



High Spen Primary School Newsletter Week 6, W/B 13th October 2025

No Class News for: Nursery, Rec, Y3 and Y4

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



Parent Appointments

Parent Appointments will be held week beginning the 10th November 2025. A letter has been sent home with your child, please return this with your appointment choice.

Thanks

Sign in / out

Please remember all children must be signed in and out via the Ipad at the school office if they are arriving late or leaving early for any reason. This is essential for fire safety and safeguarding children. Thank you



Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a wonderful week 6 of the term and have started exploring the theme of family. We would love it if you could please send in a photo of the family that lives in your home next week as we are working on a display with the children. We are happy to borrow the photo and make a copy or if you can provide a copy that would be wonderful.

Also, we would like to send a friendly reminder to please return borrowed clothing and shoe items as we have a shortage of wellies, small black shoes (sizes 6-11) and girls' knickers at the moment. Thank you to everyone who has sent back borrowed items and thank you to everyone who has sent in a bag of spare clothing for your child. Enjoy this Autumnal weekend and we will see you next week.

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

Hello at home. Year 1 loved their first session with Hannah from Pickle Palace. Year 1 Pickle Palace cooking sessions will be on Wednesday 15th and Wednesday 22th October. If you would like to cook with your child don't forget to book one slot with the school office.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

Forest school dates– on **Friday 24th October** then after half term on **Friday 7th and 14th November** will be Y2's turn to go to Forest school. Our sessions will be in the morning so please send children into school in suitable clothing and footwear for the woods. We will return to school in time for lunch but if your child wishes to bring a small snack with them they are welcome to. Children must wear a waterproof coat, suitable footwear and have a water bottle. Please can your child bring a change of clothes, socks and indoor footwear so they can get changed into dry, clean clothes for the afternoon session. This doesn't need to be uniform, just warm, comfortable clothes and socks please.

Show and Tell – each Friday afternoon, to encourage speaking and listening skills, Y2 are invited to share any photographs of experiences or items from home. If parents wish to share these or any news they can contact school by sending photographs/news via the school email highspen@gatedu.org

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

This week's homework will be the final one for this half term. Please help your child find time and space to complete the tasks and return their folder on Monday morning. Overall, homework so far this term has been great! Follow-up in class has helped us gauge how well children understand key learning and clear up any questions or misunderstandings.

We'll be visiting our school Library on Tuesday so remind your child to return their book before then if they would like to swap it for a new one. They can bring back David Walliams books any day and swap them over in class – we've plenty to try!

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

Robinwood 2025

It is safe to say this was a huge success. One of the best groups we have ever taken with us. Not only because they tried everything (despite wobbles) but because they got on so well with each other and it was commented on by lots of Robinwood staff what a pleasure they were to be with. And the first school asleep among 150 children! Back in school in this week, it is fair to say that we have all been a little tired and yet they have carried on giving their best. You really couldn't ask for anything more. We look forward to building on the amazing achievements at Robinwood particularly in confidence and self-esteem. I have a feeling this is going to be a great year! Finally, a huge thank you from us for giving us the opportunity to work with these gorgeous people. (Friday fluff if every you saw some!)

DT project

Parents/carers/adults from home are invited in to join in the fun of Y6s DT project on:

Tuesday 21st October (1:00 – 3:00)

Wednesday 22nd October (9:00 – 10:30)

Please remember to keep collecting any junk modelling including cardboard (larger and smaller boxes), plastic bottles/large milk cartons as well as smaller items that could be useful. Children will be tasked with designing and making a toy/game which contains an electrical circuit. We will need all the help we can get if they come up with 16 different designs. These can start coming into school as we have space to store them this year.

Message from the PTFA

Christmas Cards

Yes, I know it's only October but here's a chance to support the PTFA whilst having your child's amazing artwork printed on to cards, mugs, coasters etc. Information and artwork will be sent home next week.

Christmas Raffle

We very much need help with raffle prizes for our Christmas raffle, if you work for a business who you think may be able to donate please could you ask them, anything will be appreciated if they can. Thank you



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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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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
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
W/B 10 th November	Parent appointments
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)