



PE Days – New for Summer 1

Nursery SG - Tuesday AM

Rec GD - Friday

Y1 TY - Monday and Thursday

Y2 FN - Thursday and Friday (for two weeks only then back to Wednesday and Friday)

Y3 MLK – Tuesday (swimming / PE for those not swimming) and Friday.

Y4 FWD- Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Y5 BR – Tuesday and Thursday

Y6 MY – Tuesday and Friday



Forest School Sessions – Summer 1

Please ensure children wear suitable clothing and footwear for their Muddy Monsters session at the woods. Thank you



Date	AM	PM
24/04/26	Y1 TY	Y4 FWD
01/05/26	Y1 TY	Y4 FWD
08/05/26	Y1 TY	Y4 FWD
15/05/26	Y5 BR	Nursery SG
22/05/26	Y5 BR	Nursery SG

No Class news for: Nursery, Reception and Y6 MY

After School Clubs - Summer 1 - 20.04.2026-22.04.2026

We still have places in some of our afterschool clubs . All clubs will run for 5 weeks and must be paid in advance.

All clubs are £15.00 for the half term

Tuesday -	3.15-4.15pm	Summer Sports	Year 3 to Year 6
Wednesday -	3.15-4.30pm	Pickle Palace	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday -	3.15-4.15pm	Music	Year 3 to Year 6
Thursday -	3.15-4.15pm	Basketball	Year 1 to Year 6



If your child would like a place on an After School Club, please email the school office at highspen@gatedu.org

Gregg's Children's Cancer Run 2026 – Sunday 17th May 2026

Congratulations to those families who have signed up.



We have been allocated Car Park A and have been given a starting time of 11:05am. Please can we aim to meet in the School Meeting Area at 10:45am which is organised alphabetically by school. If you have not been before, please allow plenty of time as it can be very busy. We will need to stick to the start time as best we can so if anyone is running late, just make your way to the start when you are ready and set off at your own pace. We will hopefully see you at the end.

There is a Schools' Reunion area at the end which is also organised alphabetically.

For anyone who is still thinking of joining us, online registrations are open until midnight on Wednesday 13th May, but runners can still come along and register to take part in person on either Saturday 16th May (10:00am – 1:00pm) or Sunday 17th May (event day between 9:00am and 12:00pm) at Newcastle Racecourse.

We are expecting run packs (t-shirts/numbers) to be delivered at the start of May so will let you know when these arrive.

Thank you

A huge thank you to J & A plants at Silver Hills and Tom and Joe's at Wylam for donating plants for our nursery garden as a response from our school councillor letters. Mrs Bainbridge tells me they are already doing the job of keeping the cats away so the area is safe for our nursery friends to play in! Thank you school councillors, top job! 🌻🌱



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

What a lovely first week back!

Year 1 library session will now take place every Tuesday afternoon. Please return library books weekly so that your child can pick a new book to enjoy at home. Thank you.

As we have forest school for the next two weeks, we will not be having a PE session for the next two Thursdays so please send your child to school in uniform :)

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

Homework - Over the next few weeks, children will be given their two reading books and a Maths booklet to help recap key skills your child has learnt throughout Y2. Please look out for a separate letter in their homework folder to explain how to complete Maths booklets. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

PE day changes – For the next two weeks, we are lucky to have two sessions with a basketball coach so we will swap our Wednesday sessions to a Thursday for these coach led sessions. Therefore, on **Thursday 30th April** and **Thursday 7th May** please send your child into school in PE kits. After this, our PE sessions will change back to a Wednesday afternoon. I will keep you posted on these changes.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

We've had a super first week back in Y3, everyone has worked so hard. A huge well done to all!

You should have received a letter for our Beamish trip this week, if not – please let me know. Thank you 😊

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau

What an exciting first week we've had. We had our whole class session with Hannah on Wednesday, all about Pickle palace and how to be waste warriors. We will begin our small group cooking sessions from next week. The class will be split to be able to work with Hannah. As usual parents are welcome to join and share the cooking experience. Check the following list to see which session you and your child will be taking part.

Wednesday afternoon – 29th April.

Max
Logan
Harrison
Emily
Jax
Aaron
Zach
Teddy
Lennox
Charlotte

Wednesday afternoon 6th May

Millie
Sophia
Louis
Joey
Joseph
Elliot
Darcy
Jackson
Olivia
Oliver

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊 It's been a fab start to Summer term - even the sun has shone this week!

Look out for the class newsletter coming home. There's also a letter with information about the Bikeability cycle training scheme which will be taking place in the week beginning 18 May. If your child is interested in taking part, please return the consent form by 1 May.

Please also help your child find and return any Featured Author Michael Morpurgo books that may still be at home. We will soon be revealing our new Featured Author for the summer. We will have a library session next week too so children can take out a new book if they return the one they have borrowed.

Finally, homework for Year 5 will start up again next week (so make the most of the weekend off)!

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 2025/2026

Date	Event
Thursday 30 th April	Author in School
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 3 Beamish Trip – Letter to follow
Thursday 7 th May	Local election – School open all day, will be used as a Polling station
Mon 11 th – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer Term 1
25th - 29th May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 st June	First day of Summer Term 2
Thursday 18 th June	Class Photographs
Friday 19th June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22nd June	Occasional Day (School closed)
Monday 29 th June	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Visit
6 th – 10 th July	Sports Week
Wednesday 15 th July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Summer Term2

2026/2027 Term dates

Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Tuesday 1 September 2026	26 to 30 October 20256	Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 4 January 2027	15 to 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 12 April 2027	1 to 4 June 2027 (Bank holiday 31 May)	Friday 16 July 2027

All dates are inclusive. In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on **Monday 3 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. These dates for **High Spen Primary** are proposed as **Tuesday 01.09.26 and Monday 21.06.27**, we do have one less Inset/Professional development day than usual this year but we do get 7 weeks summer holidays as the proposed return date is Monday 6 September 2027.

Messages from the Community

It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

We all play at:
Greenside Cricket Club

Session dates:
Friday 22th May to 10th July

Session timings:	Ages:
All Stars (5-8 years) 6 - 6.45pm	5 - 11 years
Dynamos (8-11 years) 6 - 7pm	Contact: theallstars.greensidecc@gmail.com

Including a FREE personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IN GATESHEAD?

Meeting online on Tuesday 5 May at 10.30am

Share your views of childcare in our focus group.

Receive a £25 shopping voucher for taking part.

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<https://www.coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk/gateshead-online-discussion-group/>



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or sign up online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>



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What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>
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