



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: Nursery, Rec GD, Y1 TY, and Y4 FWD

Reminder school will be closed on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd June 2025, We hope you have a lovely long weekend in the sunshine .

School Uniform



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School uniform with our new school logo can now be ordered direct via our uniform supplier, logos unlimited via the link below.

[High Spen Primary School - Logos Schoolwear](#)



Whole School Picnic

Our whole school picnic will be held on Thursday 26th June, we aim to have all children sitting outside together. A few parents have asked if their child can have a home packed lunch but still have a rocket lolly, sadly, we can't do this as we would have to purchase a full school packed lunch at £3.00 just to get the lolly - the food would be wasted. HOWEVER... you are able to buy a Rocket Ice lolly on the day of the picnic direct from the school office for 50p if you would like to. This means you can just send in a packed lunch from home and add a lolly for 50p should you wish. 😊



Young Carers

On Tuesday, 17th October, our school had the pleasure of hosting an inspiring assembly and workshop in collaboration with Young Carers. During the assembly, both KS1 and KS2 students learned about the important roles that young carers play in supporting their families. The experience was particularly enriching for our Year 5 and Year 6 students, who participated in a workshop afterwards. Through engaging activities, they explored real-life case studies and developed a deeper understanding of the various responsibilities young carers undertake. This opportunity not only enhanced the children's empathy and awareness but also fostered a sense of community and support within our school environment.



Daisy Chain

Daisy Chain is a charitable group who work to build understanding around supporting autistic and neurodivergent children at home and in school.

Miss Hackney has been developing links with Daisy Chain to help us best meet the needs of children in school. One of the offers of support Daisy Chain have made, is to offer an information and support session for parents and carers in school.

The session is open to any families in school. If you think you could be interested, please complete the following expression of interest form.

[Daisy Chain Interest Form](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/Y9zxU73npa>(<https://forms.office.com/e/Y9zxU73npa>)

Further information about the charity is available here:-

[Daisy Chain Project](#) (<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/>)(<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/>)

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

Forest school – Y2 are lucky to have one more Forest school session on **Friday 4th July**. This is a different date to previously shared so just to clarify, our session is on Friday 4th 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 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

Strawberry teas is on the final Wednesday of this term. For our dance, I've asked children to wear a 'school style' outfit – ideally grey shorts / leggings / skirt with a white t-shirt or polo shirt and if possible a striped tie. Think 'Matilda the musical.' Please label any ties as they may or may not be getting thrown up in the air and I'd like to make sure you get your correct ties back! Any shoes suitable to dance in will be fine. The outfit doesn't need to be in school until the final Monday of the term (in a labelled bag) but I thought I'd give you plenty of notice to start thinking about it. Thank you! 😊

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

Only 4 days but we packed a lot in this week! Well done to all of the class for being such super hosts when our Spanish friends visited on Monday. We gave them a day to remember!

Next week, we have a Forest School session on Friday morning (27th June) On that day, please can children come into school in outdoor clothing for the woods, including waterproofs, and bring suitable footwear to change in and out of. The children are welcome to bring a small snack if they wish. Hopefully, the sun will be shining so sun protection and a water bottle will be a good idea too. Our final Forest School session of the year will be on 11th July.

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

What an exciting week it has been! Hosting our Spanish visitors on Monday (a great time was had by all and some lovely friendships made) and then a visit to NUCastle on Wednesday to engage in some esports and a STEM activity linked to Lego Robots. Well done to Lexi and Rosie for being the winner and runner-up in the Hopper race. We even got to go up onto the rooftop pitch! Photos to follow on Facebook. If you want to know more about what NUCastle has to offer (birthday parties, after school clubs/holiday clubs), then take a look at their website <https://www.nufoundation.org.uk/>. Next week we welcome Debroah Rodenby back from Nexus to run a Bus/Travel Induction workshop. Children will learn about what Nexus do and how to travel safely on different types of transport. As part of this, we will take a bus journey down to Thorp Academy. For those transitioning to Thorp Academy in September, this is also a chance to meet some of the Thorp staff. On Wednesday, children attending St Thomas More will be having their first transition day and we hope they have a great time.

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

Spanish Visitors

Our Spanish visitors had a great time in school, the children said that visiting us at school was the best day of their trip.



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
Friday 20 th June 2025	Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Inset Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Nursery Sports Day – AM
Monday 7 th July 2025	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Fieldwork
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th July 2025	Sports Week
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Sports Day
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Strawberry Teas
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last day of Summer 2
21 st July – 29 th August 2025	Summer Holidays – School Closed
Monday 1 st September 2025	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	1 st 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)