



**We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the New Year on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

New PE Days – Spring term 1



**SG** - Tuesday (Morning)

**GD** - Wednesday

**TY** - Monday and Thursday

**FN** - Monday and Wednesday

**MLK** – Tuesday and Friday

**FWD** - Tuesday (swimming) and Tuesday (coach)

**BR** - Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday

**MY** – Wednesday and Friday

**No Class news for:** Reception GD and Y2 FN

**Taxi for 2025!**

My goodness that was quick. What a super year in so many ways, rounded off with a spine tingly Christmas Christingle this morning.

The end of the school year has been crammed with fantastic moments, grown-ups in school supporting your children to shine bright like the stars they are. Just fabulous!

So, let's make a deal to enjoy the festivities and rest up ready to make the most of the opportunities 2026 will offer us all.

Merry Christmas,  
Mr Firth

**What a Wonderful Week at School!**

We've had an amazing final week at High Spen filled with festive cheer and community spirit. Our Christmas performances were truly magical, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our pupils.

The celebrations continued with fun-filled parties, and our choir brought joy to the wider community by singing beautifully at Dove Cote. We rounded off the week in the most special way with a heartfelt Christingle service at the church, reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

A huge thank you to our wonderful families for their support and to our dedicated staff for making this week so memorable. Your efforts and enthusiasm truly make our school a special place!



**After School Clubs**

After School Clubs for Spring 1 are:



- **Tuesday – Football - Y3 to Y6 - 7 weeks £21.00**
- **Wednesday – Waste Warriors with Pickle Palace – Y1 and Y2 - 6 weeks £18.00 (no club 07.01.2026)**
- **Thursday – Music - Y3 to Y6 - 7 weeks £21.00**

**All clubs run 3.15pm-4.15pm**

Please email school on [highspen@gatedu.org](mailto:highspen@gatedu.org) as clubs are first come first served.

All Clubs must be paid for in advance.

If your child would like a place on any clubs, a payment request with consent will be sent via School Gateway.

Thank you

**Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge**

Greetings from Nursery! Well done on a wonderful last week of the Autumn 2 term. We are so proud of your Nativity performance. You were amazing and all your hard work shined through on Wednesday morning. We hope everyone has a restful and fun break. Happy Holidays and we will see you in the New Year. Best Wishes, The Nursery Team

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

What a fantastic final week of term! Well done to all the children in Year 1, we are so proud of your gorgeous singing during the Nativity.

During the first week back our library sessions will start again on Monday afternoon. Please return any library books which you have at home. If you are unsure of your child's book title please ask a member of Year 1 staff.

All folders (clear reading folder and blue homework folder) should be returned to school each week. Your child's reading folder should be in school every day. Homework folders to be returned every Thursday. This allows staff to read, check, and change all children's work.

We will be heading back to Chopwell Woods for Muddy Monsters on **Friday afternoons** for **weeks 4, 5 and 6**. (30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb) On these weeks, please send your child to school with a change of weather appropriate clothing and suitable footwear for an afternoon in the woods.

Thank you so much for the gorgeous gifts this Christmas. We were incredibly touched by your kindness and generosity. Your thoughtful gift is very much appreciated by the Year 1 team. Thank you so much for all the support you have given your child at home this term. It has really helped their learning, and we truly appreciate it. We wish you all a Merry Christmas!. We will see you in the New Year.

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

Forest school is back for Y3 on Friday mornings for weeks 1-3 (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January) in Spring 1. Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm with lots of layers as it will be cold! We will then have PE on a Friday morning (as well as the Tuesday) once forest school is finished. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! 😊

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

Well Done to everyone's efforts so far this year. You have all earned a restful break. Happy Holidays everyone and we will see you in the New Year.

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

Have a lovely Christmas holiday everyone 🎅 See you in the New Year!

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

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas holiday and that it is full of fun, family time and rest. See you all in 2026!

MY begin the New Year with Forest School. Our slot is in the afternoon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please send your child in appropriate clothes and footwear according to the weather. Your child is welcome to bring a drink and snack. Certificates will be given in class for these three weeks to allow us to maximise our time in the woods with Phil. Thank you :)

**If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.**

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring term 1
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception vision screening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring term 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	First Day of Spring Term 2
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 – That History Bloke
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Occasional Day (School closed)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Visit
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term2