



## SPORTS WEEK

Sports week was a great success, the children enjoyed every part of it.

We had a Fabulous Sports Day!  
Amazing attitude from the children,  
Super teamwork all around,  
Fabulous family support,  
187 ice pops given out by PTFA,  
187 thank you's from polite children,  
187 wrappers in the bin bag...

Just a fabulous example of Team Spen at our best 🥰🥰🥰



## Strawberry Teas



Our strawberry Teas event is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Strawberry Teas is High Spen Primary School's traditional summer fair, it has been called that since year dot!! The gates open at 1pm, all parents, carers, grandmas, grandads and friends are welcome, the more the merrier. Each class performs a dance for all to watch, the children will start their performances at 1.30pm. There are many different stalls to buy things as well as tombola, raffle, refreshments and of course a cuppa and a scone with jam and cream for sale.

All of the funds raised go into the PTFA pot which is used for the children of High Spen Primary, from treats, to reindeers, ice cream vans, new equipment the list is long!!! So please join us if you can and celebrate our wonderful children and have a bit of fun afterwards.

As always a lot of effort is put in behind the scenes to make these events a success, if you can, please try and support our PTFA. There is no facility for card payments...so bring plenty of cash. 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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## Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We can't believe the year has almost come to an end. It is an exciting time! We will be saying goodbye to some of our friends moving up to Reception, welcome back to others and hello to new friends starting in September.

A few reminders for next week. Next Tuesday will be our Nursery Graduation for our children moving up to Reception. It will be at 9.15am in the Hall. Families are welcome to attend. After dropping your child off to Nursery, please head into the Sports Hall to find a seat and wait as we do our morning register and lunches. We will be finished between 9.45-10.00am.

Wednesday is our Strawberry Teas in the afternoon at 1:30pm. Our morning children are invited to come back with their costumes to participate in our Dance and a reminder our costume is blue trousers, skirt or shorts and a yellow top. Our 2-year-olds are invited to attend the morning session from 8:55-11:55am. They will not be in the dance but are welcome to come back to Strawberry Teas as well to watch with their grownups and participate in all the following fun activities in the afternoon.

There is still time to buy raffle tickets and contribute to our rainbow raffle. Please see the PTA Newsletter for upcoming dates and activities coming up.

We look forward to a fun week and please ask us if you have any questions and we will see you next week.

**Reception – GD – Grace Darling - Miss Kirkley**

**Strawberry Teas** - Please can children bring in to school their Strawberry Teas outfit in a bag. Staff will get children changed after their lunch.

**Strawberry Teas outfit** - All black clothing (it doesn't matter what your child wears as long as it is all black) or an old Halloween costume if they have one and suitable shoes for dancing in. We are dancing to 'One Way or Another' from the film Hocus Pocus 2.

**Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young – Mrs Halliday/Mrs Cowie**

It's the final need to know of the year, wow! Thank you for all your support this year. We had a blast! The year has flown but they do say time flies when you're having fun. We hope you all have a wonderful summer 😊

A few things for next week:

Please can all:

-library books

-reading books

-blue homework folders and reading folders be returned to school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July if not already returned to school.

Please can you send a backpack / strong bag into school so children can carry all their year 1 school books safely and easily home.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Strawberry teas outfits- Children can wear their outfit to come into school on Wednesday morning ready for strawberry teas performance during the afternoon.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Toy Day – please bring one toy or game into school to play with on Friday.

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

**Strawberry Teas** – Please can children come dressed in bright, colourful clothing and accessories (if they wish) for their strawberry teas dance to 'Can't stop the feeling' from the movie Trolls. Please ensure your child is wearing shoes that they can dance in (not sandals or flip flops).

**Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray**

This year has seemed to go in a flash and before we know it, this is the final need to know! Thank you all for your amazing support throughout the year and I hope you all have a wonderful summer. A couple of final things for next week to note: Dress rehearsal is on Monday so please send in your child's outfit in a labelled bag which will then stay in school until Wednesday's performance.

Please also send in a strong carrier bag / empty rucksack on Monday so I can send home your child's books from the year. Hope to see you all at Strawberry Teas!

**Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau**

It is our final week of Year 4, where has the time gone? Everyone has worked so hard this year, and all children deserve a good rest, but before they can truly relax we have a few last-minute things to take care of.

The dress rehearsal is on Monday so please send in your child's outfit in a labelled bag which will then stay in school until Wednesday's performance. A reminder, their costume is something that shows their individuality, as long as it is comfortable and they can dance in it.

Please also send in a strong carrier bag / empty rucksack on Monday so we can send home your child's books from the year.

On Thursday we will be watching a movie in class so children can bring in a small snack to enjoy while watching.

On the last day, children can bring in toys and games from home (nothing electronic please) for us to share, play and enjoy together.

Thank you for all the support you've given children throughout the year, hope to see you all at Strawberry Teas!

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

Hi everyone 😊

Dress rehearsal for Strawberry Teas is on Monday so please send in your child's outfit in a labelled bag (if you haven't already of course). This will stay in school until Wednesday's performance. Please also send in a strong bag on Monday so we can send home your child's books from the year. Also, a final, final call for any reading and library books!

It's been a super year in Year 5 and your children have been an absolute joy to teach. In the final week, we'll make time to watch Kensuke's Kingdom (having read the book together last term) as a class treat. On the last day, children can bring in toys and games from home (nothing electronic please) for us to share, play and enjoy together.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all of you for your support and input over the year. Enjoy the sunshine everyone and hope to see you all at Strawberry Teas!

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

Can you really believe that next week is the last week? Looking forward to seeing you at Strawberry Teas, Head Teacher's Assembly and the Leaver's assembly. Not to mention the Leaver's party.

Dress rehearsal on Monday – please send costumes in on Monday morning if they aren't already hanging up in school.

On Tuesday/Wednesday morning next week (whichever day has the best forecast), we are planning a trip to the park. I will confirm this after the weekend once we see what the forecast will be. Children would be welcome to come to school wearing comfy clothes suitable for the park including a water bottle and suncream if required.

A final shout out for any books to be returned to school. Please look behind the sofa and under the bed!

Children will need to bring a sturdy bag (carrier bag/rucksack) into school next week to carry their books home. Please could this come into school on Monday so it is ready to go when we are ready to pack it!

Reminders -

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 in 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!

Please can all baby/toddler/young child photos be sent to [gillianlawson@gatedu.org](mailto:gillianlawson@gatedu.org) as soon as possible. Around 5-6 per child will be perfect. I need these by Saturday to start editing. Any problems, please pop in and see me.

**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
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)