



PE Days – New for Summer 1

Nursery SG - Tuesday AM

Rec GD - Friday

Y1 TY - Monday and Thursday

Y2 FN - 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: Reception, Year 1 TY, Year 3 MLK and Year 4 FWD

Warmer weather



Now the warmer weather is upon us please send children into school with a water bottle and suncream (labelled if possible). Then we can all enjoy the fun that the sunshine brings.

Class Newsletters

Please check the class pages on the school website for the Class newsletters and plans.



A fab day at Beamish

Year 3 had a fabulous day at Beamish on Wednesday, they started with a journey on the Beamish bus down to the school where they then took part in a reenactment of a Victorian lesson. They had a play in the school yard, enjoyed their lunch then headed to the farm. They also looked in lots of the houses along the way and importantly asked loads of interesting questions to the staff members there. All staff have commented on how amazing the children’s behaviour was all day and members of the public stopped to tell us this too. Well done

Y 3!



Visiting speaker from UK Parliament

we have to share how insightful and utterly amazing your children were in our special KS2 assembly on Thursday. We welcomed a visiting speaker from UK Parliament who gave us a great walk through of all things democracy. One of the jobs the children had to do was to agree the qualities they would wish an MP to have. We were blown away with their answers:-

- be kind
- be a good leader
- be calm under pressure
- be able to see things from other points of view (this was from a Y3 pupil!)

Our visitor left with a fabulous feel for the manners, listening and deeper thinking of our Team Spen Children.



Coffee Afternoon

Open to all parents and carers

This half term's focus is all around the

Zones of Regulation and Emotion Coaching

Come and join me on

Friday 15th May

1:00pm

High Spen Primary School

All welcome

Relaxed and informal

A safe, supportive space

Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a fun week outdoors especially in our water sensory trays. We always try to encourage children to wear aprons, but in the event they get wet, we would like to remind families to please bring a change of clothes for your children as we tend to run short of spares this time of year.

Nursery will be taking part in Forest school Muddy Monster sessions next week 15.08.26 and the week after 22.05.26 on an afternoon. If your child attends nursery in the afternoon please ensure they come dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather. We look forward to our Muddy Monster fun.

Also, our Hall Hill Farm trip is fast approaching, please remember to return your form.

If you are out and about this weekend, please feel free to bring in any sticks, rocks and natural materials to add to our outdoor exploration areas. Last week, children brought in seaweed, shells, rocks, sticks and even a cuttlefish bone. Thank you so much as it really enhances our provision. Enjoy your weekend.

Reception – GD – Grace Darling - Miss Kirkley

We went to our school library today. Every child has borrowed a book for the next week. Please bring it back by next Thursday and then your child will be able to borrow another new book for the weekend.

As you can see from our ClassDojo the children have been practicing their cooking skills, trying new foods and learning all about healthy eating.

Look at this amazing Lion sharing platter that our reception cooks created, linking to this week's theme 'Safari'. Every child tried all the fruit and vegetables and most even tried the hummus.

Reception absolutely adores a Thursday afternoon baking. Therefore, we kindly ask if parents would like to contribute a small donation of 50p a week to support the cost of ingredients.

We cook and bake to our weekly class theme and would love this to continue.



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

We have enjoyed our last 2 Friday's at Forest School! We are back to our normal PE days on **Monday** and **Thursday** so please come dressed in PE kit on both days.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

PE – Y2 are back to PE days on Wednesday and Friday from next week (Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th) so please send your child dressed in PE kits on both days.

Homework – Thank you for all of your support with Maths revision booklets. This week is the last booklet (Book 3) and children should be so proud of all they have achieved. Thank you to parents for making notes on any topics their child has found tricky. We will be revising topics the children have found tricky so thank you again for your notes as this helps me to be able to address any misconceptions. Many thanks

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

We're heading back to Forest School next week and the week after. Our sessions for Summer term will be the mornings of Friday 15 May and 22 May. Please check the weather forecast and send children to school with appropriate clothes and footwear. This could include sun and/or rain protection depending on conditions but always long sleeves and trousers/leggings for exploring the woods please. Also, remember water bottles (and you may want to throw in a mid-morning snack too)!

Please remember about Bikeability in the final week of this half term. The trainers will be in from Monday 18 May, starting with a session on the yard to assess ability and readiness. Bikes need to be in a roadworthy condition (see the information letter that went home) and in school by that morning. We can keep bikes overnight in school for the duration of the training if needed so that you don't need to keep bringing them back and forth.

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

Next week is SATs week – a chance to show what super stars we have in Y6. Each and every one of them has worked their socks off and is ready to shine. Please have a restful weekend so that they arrive in school next week raring to go. Children are welcome to come into school from 8:30am (Monday to Thursday) to enjoy breakfast with their friends. Children also know that they can bring their own breakfast with them but have put their orders in. Bring it on!

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
Mon 11 th – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th May	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 21 st May	EY Hall Hill Farm Trip
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

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Friday 22th May to 10th July

Session timings: **Ages:**
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Who are we?
We are a registered charity, operating in Gateshead West since 2021.
We provide good-quality preloved and brand new school uniforms to our community from our site in Blaydon (NE21 5PT).
We operate on a pay-what-you-feel basis.

Proof of eligibility drop in sessions to help with paperwork to claim brand new uniform, on 9/5 and 20/6 alongside our usual Saturday markets.

May/June 2026 Markets... ALL AT BLAYDON

Friday 1st May 3:30pm - 5pm
Saturday 9th May 9:30am - 11am
Saturday 16th May 9:30am - 11am
Monday 25th May 6pm - 7pm
Friday 5th June 3:30pm - 5pm
Saturday 13th June 9:30am - 11am
Saturday 20th June 9:30am - 11am
Monday 29th June 6pm - 7pm

Enter via THE BACK DOOR of St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Blaydon NE21 5PT, next to the big blue building which is behind Morrisons.

Please check our Facebook page for any changes to market days, including additional summer markets.

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