



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 6th May 2026- Bank Holiday: Children not in school

Friday 8th May 2026- VE Day celebrations-children to come dressed in red, white and blue.
Big game of bingo from 2.30pm-3.15pm (all are welcome)

Saturday 9th May 2026- First Holy Communion mass in St. Mary's Church at 10am

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026- Year 6 SATs tests

Thursday 21st May 2026- Mass at 2.15pm (all are welcome)

Friday 22nd May 2026- Children break up for half term holiday

Monday 1st June 2026- Children return to school

Monday 1 June to Friday 12th June 2026- Year 4 multiplication check

Monday 8th to Friday 19th June 2026- Year 1 phonics screening check

Friday 19th June 2026- Father's Day afternoon tea from 2.30pm-3.15pm

Thursday 25th June 2026- Mass at 2.15pm (all are welcome)

Friday 3rd July 2026- summer fair from 3.15pm-5.15pm

Wednesday 15th July 2026- Disco from 3.15pm-4.45pm

Friday 17th July 2026- Leavers' Mass and assembly at 9.15am (all are welcome)

Friday 17th July 2026- Sports Day and colour run from 1pm-3pm

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during April

Lydia	Archie F	Jennifer	Michael M	Jacob J
	Randa	Sophia W	Esther	



April Highlights

Visit to Hopetown

On Wednesday 1st April, our KS2 pupils had an amazing time visiting Hopetown in Darlington. The children took part in a fantastic workshop where they explored how the railway was built and discovered the incredible work of George Stephenson, one of the key pioneers of early rail travel. They enjoyed studying historic maps to learn how coal was transported across the region and why this area played such an important role during the Industrial Revolution. It really brought their history learning to life!

Autism Awareness Day

On Thursday 2nd April, we wore blue to support Autism Awareness Day. Our school council also led a whole school assembly to teach us all about autism. Thank you to everyone who bought sweets – we raised £62.55. Your kindness, understanding and solidarity mean so much.

Earth Day

On Wednesday 22nd April, we had a special visitor in school to explain why reducing food waste is so important for the Earth. We learnt exactly how to recycle our food scraps to turn them into energy! KS2 also took part in a live lesson to learn how we can protect our amazing planet.

Eco-Warriors Recycling Visit

On Wednesday 22nd April, our eco warriors visiting J&B Recycling plant in Hartlepool. They suited up in protective gear and discovered why safety is so important when working around a recycling plant. They learnt which materials can be recycled and which cannot — including how contaminated food is often incorrectly placed in bins and has to be picked out by hand. This really highlighted why recycling correctly matters so much!

Quidditch

On Friday 24th April, our KS1 and KS2 pupils had an amazing time taking part in a Quidditch-themed PE session led by GoWell! The children learned how to play Quidditch, exploring the rules of the game and the roles of the different teams, including chasers, beaters and keepers. There was lots of excitement as pupils even had the chance to play with the Golden Snitch, bringing the magical game to life!



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive £1 for their class piggy bank and a ticket in our termly raffle. The class with the highest percentage will also receive £20 for their class piggy bank.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for April.

Joseph (Nursery)- 86.6%

Matthew (Reception) – 90.7%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 93.3%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 94.5%

John (Year 5/6) – 92.6%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for April was 92.5%.

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

0% of our pupils arrived late in April.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence if they arrive at school after 9.30am.

2.1% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in April.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will contact you to see if you can bring some in. If this is not possible, we will provide your child with uniform to wear whilst at school.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress
- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

Homework

Homework reinforces and helps your child to retain information taught in the classroom. It also develops study habits and independent learning.

For Year 1 to Year 6, we kindly ask that your child is listened to reading daily and their reading record is signed. Your child will receive a dojo for each signature in their record.

For Year 1 to Year 6, your child will also receive maths and spelling homework each Friday to be handed back in by the following Thursday.

Times tables are extremely important for children in Year 3 to Year 6. In Year 4, children take a times tables test. Every child has log in details for Times Tables Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/> We would greatly appreciate it if your child could regularly practise their times tables at home.

READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Mark (Year 1/2)- Monday

Luke (Year 3/4)- Monday

John (Year 5/6)- Monday

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional sports teams



- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie



- Suitable black trainers



If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Wrist watches are permitted but not smart watches.

Piercings (including earrings) are not permitted.

Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. PE.

The following hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school:

brightly coloured, dyed hair, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories.

OUR 100% ATTENDANCE **RAFFLE!**

THIS TERM'S DRAW:

THE WINNER CAN CHOOSE EITHER ...



**A FAMILY TICKET TO
ADVENTURE VALLEY**



**A FAMILY BOWLING
& RESTAURANT VOUCHER**



HOW IT WORKS

- A CHILD WITH 100% ATTENDANCE FOR A WEEK
- RECEIVES A TICKET FOR THE DRAW
- MORE WEEKS OF FULL ATTENDANCE = MORE TICKETS!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



VE DAY

**CHILDREN CAN COME INTO
SCHOOL WEARING**

RED, WHITE

AND BLUE

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

**PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US AT 2.30PM
FOR A GAME OF BINGO
(WITH PRIZES)**

