

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what a busy and rewarding half term. The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm, resilience, and creativity, and it has been a joy to see them grow in confidence both inside and outside the classroom.

From sporting events and class projects to daily moments of kindness and curiosity, this term has been full of achievements worth celebrating. None of this would be possible without your continued support—thank you for working with us, encouraging your children, and helping to make our school community such a positive place to learn and thrive.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and catching up on some of the highlights from across the half term. We wish you and your families a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting Summer term ahead.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had an absolutely fantastic week in Weardale! The weather was perfect, and the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm—showing outstanding energy, resilience, and determination throughout. From gorge walking and rock climbing to canoeing, raft building, and archery tag, they approached every activity with a brilliant ‘have a go’ attitude. We couldn’t be prouder of the unforgettable moments of teamwork, courage and fun they created together!



Swimming

Our swimming team was in action early in the half term in the county finals of the primary swimming competitions.

The team represented themselves brilliantly on the day, both in and out of the water. Having already progressed through the Durham city and Chester-Le-Street qualifiers, we came third overall, with only two points separating us from second place, and a further ten from first place.



Boys football

Our 'A' team have had an amazing start to the second half of the season. We have progressed through three rounds of indoor 5-a-side competitions, ultimately being crowned county champions after a nail biting final, separated only on goals scored from Windy Nook (Felling).

In league football, the Year 5 boys were able deputies during residential week, clinching a 1-0 win in our most important game to keep us top of the table. The following week, our Year six children returned, maintaining our league position with three wins.

At the start of the week, we played in another county cup round at Meadowfield. This was a close-run affair with the boys progressing to the finals after a sudden death penalty shoot-out victory over St Patricks Consett, Edward J saving the crucial kick.

Cross Country County Finals

All four of our teams qualified for the Cross Country County Finals which consisted of approximately 75 children per race. Both our Year 3-4 girls and Year 5-6 boys came 3rd in the County and our Year 3-4 boys and Year 5-6 girls came first. We were super proud of all our competitors who showed real determination, courage and fabulous team spirit. A special mention goes to Ben in Year 4 for coming 3rd in his race and Robert in Year 6 for finishing 2nd.



Netball

Sixteen of our Year 6 girls travelled the short distance to Durham High School for some friendly netball matches. It was great to see our teams back on court as we look to participate in more matches in the coming term. On the night, each school fielded two teams and we played against both of our opposition's teams – our red team winning one and losing one and our blue team losing two. The evening was about more than results and this was demonstrated as the girls had refreshments after the games and chatted with our opposite numbers.

There are also Easter netball camps being held at Durham High School, details of which can be found below:

Netball Camps – Easter 2026

Netball Camps are returning to Durham High School this April and are now open to pupils from Year 3 to Year 9. The camps will take place on Friday 10th and Friday 17th April from 9:30am to 3:30pm and are open to all children.

Children will be split into ability groups to ensure everyone is appropriately challenged and supported. Each day will be packed with fun and engaging activities, including games, group drills, individual player development and plenty of match play—perfect for players of all abilities looking to improve their skills and enjoy netball.

To book a place for your child, please click the [link](#) or email NetballCoachingCamps@gmail.com for more information



Cricket

A familiar face returned to school this half term, with Mr McPhail visiting us as part of his new role with Durham Cricket Foundation. During the one-day visit, he worked closely with our Year 3 and 4 students, to play some fun games and practice their skills. The aim of the day was to provide children with a taster session and build links with our local clubs. Details of which can be found on the attached flyer.



Girls football

Due to various fixture cancellations, we have only managed to play two sessions of girls football this half term. Across the two weeks, we have played five games, winning two and losing three – the highlight being a resounding 9-1 over St. Cuthbert's. The girls have shown some excellent skill and spirit in the games, with the defeats only being by slender margins in tight matches. Miss Slane would like to give a big congratulations to all who have played, with a special mention to Alexa N for filling in last moment, playing two years up and putting in some star performances.

More information about future fixtures will follow as soon as it reaches us.

We were blown away with Year 5s creativity for their Tudor homework project! Well done to everyone!

