



**Reminder school will be closed on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.**

### PE Days

Nursery – Wednesday  
Reception – Wednesday  
Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 2 – Wednesday and Thursday  
Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday  
Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday (Swimming)  
Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday (and swimmers will need swimming kits on Tuesday)  
Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

**No class news for: Rec GD, Y1 TY, Y3 MLK and Y4 FWD**



### New School Logo

We are incredibly excited to share our NEW school logo with you.

We are sure you will agree, that the designer we worked with (Jonjo McNeill) has done a fabulous job of incorporating so many of the key themes which came from our various consultations. Through the form we sent out to you in March, the logo design task shared in April and the subsequent session with pupil representatives in May, the following key elements emerged:-

- Looking Out for Each Other
- Inclusivity - kindness to all (Jonjo explained to the children that the addition of a circle is often used to demonstrate inclusivity - a circle includes everything within it - spoiler alert on the shape we chose!)
- Love of nature/woodland
- Pride in our school building, especially the new mural in the annexe window
- Our local links to Red Kites

### Important reassurance

Whilst we are really excited to update our logo, all items of uniform, bookbags etc. with the current logo are ABSOLUTELY still welcome in school. We won't be wasting paper with the current logo on and we certainly don't wish families to add to financial pressure by feeling the need to renew clothing etc. to get the updated logo. That said, we are working hard with the uniform supplier to ensure you are able to get new pieces of uniform with the new logo, should you be ready to do so. More uniform information to share early next week.

### Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

It is our Early Years beach trip on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, As we are planning on being at the beach for some time, please bring your own packed lunches, change of clothes, towels, swimming costumes, sun cream, sun hat etc. Children are not expected to wear school uniform on this occasion. Further details on coach, meeting place and times to follow.

Please can we ask that Children do not bring in any of their toys from home into Nursery. Thank you



### Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

**Homework** – As next week is an occasional day on the Friday, there will be no homework set next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> June). Just to clarify, each week children are given a reading book(s), spelling or reading comprehension homework and a piece of Maths homework. Thank you for all of your support with homework. Homework and reading folders are to be returned every THURSDAY please.

**Forest school** – Y2 are lucky to have one more Forest school session on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. This is a different date to previously shared so just to clarify, our session is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. On that day, please can children come into school in outdoor clothing and bring suitable footwear to change into and a waterproof coat. We will be going to the woods after lunch so children are welcome to bring a small snack if they wish and a water bottle.

## Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊



There's an exciting start to next week, when our Spanish partner school visit on Monday! Together with Y6, we will be helping to host them for the day. This will include showing our guests around our school and taking them up to the field for some shared sports and games. It's always a wonderful opportunity to get to know people from another country and to expand our horizons and connections. Children can come in general sports clothes and trainers that day.

This term we are learning about human development in science and in the week ahead we will have a session on adolescence and puberty. As in previous years, we will run the session separately – Miss Hackney with the girls and Mr Cradock with the boys.

## Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai – Mrs Heron/Mrs Lawson



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On Wednesday, we will be visiting NUCastle for a STEM and esport challenge. Apologies that the letter only came out this week. Please note that everyone will be having a packed lunch that day so if you need a school packed lunch, please don't forget to get your order in by Monday.

A reminder for around 5 baby/toddler/young photos to be sent to [gillianlawson@gatedu.org](mailto:gillianlawson@gatedu.org) as soon as possible please. Thanks :)

## Messages from the PTFA



### Strawberry Teas – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

The planning of Strawberry Teas are in full swing! We are looking for donations of raffle prizes if you have anything you would like to donate or know a business that could donate Eg - coffee shop, restaurants, crafts let us know and we can arrange collection or you can pop into the office with the prize. Thank you

### Rainbow Hampers

We are collecting for our rainbow hampers again this year, See flyer for your child's class colour, please drop any donations into the school office. The Hampers will be used as prizes in our strawberry Teas Raffle.

WEEK COMMENCING 7TH JULY 2025

**Rainbow Raffle collection!**

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO FRIENDS OF HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINE TO WASHING UP LIQUID BISCUITS TO BUBBLE BATH AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN! IT JUST HAS TO BE IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR

WE'LL USE THESE DONATIONS FOR OUR STRAWBERRY TEA RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE

Nursery and Reception - Red	Year 3 - Green
Year 1 - Orange	Year 4 - Blue
Year 2 - Yellow	Year 5 - Purple
	Year 6 - Pink

Friends of High Spen Primary School

# BONKERS BINGO

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

8PM START  
£10  
INCLUDES A NIGHT OF BINGO & PRIZES

THE FIELD CLUB

### Bonkers Bingo

We will be hosting our second Bonkers Bingo Event at High Spen Field Club on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, doors open at 7pm till close. Great night, Great Fun and a lot of Laughing! Tickets are £10 and on sale now. Please see Vicky Maddison or the school office if you would like to come.

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

### Dates for the Diary – 2025

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Y6 MY Visit to NUCastle
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years beach Visit
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Nursery Sports Day – AM
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Fieldwork
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Week
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Strawberry Teas
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last day of Summer 2
21 <sup>st</sup> July – 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Summer Holidays – School Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Autumn 1 term - Children return to School

### 2025/2026 Term dates

#### Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 1 September 2025	27 to 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

#### Spring term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 5 January 2026	23 to 27 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026

#### Summer term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 20 April 2026	25 to 29 May 2026 (Bank holiday 25 May)	Friday 17 July 2026

All dates are inclusive. In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on Monday 4 May 2026 (Bank Holiday).

Two days within the above terms are to be used for professional development for staff. These dates are to be determined and agreed by individual school governing bodies. (01.09.25 and 19.06.26)

In addition, one occasional day within the Summer Term 2026 is to be utilised for the purpose of closure for possible election purposes, this day to be used near the end of the summer term and agreed by individual school governing bodies. (22.06.26)