



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 9th October 2026- PD Day (school closed to children)

Thursday 15th October 2026- Welcome Mass (all welcome) at 2.15pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026- Film night from 3.15pm-5.00pm

Friday 23rd October 2026- Children break up for half term holiday

Wednesday 2nd November 2026- Children return to school

Thursday 3rd December 2026- Advent Mass (all welcome) at 2.15pm

Wednesday 16th December 2026- Disco from 3.15pm-5.00pm

Friday 18th December 2026- Children break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January 2027- Children return to school

Wednesday 10th February 2027- Film night from 3.15pm-5.00pm

Friday 12th February 2027- Children break up for half term holiday

Monday 22nd February 2027- Children return to school

Wednesday 24th March 2027- Disco from 3.15pm-5.00pm

Thursday 25th March 2027- Children break up for Easter holiday

Monday 12th April 2027- Children return to school

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during September

Lorelei	Adam	Luca	Olivia E	Oakley-Rae
Sapphire	Luna	Xaya-Delilah	Aariyan	Olivia P
Faith	Ava U	Kyra	Joseph Y	



September Highlights

Roald Dahl Day-

On Monday 14th September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day with a fantastic assembly led by our Reading Ambassadors. The children enjoyed hearing a short extract from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, bringing to life the excitement, wonder and imagination that Roald Dahl's stories are famous for. To continue the fun, each class received a chocolate bar to share, with every child enjoying a small piece, just as Charlie treasured his precious chocolate bar in the story. Hidden inside one lucky wrapper was a very special Golden Ticket! After much excitement and anticipation, we are delighted to announce that Year 5/6 discovered the Golden Ticket and were rewarded with 50 Dojos each!

Year 3 and 4 Visit Seven Stories Pop Up-

On Friday 18th September, Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time visiting the Seven Stories Pop Up in Durham. The children took part in an exciting Lambton Worm workshop, where they learned all about the famous North East legend and discovered how stories from our local area have been shared through generations. The pupils enjoyed listening to the tale, exploring the characters and themes, and taking part in a range of creative activities linked to the story. They showed excellent enthusiasm, imagination and teamwork throughout the workshop.

Derwent Hill Adventure-

Some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils had an unforgettable time on their residential visit to Derwent Hill from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd September. Over the three days, the children stepped out of their comfort zones, challenged themselves and created memories that will last a lifetime. From paddling across the water during canoeing, to tackling the excitement of ghyll scrambling, and exploring deep underground during a mine visit, every activity encouraged teamwork, resilience and determination.

Allergy Aware Assembly-

On Monday 28th September, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a live assembly led by Picture News, learning about the importance of being allergy aware. The children explored what allergies are, how they can affect people's daily lives, and the simple things we can all do to help keep others safe and included. They showed great empathy and maturity while discussing how we can support friends who have allergies.

Celebrating Friendship Month-

September is Friendship Month. To celebrate this, our fantastic Wellbeing Leaders spread kindness and friendship across school by leading a special friendship bracelet-making session. Children enjoyed creating colourful bracelets for their friends while chatting, laughing and making new connections. It was wonderful to see so many acts of kindness and teamwork as pupils celebrated what it means to be a good friend.



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 September.

Joseph (Nursery) – 85.5%

Mary (Reception) - 94.3%

Matthew (Year 1) – 93.5%

Mark (Year 2) – 94.0%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 95.2%

John (Year 5/6) – 93.0%

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

Our whole school attendance for September was 92.8%.

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

3.2% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in September.



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://ttrockstars.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 day (Monday), children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

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.



100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE!

**BE IN
SCHOOL
EVERY DAY**
TO BE IN WITH
A CHANCE
TO WIN!



1. 100% EACH WEEK

Be in school every day, every week.



2. GET A TICKET

If you have 100% attendance for the week, a raffle ticket goes into the draw.



3. WIN BIG!

One ticket is drawn at the end of the term!

THIS TERM'S PRIZES:



OR



TURN UP. EVERY DAY. BE IN TO WIN!

**YOUR FUTURE
STARTS HERE**