



## 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



## The Easter Holidays start on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Thank you

**No Class news for:** Nursery, Reception, Y1 TY, Y4 FWD and Y5 BR

## Belong Easter Event

This morning we had a special assembly to look at the links to other counties shared so far as part of our Belong Easter Event next Thursday. We've created our very own 'layer' on Google Maps and when viewed on Google Earth, it allows the children to literally spin the world and zoom in on our collective 'dropped pins' with information shared by families.

It isn't too late to share your links - <https://forms.office.com/e/kSCNEB6Gci>

Some families have kindly offered to share further information / photos – please send these in next week and we will build in time to share with 'High Spen Families' on Thursday morning. Children will then work in High Spen Families to create flags and fact files for the country they are given. The vision - a giant map of the world in the hall with fact files and photos of our links as a school to the wider world. If the technology works, we can share this digitally for you to explore at home too.

If your awesome human is in Nursery or Reception, please still complete the form. Although the EY children will be enjoying their Spring Spud Challenge instead of the country fact files, it would still be great to share their links to the wider world on our giant map.

### WORLD WITH LANDMARKS



## Brain Tumour Research - 'Wear A Hat To School Day'

Our wear a hat day on Thursday was a huge success with the whole school community coming together to show care, compassion and a canny few donations - to a family who have navigated something that would test any of us.

Just great to see folk turning up in their hats and then queuing to show their support at the cake sale.

Thanks to all those who donated, chopped up and sold, or bought cakes.

A special moment at chez Spen!

**A huge £320 was raised for a great cause.**



## Children's Cancer Run, Sunday 17th May 2026 - Final week for the Early Bird Offer.

We would love for you and your family to join our school team at this year's Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park.

The Children's Cancer Run is a cross-country family fun run with a Mini (1km), three, and five-mile route to choose from. The charity event is organised by **Children's Cancer North** and is once again being supported by Greggs. We are very excited to be participating in this event and would like to invite you to join us for what promises

to be a fun filled family day out.



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

**Homework and reading folders** are to be returned every Thursday please. **Library books** to be returned every Friday please.

**Telling the time** – a huge thank you to all parents who have been doing extra practice on reading the time to the nearest 5 minutes at home....we can really tell the difference! Telling the time is a real challenge so please keep up the regular practice at home so children’s confidence and speed of reading the time keeps improving. Thank you again for all of your support.

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

Firstly, a huge well done to Frankie - who is our writer of the half term! His wonderful work is displayed on our ‘Writer’s Wall’ in school.

Thank you for your efforts with homework and reading over the past few weeks! There will be no official homework next week for the last week but any of the following that you can practically do at home will always be really helpful:

X tables recall facts – we have just introduced the 6’s so any quizzing on this (up to 12 x 6) plus division facts would be great! I’ll be doing a quiz after Easter to check children’s knowledge of 4,8 and 6 specifically (plus division facts alongside) to see if they can answer within as close to 5 seconds as possible. The more prepared they are for this the better. 😊 Timestables.co.uk is great for initial practise and then when your child feels confident a ‘Topmarks Daily 10’ quiz will allow them to practise with different amounts of time to answer, with 5 seconds being an option. I recently assessed the children’s knowledge of 2,5,10 and 3 for quick recall (rather than counting up) and the progress there is amazing, now we can focus on the 4,8 and 6.

Digital Time – We have also recently introduced 12 hour digital time- so any practise at home with this would also be great. Comparing analogue to digital / working out how many minutes an activity takes in both analogue and digital etc Topmarks interactive clock will allow you to move between analogue and digital time for practise. If you feel your child has 12 hour digital cracked, the next step would be 24 hour.

Many thanks for your continued support and here’s to a fun filled final week of Spring term! 😊

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

By the time you read this email, your wonderful cherubs will have completed their Reading Mock SATs paper. They were so calm and collected! Next week, they will have the chance to take on papers for SPAG and Maths from Monday to Wednesday. Please plan in plenty of rest over the weekend and we look forward to seeing them fresh on Monday morning ready to show us how amazing they all are. No homework this week.

Date	Event
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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Beamish Trip – Letter to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
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

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

Messages from the Community



\*\*\* EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS \*\*\*

Michelangelo's, Ryton, 10-3pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Order a delicious Italian takeaway to be delivered to the woods! (£35 per day with own food / £40 per day with food) suitable for children from Reception age and upwards.

Activities can include campfire and e'mores, fire lighting, mud, sand and water play, outdoor crafts, mud kitchen, tools, hammocks, messy play, hill climbing and free time to explore.



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- School Trips



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## Easter Dance Camp

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13-17 April  
9am-5pm  
Ages 5-15

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