



We have quickly settled back into the school routine. Our Pre-School 1 children have started their educational journey. Our new Pre-School 2 and Reception children have settled well and both the Reception and Pre-School Stay and Play mornings have been well attended. We hope the parents/carers who were able to come found this beneficial.

Y5 had a great experience at Boggle Hole. The weather was glorious and they enjoyed exploring the beaches, hunting for fossils and creating their own Andy Goldsworthy artwork. I will be writing to parents in Y4 soon to invite them to sign their children up for their upcoming visit in September 2027, when they are in Y5.

Y6 are preparing for their residential to the Lake District, in the last week before half term, when they will take part in a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities.

Staffing News

In staffing news, Mrs Dunham will be leaving us at Christmas to start a new life in America! We thank her for all her hard work with the Pre-School. Mrs Sparkes will take over in Pre-School and we are recruiting a Reception teacher for Mrs Sparkes' class.

Assessments and Parental Information (including parents' evenings)

In a couple of weeks, the children will complete the first assessments of the academic year and before half term you'll receive your first 'Attitudes to Learning' form for all children from Y1 to Y6. Pre-School and Reception parents will receive an update which includes an opportunity for parents to make a comment on their first half term. This information for parents is useful to have before we hold our parent meetings; it gives you an indication as to how your child is presenting in class and, as stated, their attitude to learning. We'll be in touch again soon with information on how to book your Parent Meeting appointment which will take place the second week after half term on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. Please read on for a few updates from this half term.

Parental Engagement / Enrichment Activities

For your information, the staff have organised some additional dates:

- Monday 19th October (approx. 2pm) Y1/2 parents invited in for Puppet Making activity
- Tuesday 9th February Year 5 and 6 (approx. 2pm) parents invited for Anderson Shelter building
- Thursday 25th February Year 5 and 6 to Beamish Museum,
- Wednesday 21st April Pre-School 2 Trip to Hall Hill Farm

All year groups have a trip each year. More dates will be given as they are arranged.

Friends of Quiz Night

The Friends of will host a family Quiz Night on Tuesday 24th November. Doors will open at 6pm, with a 6.30pm start. More info to follow via email.



After Care and After School Clubs

Mr Ashman is going to run a Sports Club on a Friday after-school 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	Tag Rugby (Was 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.

Other clubs currently running are:

- Mrs Watson and Mr McIntosh run football for Y5 and Y6 boys and girls on a Wednesday night. Please note that the final session will be Wednesday 21st October.
- School Council on Thursday night, led by Mr Mansfield

Choir will start for children in Y3 to Y6 after half-term, led by Mrs Morning and Mrs Sparkes.

In addition to this we are going to offer a variety of half term clubs over the year.

The menu of activities is as follows for the clubs led by Teachers and Teaching Assistants. There is no charge for these.

Type of Club	Year Group	When	Evening	Staff offering this
Football Training	5 and 6	Autumn 1, Summer	Wednesday	Mr McIntosh Mrs Watson
Choir	3-6	Autumn 2 Spring	Monday	Mrs Morning and Mrs Sparkes
School Council	Years 2 – 6	All year	Thursday	Mr Mansfield
Lego Robotics Club	6	Spring 1	Monday	Mr Temple (Children invited following Coding Privilege Time club)
Arts & Crafts Club	2	Autumn 2	Thursday	Mrs Burnett and Mrs Edgar
Spanish Club	4 and 5	Spring 2	Thursday	Miss Bruce
Cookery Club	3	Summer 1	Monday	Miss Armin, Miss Ashcroft and Miss Lamb
Dialogic Family Reading Club	Invited children from PS – Y6	Spring 1 and 2	Thursday	Mrs Meyer and Mrs Moscardini
World Art Club	3 - 6	Summer 2	Thursday	Miss Gardiner and Mrs Price
Mindfulness	3 and 4	Summer 2	Thursday	Miss James

Cooking Sessions starting Thursday 15th October

The Foundation of Light are offering an 8-week cookery course on a Thursday afternoon (1.15 – home-time). We have attached a flyer to the newsletter, but it will definitely end in time to pick up your children! Parents/carers will come in and cook with their children from the school. It is recommended for Key Stage 2 children. Sign up is via the link here, registering first as a parent, then adding your children after:
<https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationoflight/afl/product/Q2x1YINlcnZpY2U6Nig4NzU=?>

OPAL

Children continue to enjoy our Outdoor Play and Learning provision. As the weather begins to change can you please ensure children have their wellies in school. This half term we will be replenishing some of our resources and your donations are always appreciated. This half term we are looking for the following:

- Small world toys - cars, dolls, small animals, dinosaurs.
- Old push chairs/prams/ buggies
- Cushions, blankets and large sheets of material.

If you are having a clear out, please think of us. Please drop them off at the Main Entrance.



Reading Spine Books

As a school, we have a list of books that we want all the children to read (the Reading Spine).

If you have copies of any of the books on page 10 and 11 of the link below, the school would be most grateful:

<https://tanfieldlea-primary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Dialogic-Reading-Curriculum-Progression-Document.pdf> . Also, if you have any books of popular authors (Roald Dahl, David Walliams, Diary of a Wimpy Kid), please send them in with your child.

Turing - 30 lucky children have been chosen to go to Germany in June in order to share learning with their German peers. Their club to prepare them will start in January.

Christmas Cards - Sadly, the company who used to do personalised Christmas cards/gifts designed by the children have gone out of business. The children will join the Stanley Town Council Christmas Card competition instead.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Staff have begun to teach the new PSHE curriculum in line with the new RSHE Policy.

As discussed in the PSHE meeting in July, we said that we would keep you informed about the new curriculum. The following body part names are used at TLCPS as part of PSHE:

Year Groups	Body parts	When
Pre-School and Reception	Penis, vagina, nipples	Autumn 1 term
Year 1 and 2	Penis, vagina, nipples, vulva, testicles	Cycle A – Summer 2 Cycle B – Autumn 1
Year 3 and 4	Penis, vagina, nipples, vulva, testicles, scrotum	Cycle A – Autumn 1 Cycle B – Summer 2
Year 5 and 6	Penis, vagina, nipples, vulva, testicles, scrotum	Covered in puberty talks (girls in Autumn, boys in Summer) and in Year 6 sex education lesson

On October 12th, the Y5 and 6 girls will have their Puberty talk with the Y6 boys receiving theirs later in the year. This was previously in the diary for Monday 5th, but clashed with the Paralympic Day.

Care Certificates

Care is one of the school's values. This half-term we have given out care certificates to children who have shown care for others or the school environment. In later half-terms, we will have certificates for our Learn and Persevere values. We already promote our turn up values through weekly, termly and yearly attendance rewards. We also promote the persevere value as part of our 'growth mindset'.



Break Time Snack

Children in the Lower School (Pre-School, Reception, Y1 and Y2) can all access free fruit through the government scheme. Our Upper School children are encouraged to bring their own fruit in for break time. This gives them an extra nourishing boost to keep them going until lunchtime.

It is lovely to see them munching away on their fruit over break time, enjoying fruit including apples, grapes, strawberries and kiwi fruit. Thank you for ensuring they have a fruit snack, it really does encourage a good eating habit for life.



Packed lunch policy/Allergy-Aware School

We have a packed lunch policy available on the school website. Please can we remind you that children should not bring crisps or chocolate-coated products. We are also an allergy-aware school so packed lunches should not include nuts, including products such as Nutella. We have members of the school community who are allergic to nuts and we must keep them safe.

Guitar and Woodwind Lessons

We have children in Y3-6 who are benefitting from additional Music Tuition as they are accessing either Guitar, Flute or Clarinet lessons with a teacher from the Durham Music Service. There is a cost for this (although the school will cover the cost for children who receive benefits). You can find more information on the Durham Music Service website.



Cross Country

Children from Y3-6 competed in the Chester Le Street Sports Partnership Cross Country competition on Tuesday 29th September. They loved the challenge and all did extremely well, enjoying running alongside each other and their peers across our area. We are particularly proud that our Y5/6 girls' team and Rhys (Y6) qualified to compete in the county-wide competition. Well done 😊



Football

The Y5/6 boys' football team have made a great start to the season with 4 wins out of 4 and are joint top of the table. The girls' team will begin their matches in November.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	T	L	Pts
1	Lanchester EP	4	4	0	0	12
1	St Patrick's Consett	4	4	0	0	12
1	Tanfield Lea	4	4	0	0	12
4	Shotley Bridge	4	3	0	1	9
5	Bishop Ian Ramsey	4	2	0	2	6
5	Consett Juniors	4	2	0	2	6
7	Burnopfield	4	1	0	3	3
8	Catchgate	4	0	2	2	2
9	Castleside	4	0	1	3	1
9	Delves Lane	4	0	1	3	1
11	Leadgate	4	0	0	4	0

Upcoming Festivals

The Year 4 Bee Netball Festival is a chance for pupils to experience stations based around the skills needed to play netball in a non-competitive and inclusive way.

The Year 5 and 6 Autumn Basketball competition is an opportunity for children to participate in high-level, competitive basketball. Children will play against other local primary schools.

Requests from the Office

The Office is sometimes busy. If no-one answers your call, please leave a message and they will get back to you.

The Office have asked that if you change phone number or move house, please let them know the new details. In case of emergency, it is vital we have up-to-date information.

Also, please note that the Office need 2 weeks notice if your child wants to change from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa. This helps the kitchen to order correct quantities.

Thank you to those of you who pay in advance for services like School Dinners and Wraparound Care. Please ensure your account has sufficient funds to pay for these so that you do not fall into arrears.

Poppies

Poppies and other products from the Royal British Legion should be on sale in mid-October during break and lunch-time. The prices range from 50p to £2.50. We will send an email closer to the time.



Online Safety

It is important that your children stay safe online. In school, we have half-termly e-safety lessons in Computing and use a filtering system to block any unwanted content. We also share safety information via the school's Facebook page. Please follow us there.

Road Safety

On Tuesday, PCSO Massey came to Y5 and 6 assembly to talk about Road Safety and the legality of electric bikes and scooters. I have attached a leaflet from Durham Police about this.

Entering and Leaving the school grounds

School is a busy place particularly in the mornings and afternoons at home-time. Some parents/carers have faced difficulty getting towards school at the entrance to the woods. Please be considerate of others when queuing for school.

We would like to remind you that school is a no-smoking and no-vaping zone, including in the queue.

Thanks to all those who are keeping to our one-way system when entering and leaving the school grounds. It does help to avoid congestion.

Could I also remind parents not to gather at the top of the Upper School steps – again this can become congested. Please come on to the Upper School yard to meet with your child rather than waiting here. Your Y3 / 4 child will only be dismissed on the Upper School yard to keep them safe.

Gates open at 8:40 in the morning and will be locked at 8:50. If you arrive late then you must go to the main entrance with your child.

Could I also remind you that once you do collect your child you **must** keep them with you, under your supervision. Older children are still working and are disturbed when children are approaching the windows where they are working – both in lower and upper school.

Dogs: Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, except for assistance dogs.

Parking outside of school

If you have to arrive at school by car, whether it is for Breakfast Club or the start of the school day, can you please respect the safety measures in place outside of school. Unless you have a Blue Badge and are walking your child in to school you should not be parking or stopping on the double yellow lines. Neither should you be pulling up on the kerb or turning in the road or the school entrances.

Mr Caulfield, our crossing patrol, has noticed a couple of parents parking on the yellow zig-zags. This is prohibited. We must ensure the safety of the children at all times and drivers who are not adhering to the Highway Code are putting our children in danger. Please make sure you park and manoeuvre sensibly.

Parents should also not use the staff carpark unless authorised to or if you are collecting a child from After-Care.

WOW – The Walk to School Challenge

Children from Reception to Y6 have begun the second year of the challenge which encourages them to travel actively (walk, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month to receive a badge.

There are 11 badges to collect. We know that not every child can walk to school and parents lead busy lives. For those interested in the Park and Stride, we discussed this with the children and decided that parking at the Club and walking up would count as Park and Stride. This Challenge has helped to reduce congestion outside of school.



Leave of Absence in term time

Turn Up is one of our Values. Time in school is valuable and it is important children miss as little school as possible. As part of focus on attendance, we give success card stamps out for 100% or significant attendance improvements in a half-term.

We have regular school holidays that families can use to go away as a family and there are teacher training days on:

Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November 2026;

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th May 2027.

Schools can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances and this is very rare. As mentioned previously, football tournaments in spring are not exceptional circumstances. Holiday requests in term time will not be authorised and if they are 5 days or over then fines will be issued by Durham County Council. Please refer to the 'Dates for your Diary' to see when our school holidays are and book to go away during these times.

Finally, I've included the current dates for the rest of this term. The full year's dates are on the September newsletter, a copy of which is on our website. Any additions are in green text.

Many thanks.

Mark Temple (Head Teacher)



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

Thursday 8th October	Harvest Festival led by Y1 and Y2 – 9:15. Donations for Durham Foodbank in Stanley.
Friday 9 th October	World Mental Health Day – Children to wear yellow. Raising funds for Young Minds.
Monday 12 th Oct	Y5 and 6 Girls' Puberty Talk (Moved from 5 th October)
Monday 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 Oct	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
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween Special Menu
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	Let's Rocket Special Menu
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.
Tuesday 24th November	Friends of Quiz Night, 6pm
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 <i>Year 5/6 Parental Engagement – Anderson Shelter building (approx. 2pm – 3pm)</i>
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 25th Feb	Boys' football team at Cup/Shield @ Meadowfield
Thursday 25th Feb	Y5/6 Trip to Beamish
	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 5th 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 19th 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 24th 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 25th June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Tuesday 29th June – Thursday 1st July	Transition Days for Tanfield School / NDA
Tuesday 29 th June	Transition lesson for all children at Tanfield Primary (10:20 to 11:20)
Tuesday 29th 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 14th 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