



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, and Y4 FWD

School Class Photos

If you would like to purchase the class photo please return this to school by Monday 30th June.



Dinner Change

There will be a change to the school dinners on Wednesday 2nd July the main RED choice will be Sausages instead of meatballs. Thank you

School Uniform

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](https://www.logos-unlimited.co.uk)



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 Swalwell, Newcastle upon
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Wednesday 2nd July – High Spen Transition Day

On Wednesday morning, all children will line up as normal when the morning bell rings. After registration has been completed, all children in school will be taken to see the class and teacher they will be with after the summer break. They will then spend the rest of the morning session with their new teaching staff. We find this transition time is such a help when it comes to reducing any nerves about moving on. They will be back in their normal classes by 1pm, so all will be normal by home time.

Friday 4th July - Non uniform and Bring a bottle



Please bring all bottles to the office, it can be anything from shampoo, pop, alcohol, water, bubble bath...if it's in a bottle we can use it. They will be collected to form the Bottle Stall at our Strawberry Teas Fair. Thank you

Street Scientists (KS2)

On Monday 30th June, children in KS2 have the opportunity to take part in workshops from 'Street Scientists' which is an outreach programme from Newcastle University. Y3/4 will be taking part in a Young scientists workshop and Y5/6 will be 'Thinking like a scientist'. We look forward to welcoming these new visitors into school.

FANTASTIC NEWS - but we need your help!

Our Village Pride Project has been selected for the summer Tesco Stronger Starts.

From 1st July, any customer shopping in Rowlands Gill or Whickham Tesco Express will be able to vote for our project. The project came from our School Council - they wanted to do something to improve their immediate and their local environment.

If your vote helps us secure the funding, it will be used for equipment to carry out a WHOLE SCHOOL Village Litter Pick. This will take place over a week in the Autumn Term and will see the village split in to zones for children and families to get picking.

Should we win first prize, there will also be enough funding to make the improvements to our 'stick area' - (better name to follow!) this is the area our Y5 children have been working to improve with water play, mud kitchens, musical pans (!) and giant marble runs.

So, if you do shop in Tesco Express, or know someone who does - please ask them to look out for the chance to vote for us through July, August and September. Every vote counts!

Stores which will vote on our project are :-

Rowlands Gill Express NE39 1PY

Whickham Front Street Express NE16 4DS



Melva

We are THRILLED to say we have been selected as one of several schools in the North East to be offered a sponsored Melva experience. This means that once again children in Y3, 4 & 5 will be able to develop their understanding and vocabulary around emotions, as they help Melva navigate increasingly complex situations.

Thanks to Ryder Architecture for funding this opportunity. 😊

[Supporting Children's Mental Health through MELVA - Ryder](#)



Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. Just a reminder that next week, Tuesday the 1st of July, is our Nursery Sports Day for our 15- and 30-hour children, which will be separate from the main School Sports Day this year. It will take place at our Muga court from 9.15-10.00am and parents, carers, and family are invited to attend. After dropping your child off please make your way to the sidelines of the Muga area and we will join you as soon as we complete the register for a morning of fun, fitness and sport. To ensure your child is comfortable, we encourage you to dress them in the PE kit for this event.

Also, another date for the diary reminder is our Nursery Graduation on Tuesday July 15 from 9.15 in the Sports Hall. Families of children moving up to Reception are invited to attend. If you have not and would like to (although it is not required), please feel free to email us a baby photo of your child for our presentation.

We have Strawberry Teas for our 15- and 30-hour children as well on Wednesday 16 July. The costume this year is minions, so children will be invited to wear or bring in blue trousers and a yellow top please on the day. Whilst our 2-year-old children will not be in the performance, they are invited to attend and watch with a grown-up. Also note, because our Tea is in the afternoon, 2-year-olds will be invited to attend their session in the morning from 8.55-11.55 on the 16th. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Lastly, as we have had a fair bit of warm weather lately, can you please ensure to send your child in with a filled and labeled water bottle. We are happy to refill water bottles as needed if they drink what they have brought in. And a polite reminder to label or write your child's initials on their clothing, shoes and lunch packs please as we sometimes have identical and duplicate items brought in. Thank you and we look forward to a fun few weeks ahead.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

On **Friday 4th July** Y2 are going to Forest school in the morning. Children need to come in suitable clothing and bring a change of suitable footwear. Please also provide a waterproof coat in case of rain showers. Children need a water bottle and are welcome to bring a small snack if they wish.

In DT next week, children will be making a moving vehicle. To help with this please can children bring in small boxes (tissue or cereal boxes are ideal) to use as the body of their vehicle. Many thanks.

For Strawberry Teas our dance will be 'Can't stop the Feeling' from the movie Trolls. On **Wednesday 16th July**, please can children wear bright, colourful clothing for the dance and any hair accessories they wish to go along with their clothes.

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 all 😊

There's no Forest School this week – our final visit for this school year will be on Friday 11 July.

It's not long now until Strawberry Teas and preparations for our dance are well under way. We'll be dancing to All Star's Smash Mouth from Shrek the Movie! It's never too soon to start thinking about outfits so we've gone for a black with yellow/gold colour theme. Cool, light-weight clothes for dancing are best but please don't feel like you need to go out buying things especially. Caps/baseball caps might also work well if your child has one and would like to wear it.

Finally, a call for all reading and library books to be returned to school please so that we can account for them all before the end of term. Thanks everyone!

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

Next week is quite busy with transition days. Children attending Thorp Academy will be on their transition days Tuesday to Thursday and St Thomas More children will be on theirs on Wednesday. We hope they have a great time and can't wait to hear how they got on.

Friday 4th July (afternoon session) – Forest School. Please come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear.

Our Strawberry Teas dance is well underway. This year we will be dancing to Footloose! For costumes, we have decided on trousers, shorts or skirts (preferably denim) with a T-shirt or checked shirt. Cool, light-weight clothes will be suitable for our dance. Please do not buy anything new! If you are struggling, please pop in to see us and we will be happy to help.

On Thursday 17th July your child can take part in the traditional signing of school T-shirts. Children can come in the T-shirt they wish to have signed, and we will allocate a time during the day for them to gather signatures and messages. Mrs. Heron works from home on Thursdays so your child can bring the T-shirt on Wednesday in a carrier bag to be signed.

Your child can bring pens in from home, but please ensure these are labelled. On this day, we will also sign the wall in the KS2 yard, another wonderful High Spen tradition. You will be able to view this on Thursday or Friday at home time with your child.

On Thursday 17th July, MY children are invited to their leavers' party in school. This will be held from 5pm until 8pm. Weather permitting, we will start the party with a water fight. Children may bring water guns but not water bombs. They should come to the party dressed in the clothes they will wear for the water fight and then bring a towel and spare clothes, underwear and shoes to get changed into afterwards. Children will then enjoy a light tea together before finishing with some games. All children will need to be collected at 8pm. We will not be allowed to send children to walk home on their own. Phones are not needed as we will be taking plenty of photos and can also take photos of friendship groups as requested.

Friday 18th July, MY will celebrate their leavers' assembly in school. This will start at 1:30pm and we will be finished around 2:45pm and you will be able to leave school after the children have walked through High Spen for their last time and through the balloon arch at the reception doors. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you have not already, please can all baby/toddler/young child photos be sent to gillianlawson@gatedu.org as soon as possible. Around 5-6 per child will be perfect.

Finally, a call for all library books to be returned to school please so that we can account for them all before the end of term. Thank you!

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
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July 2025	Non Uniform – Bring a Bottle
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)