



No Class News for: Year 2 FN, Year 4 FWD and Year 6

PE Days



- SG** - Tuesday (Morning)
- GD** - Wednesday
- TY** - Monday and Thursday
- FN** - Monday and Wednesday
- MLK** – Tuesday and Friday
- FWD** - Tuesday and Wednesday
- BR** - Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday
- MY** – Tuesday (including swimming for some children) and Friday

Individual school photographs



Individual school photographs will be taken at school on the morning of Wednesday 24th September. If you would like a photograph of siblings together (or with siblings not in school) please arrive at school for 8.30am, we will do them on a first come first served basis, and will start individual photos after these.

Sibling photographs will not be taken as a blanket group unless requested beforehand.

After School Clubs Autumn 1

Clubs this term are:

- Tuesday – Years 1-3 - Football – NU Foundation - £18.00
- Wednesday – Years 4-6 - Pickle Palace – Hannah Reay -£18.00
- Thursday – Years 4-6 - Music – Chad - £18.00



Clubs run for 6 weeks 15th Sept – 24th October 3.15-4.15pm. If your child would like a place in a club please email highspen@gatedu.org, we will then add the payment and consent to Gateway. Places are given on a first come first served basis and must be paid for in advance. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a fun-filled busy week getting to know each other and doing lots of new activities. We have started our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle programme, helping develop our gross and fine motor skills, we have had lots of sharing about what we like and dislike. And we have enjoyed being outside everyday thanks to our new covered area rain or shine. Unfortunately, ClassDojo is on pause this week as we wait for our new iPad to capture our wow moments this week. Hopefully we will be posting again next week for grownups of our 3-4's who have signed up.

Just a little reminder that as the weather changes, your child is welcome to bring in a set of wellies if they would like to keep them at school as our children love to play in the muddy wooded area of our EY yard. Thank you and have a fantastic weekend.

Reception – GD – Miss Kirkley

Hello at home. We have had such a busy week, getting to know each other, making new friendships, playing name games to support everyone recognising their own name and learning the classroom rules. We have even managed to start math's and phonics.....pew!

Your child will bring home their reading folder this weekend. Inside their folders you will find a couple of letters explaining what everything is and how you can use them at home to support your child's home learning. In phonics this week we have been learning the letter sounds, S, A, T. Please practice writing these letter sounds at home as much as possible. There are rhymes inside your child's folder to help with letter formation.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday xx

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

Ready Steady Cook! Year 1 will be taking part in Pickle Palace sessions at the end of this term. Please read the letter (sent via the school office) and sign up to one of the dates so you can cook with your child. Please only sign up to one day. Your child will only be cooking once.

Library books – Our library session is every Monday Afternoon. Your child brought their first library book home this week. Please return this book for our next library visit. If the book is not returned your child will not be able to bring a different book home.

Thank you 😊

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

Thank you for supporting your child with their first week of homework - it was so nice to see so many folders back in with homework and reading done. A reminder that forest school is on again next Friday and the following Friday – (morning sessions - 19th and 26th.) Thank you!

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock




Hi everyone 😊

Another BIG well done to all the children in Class BR – it's been a super week!

Our first session at the swimming pool went very well and the swimming teachers were impressed with the effort everyone showed.

Hopefully you have seen the homework folders that went home on Wednesday. Please help your child find time and space to complete the tasks which link to our learning in class. We also visited the library this week to choose reading books. Recording reading at home is one of the weekly tasks. Folders are due back in on Monday please so that we can look through the homework together in class.

Thank you and have a good weekend!



FIT&FREE

Are you a Young Carer or know someone who is?

We are currently looking for Young Carers that would like to have some time to themselves and to get involved in some free sessions, Participating in some fun sporting activities.

A Young Carer is anyone that is under 18 years old who cares for a family member due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or addiction. This will give you a chance to meet new people, other young carers around the same age. This will also give you the opportunity to try different types of activities, most importantly have fun and get fit. Young Carers are not alone.

If you think this could be you or know someone that might benefit from this and would like more information, please get in touch at Laurahenderson@carerstrusttw.org.uk

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IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?



yes until...

CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	if your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

NO



CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

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 – Autumn Term 1 2025/2026

Date	Event
Friday 12 th September	Daisy Chain parent session 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 24 th September	Individual school photos
Friday 26 th September	Green, Gold and Pink Day
Wednesday 1 st Oct – Friday 3 rd Oct	Robinwood Trip
Wednesday 8 th October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 24 th October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
27 th October – 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	First day of Autumn term 2

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)