



Dates for the Diary

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, Year 2 FN, Year 3 MLK and Year 4 FWD.

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 (PE)
 Year 5 – Tuesday (PE or swimming for those who have been notified) and Thursday (PE)
 Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

Message from the PTFA



Our **Annual General Meeting** is coming up, it will be held in the school hall on Monday 7th April at 15:20pm. All are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to find out more about what the PTFA can do to support and enhance your child/children's school experience.

School budgets are tight and by having a PTFA which is a registered charity we can apply for funding and fund treats. We would love to hear new ideas and see new faces. Our current trustees and volunteers have children higher up in the school and we would really like representation from nursery and lower school to ensure we hear the voice of the whole school and keep the PTFA going.

School Lottery

Did you know High Spen Primary school has its own school lottery! It's a fantastic way to help raise funds for our school, and you will have a chance to win our weekly local school draw and a national prize of £25k! Only £1 per ticket per week, Anyone can play, please share with your friends and family far and wide. 😊 Visit our school lottery page on the link below: The more people we have the bigger the prize fund...

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/.../high-spen-primary...>

Support your school today! Just £1 per week. Help to your school. £25,000 jackpot. £1000 prize every week.

How it works: You receive a unique lottery ticket between 9 and 11 that matches the school's lottery draw. You can play as often as you like. Tickets cost £1 per ticket per week and £100 of £1000 prizes are awarded to your school.

Where does your money go? Tickets cost £1 per week. £100 goes directly to your school. £100 goes towards lottery support & prizes. £100 goes towards lottery administration costs. £10 for VAT.

The maths: £100 weekly income. £2,000 weekly income. £2,000 per year for your school.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE TODAY www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play



Gregg's Children's Cancer Run 2025 - Sunday 18th May

Mrs Heron has registered school again this year and will be participating with her son on the 3/5 mile (yet to be decided!). If anyone is interested in participating, then there is an 'early bird' entry deal open until Monday 31st March (this Monday!)

You will still be able to enter after this date, but it will cost you a little bit more. I believe if you click on the link below, it will take you to a page which has already selected High Spen Primary as the school you will be running with. If it does not, then click JOIN team and search for and select High Spen Primary School.

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2025>.

On that page, you will need to select one of the following options and follow the online instructions. Look forward to seeing you there if you can.

	Adult entry - early bird	£14.00	Register
	Child entry - early bird	£7.00	Register
	Family entry - early bird	£40.00	Register

Fundraise and Recycle Challenge – Free trip to Lilidorei

Hello at home, we will be sending a clothes donations bag home with every child today, **IF** you are having a clear out and have any clothing items, shoes, bags or accessories please send them into school. Fundraise and Recycle are having a competition for 30 children to win a trip to Lilidorei (see below) all we need to fund is transport 😊 We have until Friday 11th of April to be in with a chance!

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for your school to participate in our "Easter Recycling Challenge," where the goal is to recycle the most clothing from March 24th to April 11th. This is a fantastic way for pupils to make a real impact on the environment while competing for a fun prize! The Challenge: Your school's task is to collect as many gently used clothing items, shoes, bags and accessories as possible during the competition period. The school that recycles the most clothing will win a trip to Lilidorei for 30pupils (1 class).

WIN A TRIP TO LILIDOREI!

Will your school recycle the most between March 24th - April 11th?

THE BEST RECYCLER WINS A TRIP FOR 30 PUPILS TO THE AMAZING LILIDOREI SITUATED NEXT TO THE ALNWICK GARDEN!

You **MUST** confirm your participation by email or direct message for a chance to win!

Attendees must arrange their own transport.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

Hi everyone 😊

Bikeability – an email went out this week regarding information about some FREE cycling training taking place in school in Summer 2. A consent form went home with children on Thursday. Please can we ask that these are returned to the class teacher (not the office) by Friday 4th April so we can make the necessary arrangements. There is an email address in the information letter should you need to request a helmet and/or bike. You can also write a note on the consent form.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai

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Mary Poppins at Thorp Academy – we have been invited to see a school performance of Mary Poppins on Monday 7th April (afternoon). A letter will follow with further details.

MOCK SATs next week

Next week, children will be completing their MOCK SATs week. This gives them an idea to experience full papers in test conditions and gives us an opportunity to gather information to inform revision as well as identify what support each child needs so that they can shine. Please ensure your child is well rested this weekend and is in school on time each morning next week raring to go! The list below shows what tests are being run each day. Please note that this order is slightly different to the actual SATs week. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Monday – SPAG & Spelling

Tuesday – Arithmetic & Maths reasoning paper

Wednesday – Reading paper

Thursday – Maths reasoning paper

Easter Holiday Clubs and Events that may be of interest.



***SPRING FAMILY SPECIAL ***

Tuesday 22nd April, 11 am-12:30pm

At our Spring Family Special we'll have lots of Spring crafts, a scavenger hunt, hammocks, mud kitchen, campfire snacks and lots more!

Family events are held at Michelangelo's, Ryton and are suitable for families with children from around 14 months to year 6 (£12 for the first child – sibling discounts available).

Snacks and drinks available for all.



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*** EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS *** Michelangelo's, Ryton, 10-3pm

Wednesday 16th April, Thursday 17th April
Wednesday 23rd April, Thursday 24th April

Order a delicious Italian takeaway to be delivered to the woods! (£34 per day with own food / £39 per day with food)
Suitable for children from Reception age and upwards.

Activities can include campfire and s'mores, fire lighting, mud, sand and water play, outdoor crafts, mud kitchen, tools, hammocks, messy play, hill climbing and free time to explore.



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