can sign up for a half-termly club. This year, the clubs will include Just Dance, Bingo, Crafts and Games.

Dropping off and Picking up

I'd just like to remind you for a few things when dropping off and picking up your child/ren:

- Please follow the one-way route by entering through the main entrance and exiting via the Activity Den. A very small number of parents have requested (due to particular needs) not to follow this but for **everyone else** please follow this route as it makes it easier for everyone. There is a barrier blocking direct access to the road if you exit via the correct exit, ensuring the children's safety. It's also a good example to your children if you follow these simple rules.
- At home-time, parents should not gather at the top of the steps leading out of the Upper School. Please come and wait on the yard. This avoids congestion in that area. Many parents are pushing buggies or have a few children with them and if there are people gathered there it makes it difficult to pass you.
- When picking up your child at the end of the day, once they are dismissed and in your care, please keep all younger children away from the Upper School classrooms at pick up time. The older children are still in class and it's very distracting for them if younger children are playing outside their classroom windows. If you are waiting on the Upper School yard please keep your children by your side. Thank you.

Finally, parking continues to be an issue as many of you have identified in the Parent Questionnaire. At the start and end of the day the road outside school is exceptionally busy. Please ensure you do not compromise the safety of children and adults by parking on the double yellow lines. Thank you.

PE Kits – As stated in the letter I sent out before the start of term, P.E. days are as follows:

Reception	Tuesday
1B (Mrs Brotherston)	Monday
1D (Mrs Davidge)	Thursday
2B (Mrs Brown)	Friday
2C (Miss Coates)	Thursday
Year 3 and 4 (Miss Keith, Miss Davis and Mr Macdonald)	Wednesday (and Friday this half-term)
Year 5M (Mrs Morning)	Tuesday
Year 5/6Mc and 6P	Monday and Tuesday (Tuesday is when they are swimming)



In addition to this, **Y3 and Y4** will be wearing PE kit on a Friday this half term as they are having additional P.E. for a Multi-Sports festival later in the year. This extra lesson will start on Friday, 11th September. Please dress your children appropriately. School PE kits preferably but if not, then please choose plain clothing and plain T-shirts – no football tops etc. Leggings or tracksuit trousers will be necessary in the cooler months.

At the start of the year **5/6Mc and 6P** are going swimming so require their swimming kit (swim suit, goggles, towel) on Tuesday. They also should wear their PE kit to school that day.

Chester – Le – Street Sports Partnership

This year we will continue to join the Chester-Le-Street Sports Partnership. We have some dates already (see the Dates for the Diary below), but here is a summary of the termly events for the first 2 terms:

Autumn	Spring
Y1 Fundamentals	Reception - We're Going on a Bear Hunt!
Y2 Sportshall Athletics	Y1 Invasion Games Festival
Y3 Tri Golf	Y2 Themed festival
Y4 Bee Netball	Y3 Multi-Sports Festival
Y3 – 6 Cross Country	Y4 Team-building
Y5 Basketball Festival	Y6 Rugby Skills Festival
Y5/6 Football Leagues (Boys and Girls)	Dance festival (for those who attend the Dance After-School Club)
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Comp.	Y5/6 Football Leagues (Boys and Girls)
Y5/6 Basketball Competition.	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition
	Y3-6 Swimming Gala

Attendance, arriving to school on time and Leave of Absence requests

Attendance is crucial to your child's progress and part of 'Turning Up' value.

Our school aim is always to beat our 96% target. Last year attendance was 96.2% for compulsory school age children. In addition, last year, 62 children achieved 99% attendance or better.

I am so pleased with this week's attendance (97.8%). Thank you in supporting us with this.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow		
100% Attendance	0 weeks of learning missed	Best chance of success.
96% Attendance	1 week and 2 days of learning missed	Well done.
90% Attendance	3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor attendance, we are worried.
85% Attendance	5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	
80% Attendance	7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very poor attendance, we are seriously concerned.
75% Attendance	9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	

Arriving at school on time is also really important. Lessons start immediately and if your child is late they are missing out on important learning time. Please endeavour to arrive at school on time every day.

Children should arrive in school between 8:40 and 8:50. Registration takes place at 8:50 and registers close at 9:00. Anyone arriving between 8:50 and 9:00 will be marked as late on the register. Any children arriving after 9:00 will be recorded as a U which means that they are late after the register has closed and they lose their attendance mark for that morning.



We reward good attendance weekly, celebrating both class and individual attendance. If we become concerned about your child's attendance, we will speak to you about this. You may also receive a warning letter or be invited in to school to meet with our School Attendance Officer.

Please Note: We encourage parents to take their children on holiday during school holiday times and inform you of our holiday periods well in advance. We also usually try to plan our Teacher Training days to support parents in accessing cheaper holiday options. This year we have training days on:



Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November 2026 and

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May 2027.

This gives you an opportunity to book to go away, hopefully accessing cheaper holidays.

Schools can only authorise **Leave of Absence** for children in exceptional circumstances and so Leave of Absence is rarely authorised. If you do take your child out of school during school time then it will impact on their success as well as, potentially, their emotional well-being. It could also result in a fine for both parents. Please try to avoid doing this.

Please note, according to DfE guidelines, we are no longer allowed to authorise football tournaments / dance competitions (and other similar activities) unless the children are being directly supervised by school staff. This includes football tournaments at Flamingoland etc.

For more information on our attendance procedures, please see our Attendance Policy which can be found on the school website.

After School Clubs and After School Care

The school offers Child Care at the end of the day which is available for all children from Pre-School upwards. The After-school sports clubs includes the sports currently available for Reception upwards:

In addition, there are crafts and other activities available.

Mrs Robertson is the point of contact. After Care can be contacted on aftercare@tanfieldleapprimary.co.uk and there is a dedicated phone number: 07880472222 which will be turned on from 3pm each day until After Care closes. Bookings can be made via Arbor – these should be at the start of the week and can be booked in advance until July. If you are late booking on (ie. on the day), please contact the school. More information, including prices, can be found on the school website under **Parents > Childcare Provision**.

The price structure is the same as last year and is as follows:

- End of school – 4.15 pm £4 – this includes the Sports listed above.
- End of school – 5.15 pm £7 (this includes a snack)
- End of school – 6.00 pm £10

Parents/carers should pick up from the Lower School. Access will be through the Staff Car Park. Ideally if you can come by foot, parking on the main road, and collect your child from the fire exit doors into the Lower School Hall. For anyone who has paid for a late pick up (5.15 onwards), please drive in as usual.

Heel and Toe Charity Clothing Bank

Heel and Toe charity, a local organisation which funds vital therapies for children with disabilities in our area, have a Clothing Bank near the main entrance. Your support means that local children benefit and the school can also receive rewards, as well as being environmentally-friendly. We have attached a flyer about this.

Acorns Group

This is a parent group for Special Guardian, Kinship, Adoptive and Foster parents. They meet at St Pats Primary, Dipton. We have attached a flyer about this. For those wanting further information, please contact Caroline Daly on 03000263380 / caroline.daly@durham.gov.uk.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn 2026

During the Autumn term, we will participate in the following Festivals (some dates are confirmed below):

Y1 Fundamentals, Y2 Sportshall Athletics, Y3 Tri Golf, Y4 Bee Netball and Y5 Rugby Skills

As well as Y5/6 Football Leagues, Sportshall Athletics, Basketball and Cross Country Competitions

Tuesday 1st Sept	Back to School All existing PS children to do normal hours. New children to have either half-day or full day transition session this week
Friday 4th Sept	Last payment to be made for Boggle Hole
Monday 7 th Sept	Pre-School to start their normal allocation this week
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Swimming to start PM. Year 5/6 until Jan 19th Year 3 and 4 until May 25th Summer: Y6 from 1 st June
w.b 7 th Sept	Music Service Begins Woodwind (Clarinet / Flute) Lessons – Monday afternoon with Mrs Milne Guitar lessons – Tuesday AM with Mr Taylor Ukuleles to start as per timetable for Y3/4 with every Tuesday morning – Mrs Batchellor – 9 – 11 Afternoon: Little Fingers with Mrs Batchellor – Y2 in Autumn 1, Y1 in Autumn 2, Reception Spring 1 until 27 th Jan, Y6 Singing / Djembes Feb – May, Early Years from June onwards
Tuesd 8 th – 11 th Sept	Boggle Hole, Whitby residential for Y5s.
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Swimming for 6P and 5/6Mc - Every Tuesday. Last Session for this block is 13 th October
Monday 14 th September	Full Howtown payment due.
Week beg 14 th Sept	National Coding Week
Wednesday 16 th Sept.	AM: U11 Football at Meadowfield
Friday 18 th Sept	Voting for Team Captains
Monday 21 st September	Stay and Play for Reception – Literacy focus – Butterfly parents invited a.m. (8:50 until 10:30) Dragonfly parents invited in p.m. (1:30 until end of school day) More info later. Parents can learn more about literacy in Reception and spend time with their child in class.
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	Energy Futures Education working with Y3/4 on an Energy Island project
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	U11 Football League at Consett (for approx. 5 weeks)
Wednesday 23rd September	Individual and sibling photographs – Phototronics. Also, Reception and Year 6 will have their class photo taken.
Friday 25 th September	School Council Voting Today (Y2 – 6)

Friday 25 th September	PM: 3K to Tri-Golf festival at Lanchester Primary
Tuesday 29 th Sept.	AM: KS2 Cross-country for selected children @ Tanfield Comp
Weds 30 th Sept	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Dialogic Reading will be the focus (This is for PS2 parents) Bumblebees and Caterpillars – 8:50 until 10:30
Weds 30 th September	4.30p.m. Howtown meeting for parents – Children/parents who pick up from football practice will be able to come straight into the hall.
Thursday 1 st October	PM: 1D to Fundamental Skills festival
Friday 2 nd October	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Dialogic Reading will be the focus. (This is for PS2 parents) Caterpillars and Ladybirds – 8:50 until 10:30
Friday 2 nd October	Non School Uniform Day – No donations this week – charity day next Friday.
Friday 2 nd October	Y4 Bikeability session
Monday 5 th October	Puberty talk for Y5 girls
Monday 5 th October	Paralympic Morning - including wheelchair basketball
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival led by Y1 and Y2 – 9:15
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day – Children to wear yellow. Raising funds for Young Minds.
12 th – 15 th Oct	Y5 Bikeability sessions
Monday 12 th October	ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children
Weds. 14 th October	AM: Basketball Competition for selected children @ Park View.
Wednesday 14 th October	New Pre-School children visit with parents
Monday 19 th Oct	Approx. 2PM: Parental Engagement for Year 1 and 2 – Puppet Making
Monday 19 th Oct – Friday 23 rd Oct	Year 6 at Howtown all week
Tuesday 20 th Oct	Swimming for 5/6Mc and 5M – Every Tuesday. Last session for this block is 1 st Dec
Weds 21 st October	AM: 4Mac to Netball festival @ Louisa Centre
Friday 23 rd October	ATTITUDES TO LEARNING SHEETS TO BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
HALF TERM	Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th October
Friday 30 th October	Y6 Parents – you must have completed the application for your child's secondary place by today
Monday 2nd November	Back to school
Tuesday 3 rd Nov	Little Fingers Music for Year 1
Tuesday 3 rd Nov	U11 Girls' Football Competition at Consett
Weds 4 th Nov	PM: 2B to Sportshall Athletics festival @ Consett Academy
Thursday 5 th Nov	Stay and Play for Reception – Maths focus – Dragonfly parents invited a.m. (8:50 until 10:30) Butterfly parents invited in p.m. (1:30 until end of school day) More info later. Parents can learn more about maths in Reception and spend time with their child in class.
Friday 6 th Nov	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund (1 per family)
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Girls' football league for the next 5 weeks.

Weds 11 th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day: Minute's silence in KS1/2 classes from 11am.
Monday 9 th Nov	Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking (including Pre-School 1 and 2)
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking (including Pre-School 1 and 2)
Tuesday 10 th Nov	U11 Girls' Football Competition at Consett (for approximately 5 weeks)
Thursday 12 th Nov (for next 5 weeks)	Gymnastics Coach to work with Y5/6
Monday 16 th November	Extra Parent Meetings for Pre-School 1 and 2.
Thursday 26th November	INSET Day
Friday 27th November	INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Christmas Dinner ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TODAY or other Christmas clothing.
Friday 4th Dec	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund (1 per family)
Friday 4 th Dec	DATA SHEETS TO BE GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK Rec to Y6
Monday 7 th Dec	Santa hoping to visit children in Lower School a.m. - if he can fit us into his busy schedule. The Pre School Ladybirds are invited to join us from 9 until 10
Tuesday 8 th Dec	Swimming block for 6P and 5M. Every Tuesday. Last session in this block is 19 th January
Tuesday 8 th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas Performance 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9th Dec	Christmas Performance by Pre-School and Reception 9:15 a.m
	Y1/2 Christmas Performance 2p.m.
Thursday 10 th Dec	Christmas Performance by Pre-School and Reception 9:15 a.m
Thursday 10 th Dec	Y5 Party (inc 56Mc Y5s) - Upper School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
Friday 11 th Dec	Pre-School/Reception Party – Lower School Hall a.m. – come to school in party clothes Y1/2 Party – Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
Monday 14 th Dec	Y3 Party – Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes Y4 Party Upper School Hall p.m. - come to school in party clothes
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Christmas Fair (School to finish at normal time) Refreshments in Upper School Hall Combination of activities/items for sale in US and LS halls Including a 'quiz' and they can win a prize
Wednesday 16 th Dec	Y2 to Y6 The Snow Queen for Northern Stage
Wednesday 16 th Dec	PS, Rec and Y1 The Littlest Christmas Elf 1.10 and 2.10.
Thursday 17th Dec	Choir and readers to go to the church (9:15 until about 11) to rehearse. If possible perform at Stanley Park Care Home Y6 Party Upper School Hall p.m. – bring party clothes to school
Friday 18th Dec	Upper School Carol Service – parents of US children invited to attend with siblings Children can go home following the service. Those with no parents attending will come back to school.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 21st December until Friday 1st January

Spring 2027

During the term, we will participate in the following festivals (dates tbc):

Rec We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Y1 Invasion Games, Y2 themed festival, Y3 Games, Y4 Team Building, Y6 Rugby Skills as well as a Dance Festival (based on after school club), Y3-6 Swimming Gala, Y5/6 Football Leagues and a Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition.

Monday 4th January	Back to School
	<i>New Pre-School start today</i>
Tuesday 5 th Jan	<i>Little Fingers Music Programme to continue with Reception this term until 27th January</i>
Friday 8 th January	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 15 th January	Pre-School Parents – you must have completed the application for your child's primary place (place in our Reception Class) by today
Weds 20 th Jan	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Maths will be the focus. -This is for Pre-school 2 only Bumblebees and Caterpillars – 8:50 until 10:30
Friday 22 nd Jan	Stay and Play for Pre-School – Maths will be the focus. This is for Pre-school 2 only Ladybirds and Caterpillars – 8:50 until 10:30
Tuesday 26 th January	Swimming for 4Mac and 3/4D - Every Tuesday – The last session in this block is 2 nd March
1 st Feb – 5 th Feb	ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children
Tuesday 2 nd February	Y6 to start Singing/Djembe drums music programme
Weds 3 rd February	6 p.m. Tanfield's Got Talent.
Friday 5 th February	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Tuesday 9 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10 th Feb	Gala Theatre for Y4 performance – all children to take part. Rehearse in the afternoon and then perform at night. <i>Y4 to be central to this plus our musicians and choir.</i>
Friday 12 th Feb	ATTITUDES TO LEARNING SHEETS TO BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
HALF TERM	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Monday 22 nd February	Back to school All data to be input into iTrack by this morning. Matt and Mark to do data in the afternoon
Tuesday 23 rd Feb	Boys' football league for the next 5 weeks.
Weds 24 th Feb	Adam Bushnell (Author) booked for World Book Day
Thursday 25 th Feb	Boys' football team at Cup/Shield @ Meadowfield
	Parent/Children questionnaire to go out this half term
w.b. 1 st March	National Careers Week
Tuesday 2 nd March	Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking
Wednesday 3 rd March	Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day (We will not be asking children to dress up as book characters.)
Friday 5 th March	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family – Easter eggs.
Tuesday 9 th March	Swimming for 3K and 4Mac – Every Tuesday – last session is 20 th April
Thursday 11 th – Monday 15 th March	Book Fair Sales
Friday 19 th March	DATA SHEETS TO BE GIVEN OUT TO PARENTS Rec to Y6

Tuesday 23 rd 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. FRIENDS TO DO COFFEE AFTERNOON THIS AFTERNOON IN LOWER SCHOOL HALL
Wednesday 24 th March	Children to take eggs home
Wednesday 24 th March	AM: Colour Run with Chester-Le-Street SPP – for Y1 - 6
Thursday 25 th March	TBC KS2 Easter Celebration – through music and poetry in St. Margaret’s Church 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.
Thursday 25 th March	CLS SSP Football Tournament at Meadowfield
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

	SUMMER TERM Reception trip to the Great North Museum at some point this term, date and details to be confirmed in Spring term
Monday 12th April	Back to school
Wednesday 21 st April	Pre-School trip to Hall Hill Farm for Pre-School. This is for Pre-School 2 only. There will be no Pre-School 1 today.
Tuesday 27 th April	Swimming for 3/4D and 3K – Every Tuesday – Last session is 25 th May
Wednesday 28 th April	Energy Futures Education working with Y3/4 on Hydrogen Cars
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
During May	Optional Y2 SATs testing window starts today
Tuesday 4th – 7th May	School Assessment for the everyone except Y6.
Friday 7 th May	Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 10 th – 14 th May	Y6 SATs WEEK It is very important that you do not book a holiday for this week or for the weeks leading up to it. Requests will not be authorised and absence will impact on your child's attainment.
Tuesday 18th May	Art Exhibition - celebrating the children's artwork
Wednesday 26th May	INSET Day
Thursday 27th / Friday 28th May	INSET Days
May Half Term	Wednesday 26th May to Friday 4th June
Monday 7th June	Back to school
7 th June to 18th June	Multiplication Tables Check – Test period
Monday 7th June	SPORTS WEEK Skipping Activity Session today – booked
Tuesday 8th June	Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 8 th June	Swimming for 5M and Year 6 Catch-Up children (Y6 parents will be emailed if their child is part of the group) - Every Tuesday – the last session is 13 th July
Tuesday 8th June after school	Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6
Wednesday 9th June	SPORTS DAYS for all year groups: 9:05 – Years 5 and 6 10:30 – Years 3 and 4 1:00 – Pre-School and Reception. Bumblebees stay for lunch. Ladybirds to start 15 minutes later today. 2:10 – Years 1 and 2 This year we hope to hold parents' races too!
Thursday 10 th June	Y1/2 (a.m.) and Y3/4 (p.m.) – Outdoor Activities in the grounds
Thursday 10 th June evening	Sleepover for Y6 – arriving at school between 6:30 and 6:45
Friday 11 th 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

14 th to 18 th June	Phonics Screening Check – Test Week – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year
Wednesday 16 th June	Alternative Sports Day (if 1 st date rained off)
Wednesday 16 th June	Y6 Boys – Puberty Talk
Sunday 20th June – Friday 25th June	5 staff to take 30 Y5 and 6s to Potsdam / Berlin, Germany (Turing Scheme) – more information will be given to parents/children about this in late September.
Wednesday 23 rd June	Transition Day for Reception (current Pre-School to move into Reception) Joanne to meet with new Pre-School families during the day – Preschool 1 to operate as normal.
Friday 25 th June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Tuesday 29 th June – Thursday 1st July TBC	Transition Days for Tanfield School / NDA (If changed that will affect our Transition)
Tuesday 29 th June	Transition lesson for all children at Tanfield Primary (10:20 to 11:20)
Tuesday 29 th June	Meet the Teacher meeting – 4:00 p.m. + Creche Meet the Head Teacher meeting – 4:30 – 5 – topic to be confirmed
Wednesday 30 th June	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. Reception to move to Y1 – Parents to be invited to join us at 2 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 2nd July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 2nd July	Reports go out to all parents
Monday 5 th July	Parent Meetings for those parents who would like an appointment
Wednesday 14 th July	Bastille Day – all to come in dressed in red, white and blue
Wednesday 14 th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal to Y1 – 6 and some parents (on request) – afternoon
Thursday 15 th July	Y6 Performance – evening – 6p.m.
Monday 19 th July	Thankyou tea for all who have helped us this year – 2:30 until 3:30 Y5 to prepare and serve.
Monday 19 th July	Y2 Moving on Assembly for their parents (9 a.m.)
Monday 19 th July	Leavers’ Meal – 4:15 until 5:45
Tuesday 20 th July	Lower School Fun Day/ Craster Upper School Walk
Wed 21 st July	Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for Y6 and their parents (9 a.m.) Last day of term
Wednesday 1 st Sept	Back to School

