



## High Spen Primary School Newsletter Week 23, W/b 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### PE Days – New for Spring 2

**SG** - Tuesday AM

**GD** - Wednesday

**TY** - Monday and Thursday

**FN** - Monday and Friday

**MLK** – Tuesday (swimming / PE for those not swimming) and Wednesday.

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

**BR** – Tuesday (coach) and Thursday

**MY** – Tuesday (coach) and Friday



**No Class news for:** Y3 MLK, Y4 FWD and Y6 MY

### Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will take place week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you do not have an appointment booked, please contact Mrs Hutchinson in the school office to arrange a suitable time. Thank you

**Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge** Greetings from Nursery. We have had a fantastic first week back. Yesterday was a wonderful World Book Day in Nursery and we read so much. Fyi, we are sending their Book Day vouchers home today.

Also a gentle reminder to please not send your child in with crisps or sweets for breakfast. We work to promote healthy eating at school and are happy to provide them with a piece of fruit if they have missed breakfast. Please feel free to see one of us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this and thank you for your help in this matter.

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

I hope your children all enjoyed World Book Day this week. They all looked fabulous.

Please check your child's reading folder as some children have new Harder to Read and Spell words to learn. Well, done to everyone who has completed the first and second set of words.

Our reception Class Dojo is now up and running, keep an eye out for any updates/photos and messages about your gorgeous children. If you have not signed up yet but still want to please come and see Miss Kirkley. Phonics letter sounds learnt this week are Ch (chew the chunky chip) and Sh (the shabby ship shook)

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

Hello, please remember to return library books every Monday please. Children can swap books during our afternoon session.

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

**Homework** – This week we are keeping reading folders in school so we can update yellow logs from spelling assessments. Therefore this week, there will just be a piece of Maths homework and 5 spellings to learn. Reading folders will be issued as normal after this week. If any reading folders are at home, please return them next week.

**Forest school** – Our last session for Forest school is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. Please send you child dressed in warm clothing and a waterproof coat. It is essential that boots are worn and a change of shoes for when we return to school as footwear gets very muddy. Please also send a change of clothing and socks so children are warm and dry for the afternoon session.

**PE** – Our PE sessions are every Monday and Friday so once Forest school finishes, please send your child into school in PE kits every Monday and Friday (from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March)

**Telling the Time** – In Maths we have been learning to read the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock (clock with hands). As this is a very difficult concept, please practise this as much as possible with your child at home to help build their confidence at recalling time. Many thanks for your support.

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

Hi everyone 😊

Spring 2 homework started this week. Hopefully, you saw the homework folders come home on Wednesday. As usual, please help your child find the time and space to complete the tasks. Folders are due back in on Monday morning so that we can look through the homework together in class.

Our third springtime Forest School session will be on Friday 13 March. We will be going after lunch but children can come dressed for the woods in the morning. Please ensure they have plenty of layers, waterproofs and suitable waterproof footwear. They can bring these in a bag and wear other shoes or trainers during the morning.

Thank you all. Looking forward to seeing you for parent and carer meetings next week!

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

Date	Event
Thursday 26th 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	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

## Messages from the community

### Neurodevelopment support event

The next one is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 12:30-2:30pm at Blaydon Family Hub.

Professionals who will be attending:

Children and Young People service (CYPS)  
 Gateshead Authority School/ Education  
 Early Help  
 Family hubs  
 Daisy Chain  
 Toby Henderson  
 Parents Carer Forum  
 Neurodiversity Citizen advice  
 SEN Support Space  
 Choice Wellbeing service  
 Kooth  
 Better  
 Connected Voice

Do you think your child may have  
**ADHD OR  
 AUTISM**  
 or maybe they are already on the  
 neurodevelopmental assessment pathway?

**Come along to one of our  
 Neurodevelopment support events to  
 talk to organisations who can help!**

Running throughout 2026, these free, drop-in sessions offer practical advice, early help and information from local services.

Find all dates, times and exhibitors here:

Gateshead Council LOCAL OFFER FAMILY HUBS

[www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support)