



# NEWSLETTER

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w/e Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.

## Term Dates

School closes on

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

and reopens on

**Monday 2nd March, 2026**

Details of term dates are available on our website. Click the calendar icon or see the documents section in My Child At School.



**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodie

Further to the email sent to Year 6 families this week, we would like issue a reminder that the deadline to place orders is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026.

**NO ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AFTER THIS DATE**

## PE Lessons for Spring Term

Any additional information about your child's PE lessons next term will be added to Class Dojo.

Year 5 attend swimming lessons this term, further information will be sent via Class Dojo

**Reception Class** - Wednesday & Thursday

**Year 1** - Wednesday & Thursday

**Year 2** - Tuesday & Thursday

**Year 3** - Wednesday & Friday

**Year 4** - Monday & Thursday

**Year 5** - Monday & Wednesday

**Year 6** - Tuesday & Thursday

## My Child At School Accounts



Important reminder! Please ensure that all outstanding amounts are paid in full. Continued arrears may affect future bookings.

Thank you!



This week, some of our Year 4 children took part in a tennis event at the Dolphin Centre, along with other Darlington schools. They all had a great time taking part in a carousel of different tennis activities and learning different skills.

# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week.

Reggie Maya Anastasia Samar Ethan

## After School Interest Clubs

Places are still available in some of our clubs and can be booked via My Child At School. Children who qualify for pupil premium are eligible for a part-subsidised place, details below. All clubs start at 3.30 pm and finish at 4.30 pm.

### **Y5 & Y6 Chess & Draughts Club\***

Monday 12/1/26 to Monday 16/2/26

### **Reception Class, Y1 & Y2 Sports Club**

Tuesday 6/1/26 to Tuesday 17/2/26

### **Y5 & Y6 Football Punditry Club**

Thursday 22/1/26 to Thursday 19/2/26

### **Y3 & Y4 Lego Club**

Thursday 22/1/26 to Thursday 19/2/26

If you would like your child to attend Sunset After School Club, please select S2 on My Child At School.



## Sports Events



Tennis Festival on Thursday 5/2/26 at The Dolphin Centre. Information will be sent to families of children taking part.

## LIZ MILLION Illustrator & Author



Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming local author and illustrator, Liz Million. The visit will be really fun and interactive for the children. They will get chance to develop their own stories and storyboards, ask questions and take part in some illustration sessions. More information about Liz Million is available on her website.

<https://lizmillion.com/>

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

### *Mains*

Chicken Tikka Curry & 50/50 Rice

Halal Chicken Tikka Curry & 50/50 Rice

Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread

Jacket Potato or Sandwich

Broccoli



### *Dessert*

Pancakes with Strawberry or Chocolate Sauce

Shortbread Biscuits

## Pancake Day Menu

We are serving a special menu for all children on Pancake Day. For children in Nursery, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 the cost is £2.75. No need to pre-book, children can order in class on the day with their teacher. The charge for the meal will be applied afterwards.

There is no charge for children entitled to free school meals and children in Reception Class, Y1 & Y2 as they qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

## Absence Due To Illness

- Please allow children to have 48 hours clear of any sickness, upset tummy or illness before they return to school. This will allow them to recover, start eating properly again and help to stop illness spreading.
- Please inform the school office by email or telephone of any illness before 9.10 am. Thank you.



## Dates For Your Diary – Spring Term 2026

The dates listed below highlight significant events that will be taking place in school during the Spring Term.

Further details about each event will be shared as plans and activities are finalised. Please note that individual classes may add additional events and dates to **Class Dojo** throughout the term. These will include opportunities for families to join the children in school and engage with their learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

### January

Friday 30th – Year 6 Class Liturgy (3pm - families invited to attend)

### February

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th – National Storytelling Week

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Visit from Author Liz Million

Friday 6th – NSPCC Number Day

Monday 9th – Friday 13th – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 17th – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day - special menu in-school) and

Tuesday 17th - Chinese New Year

Wednesday 18th – Ash Wednesday

Friday 20th – Year 5 Class Liturgy (3pm - families invited to attend)

Friday 20th - End of Half Term

### March

Monday 2nd – Return to School

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6th – National Careers Week

Thursday 5th – World Book Day (Children invited to Dress-up as 'Future Me' – what the children aspire to be when they grow-up)

Monday 9th – Friday 13th – British Science Week

Friday 13th – Mother's Day KS1 Liturgy (2pm in Holy Family Church)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – International Maths Challenge Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – School Disco (Timings TBC and will be confirmed on Class Dojo)

Tuesday 24th – Parent's Evening - Parent's invited into school to see their children's books between 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

Friday 27th – Year 4 Class Liturgy (3pm - families invited to attend)

### April

Thursday 2nd – Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2nd – End of Spring Term

Friday 3rd – Good Friday (Bank Holiday – School Closed)

