



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 1st April 2026- Disco from 3.15pm – 5pm

Thursday 2nd April 2026- Mass at 2.15pm (all welcome)

Thursday 2nd April 2026- Children break up for Easter holiday

Monday 20th April 2026- Children return to school

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)

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 at 2.30pm

Friday 17th July 2026- Children break up for summer holiday

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during March



Noah A
Emily L

Jana
Grayson
Elijah B

Nova-Reign
Aleksandra
Eden

Roman
Ivy
Arrayah

Emily K
Rose



March Highlights

Careers Week

From 2nd-6th March, Reception to Year 6 took part in a wide range of hands-on experiences designed to broaden aspirations and introduce the children to real-world career pathways. Across the week, they met professionals from multiple sectors—including public services, technology, sport, and community support—helping them understand the many opportunities available for their futures.

British Science Week

From 9th-13th March, we celebrated British Science Week. South West Durham Training came in to teach us all about engineering. KS2 now know all about the different types of engineering and the different qualifications needed. KS1 read a story all about a robot. The children also took part in an exciting engineering competition: “If I were an engineer, I would...” They designed inventions that make life better—using creativity, problem-solving, and a lot of imagination.

Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages 2026

On 19th March, we took part in the Together We Fly! World Friendship Origami Project, a wonderful initiative that forms part of Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages 2026. The children carefully folded colourful origami butterflies, each carrying a special message of friendship written in a variety of languages. From kind wishes to uplifting thoughts about unity, every butterfly represents our pupils’ appreciation of cultures from around the world. Our butterflies were sent away to join thousands of others created by children from across the region.

Houses of Parliament

On 20th March, Year 6 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to London, packed with learning, sightseeing, and memorable experiences. A highlight of the day was a fascinating tour of the Houses of Parliament, where they had the opportunity to explore one of the most important buildings in the United Kingdom and learn about how laws are made and how democracy works.

Derwent Hill

From 25th to 27th March, some of Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Derwent Hill, where they challenged themselves, developed new skills and created memories that will last a lifetime. Throughout the trip, the children took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities such as gorge walking and canoeing. All of the children represented the school exceptionally well, displaying positive attitudes, enthusiasm, and outstanding behaviour throughout the visit.



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 10 dojos on a Friday. The class with the highest percentage will also receive 10 dojos per child.

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

Joseph (Nursery)- 89.4%

Matthew (Nursery) – 94.5%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 92.9%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 94.7%

John (Year 5/6) –93.8%

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

Our whole school attendance for March was 93.2%.

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

0% of our pupils arrived late in March.

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

1.6% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in March.



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 ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

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.



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.