



No Class News for: Y4 FWD.

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



PTFA Halloween Disco - Monday 20th October 2025



No Crossing Patrol

There will be no Mrs Mullis – School crossing patrol from the 1st - 3rd October 2025, please be careful crossing the roads. Thank you



Flu Immunisations – 8th October 2025



As you will know, all school children in the UK are offered their flu vaccination in school in the autumn or early winter before the flu season typically starts in December or January. This ensures your children have the best protection when flu starts to spread.

Our school session will be on Wednesday 8th October 2025

The online consent can be accessed via any online device.

Please click on the following link

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **NB108340**

Consent submissions will close 48 working hours before the school session date. You can call the school immunization team on 0191 2828976 to complete a consent after that but may have to attend a clinic instead.

HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy, healthy children achieving their full potential.



EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY

Thursday 23rd October 2025
Drop in from 1:30pm – 2pm or from 4pm - 5pm

For all prospective parents, carers and children

Are you interested in applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception class in 2026?

Why not come along to our open day, where you will find out more about who we are and what we do. Bring your child(ren) along too to see our EY setting and what we offer! We would also like to invite you to look around 'big school' and get a real feel for what High Spen Primary School is all about. We are sure you won't be disappointed 😊

Places available in 2026 for

Reception

Nursery
3 - 4 Year olds
15 and 30 hours

Nursery
2 year olds
15 hours

Funded and paying sessions available



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Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a wonderful first half of the Autumn 1 term. As we head into the next four weeks, we have a few reminders we would like to share. If you have not sent in an extra change of clothes, please send in a change to help as we head into the muddy season. Also, as we head into the muddy season feel free to bring in a set of wellies that you are welcome to keep in nursery. Currently we are short wellies to loan and welcome any donations you may have please. Thank you for your kind donations of baked goods and money for our pink, green gold day today. Enjoy the weekend and see you next week. ~The Nursery Team~

Reception – GD – Grace Darling - Miss Kirkley

Hello at home. Another fabulous week we have had in Reception. This week we have been learning the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m. Please practice recognising and forming these letters.

A little message from Hannah Pickle Palace:

I have loved meeting you and your children so far at Pickle Palace. I can't wait to meet the last group next week. Would you mind spending five minutes filling in the survey below using the QR code. This will help me to plan future sessions. Thank you, Hannah.



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

Hello at home. We have had a fantastic 4 weeks in Year 1 so far and it is going to get even more exciting in the weeks to come. We are so proud of your children, they have been impressing us each week with their hard work. Thank you for your support it is very much appreciated.

Pickle Palace

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Pickle Place cooking sessions. If you have not signed up for a session and you would like to, please call the office to book either Wednesday 15th October or Wednesday 22nd October afternoon cooking.

Muddy Monster sessions -

It's our turn to get involved in forest school! Friday 3rd / 10th / 17th October 2025. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in warm appropriate clothing for the weather. If there is a chance of rain, please send waterproof suits, coats and footwear please. We will walk to the woods after lunch and return before the end of the school day so on these dates we will not be joining certificate assemblies.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

The children in Year 2 are settling into routines and making fantastic progress! Thank you for all of your support with spelling, reading and homework, it really is making such a difference. Just to remind everyone that reading and blue homework folders are to be returned every Thursday please. This allows us the time to mark and return your children's folders every Friday.

We have noticed that some children bring two bags into school (a rucksack and a red folder bag). We understand bags are helpful to carry lunchboxes, water bottles etc but if it does help, we actually only need your child to bring a bag on a Thursday and Friday. The red folder bags are ideal for this so children can carry their reading and homework folders to/from school. Our cloakroom is quite tight so any day you can avoid sending big rucksack bags would make accessibility a bit easier! Many thanks for your support with this.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

You will notice a QR code attached to your child's spellings next week. Scan the QR code on a device with a camera / internet access and this will take you to a game called 'Spooky Spellings.' The game has the correct spellings loaded for your child to practise as a fun way of consolidation. If you can't access this, don't worry about it – just something to try out if you can.

Forest school has now finished so PE days are back to a Tuesday and Friday. Thank you.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hello everyone 😊

In the week ahead, we'll be kick-starting our push on Oracy (speaking, listening and communication) by taking part in Voice 21's Oracy October. The theme is Listen Up! and we will try out a new challenge each week.

On Thursday, we will talk with an archaeologist, handle artefacts and learn more about Prehistoric Britain. It will be a wonderful opportunity to discover what archaeologists do and learn how they unearth the past.

It's been great to see the David Walliams books fly off our bookshelves! Your child can return their DW book any day and exchange it for a new one. We will visit the library on Friday to change library books too.

Y6 residential expression of interest

Thank you to those who have already replied to this. Ideally, we need a response from all parents/carers so that we can make decisions. As it stands, the current provider we use would allocate us one group for the number of responses we have had. Should two more people respond with a 'yes' then we will need to book two groups however this means we need to take a minimum of 20 children and we don't have enough 'yes' responses to commit to that yet. The number of groups we choose to take will determine the dates they will offer. Please, please, please could you respond by Monday 29th October so we can make decisions and get a booking in place for 2026. As always, if you need to discuss anything then just reach out.

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

Next week is certainly a different one. Teaching will happen as normal on Monday and Tuesday though Mrs Lawson will be teaching on Tuesday as Mrs Heron is on a course. Then on Wednesday, we are off to Robinwood. Please catch Mrs Heron or Mrs Lawson after school if there is anything else we need to know and don't forget to bring any medication/travel sickness tablets with you to school on Wednesday morning to hand over to an adult. If there any further changes to medical information etc these can be added to forms on Wednesday morning.

DT project – Between Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd October, children will be making their DT electrical project. Please start to collect cardboard boxes of various sizes and other junk modelling which may be useful. There will be an opportunity to come into school on the afternoons of some of these days to work alongside your child - watch this space.

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 and 2 2025/2026

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 st Oct – Friday 3 rd Oct	Robinwood Trip
Wednesday 8 th October	Flu Immunisations
Monday 20 th October	PTFA Halloween party
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
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper and Bring a bottle
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 and KS2 Performances
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 and KS2 Performances
Thursday 18 th December	KS1 (PM) and KS2 (AM) Party
Friday 19 th December	Christingle and last day of 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)