



Dates for the Diary

Friday 7th February Y5 and Y2 Forest school
Wednesday 12th February – PTFA Valentines Disco
Friday 14th February Y5 and Y2 Forest school
Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th February – Parent / Carer Meetings (further details to follow)
Friday 21st February – Y5 and Y2 Forest school
Friday 21st February – Last day of Spring term 1
24th – 28th February – Half Term
Monday 3rd March – First day of Spring term 2
Wednesday 5th March – **Y3 and Y5** Hancock Museum Visit (further details to follow)
Friday 7th March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School
Friday 14th March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School
Friday 21st March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School
Friday 28th March – Nursery and Reception Forest School
Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April – Y6 Mock SATs week
Friday 4th April - Nursery and Reception Forest School
Friday 11th April - Nursery and Reception Forest School
Friday 11th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2
14th – 25th April – Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April – First Day of Summer Term 1



No class news for:

Nursery SG, Reception – GD, Year 1 – TY and Year 6 MY

Message from the Governors – Re: New School Logo

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

As governors of the school, we are very proud of what you have achieved and the inclusive and thriving atmosphere we have here at High Spen. One of the things we are keen to modify to align with our values as a school is our logo. Our school motto, 'Looking out for each other,' is still as relevant today as it was back in the early 2000s when it was thought of by one of our then-students. **But what we'd like your help with is the design of a NEW LOGO to go with our motto.**

We understand that parents/carers may be concerned that this will mean buying the new uniform. However, our old uniform will still be allowed in school; the new logo will be available from September if you buy the new sweatshirts/cardigans/bags etc but our old uniform can still be worn. The new logo will also appear on anything relating to the school, including reports, the website and all educational/marketing resources.

Now, this is where we need your help. Below, you will find the link to a form which asks you for your opinion on several logos as we are working with a graphic designer who is keen to get your ideas. From here, he will be coming into school to talk to you about the logo with a few suggestions, based on the feedback from this form.

[Logo Feedback Form](#)

If you can complete the form, parents, feel free to fill it in too, so we can start the process of designing our new school logo. As always, we would like to thank you for making High Spen such a special place to study, work and play.

Drama After School Club Recommendations

We would like to run a drama ASC in Summer term – do you know any reliable drama teachers/companies who we could get in touch with? Please contact the school office if you do. Thanks

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale

PE days – From this week (3/2/25) PE days will change to Tuesday and Friday (instead of Monday) as Y2 will be visiting the woods for Forest school.

Forest school – On **Friday 7th, 14th and 21st February** Y2 will be visiting Chopwell woods for their second round of Forest school. Children are to come into school in warm layers of clothing and trainers. Please can children bring a waterproof coat / outerwear and boots/wellies to change into for the woods. We will be going to the woods AFTER lunch but children are welcome to bring a small snack to eat in the woods if they wish. Please can children make sure they have a water bottle for the trip. Many thanks.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King

Forest school is now finished for Y3 so we will be back to PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

If you were wondering why your child may have come home asking to do some sewing over the last couple of weeks, this is because they've been doing a fab job designing and creating some bunting as part of their new DT unit. They've loved having a go at sewing as part of this process and have all done a fantastic job. 😊

Thank you!

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

If anyone starts talking about sculpting, that would be because we will be creating a garden themed sculpture in art. The children have started designing their ideas and we will be using some recycled materials from home, so if you could have a chat with children about what they will need and maybe some extras so they can be even more creative, then those recyclables can be brought in to school. We will be building their sculpture in the last week of this half term so bring them in then so we don't lose any and hopefully you will have a lovely sculpture for your garden in half term.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

It's been a full and fab week in Class BR: mastering multiplication and division methods, developing partner balances in gymnastics and researching Moving Toy games for Year 2!

Please also be aware of a couple of things for next week:

Tuesday – Swimming All children in Paul's group (they know who they are!) will need to bring some light clothing (T-shirts, shorts, pyjamas) to wear in the pool as part of swim safety activities that Paul will be running.

Friday – Forest School returns! Yes, we'll be back in the woods with Forest Phil on **Friday 7, 14 and 21 February**. Please ensure your child comes to school with warm layers of clothing and a waterproof coat (we have some in school if needed). Please remember that it will still be early February and we will be outside for the full morning. Children will also need boots/wellies/strong shoes for the woods and a change of footwear for when we return to school. They are also welcome to bring a water bottle and a healthy snack (ideally in a small rucksack or bag).

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.