



# High Spen Primary School Newsletter Week 24, W/B 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery and Reception Forest School  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Mock SATs week  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery and Reception Forest School  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery and Reception Forest School  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term 2  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term 1

## PE Days

Nursery – Tuesday  
 Reception – Tuesday  
 Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday  
 Year 2 – Monday and Thursday  
 Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday  
 Year 4 – Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday  
 Year 5 – Tuesday (PE or swimming for those who have been notified) and Thursday (PE)  
 Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

**No class news for:** Year 1 TY, Year 3 MLK and year 6 MY

## Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

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If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for free school meals. Please don't delay in applying - take a minute to complete the online application via Gateshead Council website below, if you have any problems please contact the school office at [highspen@gatedu.org](mailto:highspen@gatedu.org) or 01207542373. 😊  
<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>.  
 A letter with further information regarding Free School Meals was sent out via email to parents on 13/03/25.

## Nursery – SG – Saint George

Please can we ask that Children do not bring in any of their toys from home into Nursery. We desperately need girls' spare clothes and underwear, please drop them off at Nursery if you have any spares.  
**Forest School** - Nursery will be starting Muddy Monsters with Phil on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. 9.30-11.30 in school. Please bring your child to school dressed for being outside all morning regardless of the weather. Watch this space there might be a Muddy Monsters parent and child trip to the woods before the Easter Holidays. Get your wellies at the ready.

## Reception – GD – Grace Darling

**Forest school** – Reception will be starting Muddy Monsters with Phil on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. 12.30-2.30 We will be going to the woods for these sessions and are inviting parents to join us. If parents would like to take part in Muddy Monsters, keep an eye out for a letter coming home explaining how you can. If you can drop your child off at the woods for Muddy Monsters. Please let us know by filling the form out attached to the letter being sent home as well. Get your wellies and at the ready.

## Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale

**FREE online game Topmarks** - This week children have learnt how to log onto Chrome books, open Google and log into a FREE online game called TopMarks which they can use to practice key maths skills. This is an excellent FREE resource to practice basic maths skills so please encourage your child to log on and use this to support their homework of learning their times tables, number bonds etc.  
 Library books to be returned every **Friday** please.

## Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

The class have worked so hard to achieve all their whole class points, and because of this they will receive their reward on Monday afternoon. We will be watching a short movie in class, so if children want to bring their slippers or a soft toy to get comfy with then they will be able to really relax and enjoy their treat. There is no need to bring treats in as I will provide them with something. Well done FWD you deserve this.

## Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

Hi everyone 😊, Our first Spring 2 homework went out on Wednesday – hopefully you saw the homework folders come home! As so many of you have done this year already, please help your child find some time and space to complete the tasks. It really does develop good habits and supports your child's learning in school. Please can homework be returned on Monday morning so that we can look through it in class together. Thank you!

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