



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 4th December 2024- Christmas coffee afternoon from 2pm until 3.15pm. There will be refreshments on sale, a toy stall, a book stall, Christmas crafts stall and a range of games.

Thursday 5th December 2024- mass in school at 2.15pm. All are welcome.

Tuesday 10th December 2024- film night (**The Grinch**) from 3.15 until 5.15pm.

Wednesday 11th December 2024- Reception- Year 6 will be going to watch Sleeping Beauty at Darlington Hippodrome. Nursery (3-year-olds) will be going to watch Cloud Man at the Hullabaloo Theatre. Nursery (2-year-olds) will be having a winter wonderland party in school. Packed lunch is required for this day.

Thursday 12th December 2024- Christmas lunch and Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day for a small donation of £1 which will go to the charity 'Save the Children.'

Friday 13th December 2024- Reception and Key Stage 1 will be retelling the story of the nativity from 10am until 10.30am. Nursery (2- and 3-year-olds) will be singing some nativity songs from 11.30pm until 11.45pm and 2.45pm until 3pm. A letter will be sent out with further details.

Tuesday 17th December 2024- Christmas disco from 3.15pm until 5pm. A letter will be sent out with further details.

Thursday 19th December 2024- Christmas carols around the tree from 2.45 until 3.15pm. The children break up for Christmas holiday.

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during November



John	Oliver H	Liam	Kajetan	Lucas
Heidi	Isla L	Melody	Harry M	Ava O
Elsa	Ella	Charlotte	Matipaishe	



November Highlights

Science Week-

From Monday 11th- Friday 15th November, we celebrated science week. Across the week, the children took part in activities/ lessons linked to space. On Tuesday 12th November, we had two astronomers from Kielder Observatory with an inflatable planetarium. Every child (from nursery to Year 6) went in the planetarium and took part in an immersive show. In addition to this, children in Key Stage 2 took part in a workshop where they watched clips from a real meteorite falling to Earth. They also had the opportunity to touch rock from Mars! Children in Key Stage 1 investigated light and experimented with infrared light.

Anti-Bullying Week-

From Monday 11th- Friday 15th November, we celebrated Anti-Bullying week. On Tuesday 12th November, the children took part in a live lesson from the BBC and wore odd socks. On Wednesday 13th November, our wellbeing leaders led a whole school assembly explaining the theme of anti-bullying week. We explored what bullying is and the different types. Also, we discussed who to speak to if you are worried or upset. On Friday 15th November, our local PCSOs came into school and delivered a workshop for Key Stage 2.

Diabetes Awareness Day-

On Thursday 14th November, Emilia led a whole school assembly explaining all about diabetes which she had created all herself. She also ran a cake sale to raise money for Diabetes UK.

Parliament Week-

From Monday 18th-Friday 22nd November, we celebrated Parliament Week. On Monday 18th November, our school council led a whole school assembly to introduce UK Parliament Week. They explained what happens in parliament. They then gathered together to feedback ideas on how we can make our school even better.



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 November:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) –88%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 92%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 96%

John (Year 5/6) – 95%

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

Our whole school attendance for November was 92.8%.

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

1.0% of our pupils arrived late in November.

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

1.4% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in November.



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.

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 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.