



PE Days – New for Summer 2

Nursery SG - Friday AM

Rec GD - Friday

Y1 TY - Monday and Thursday

Y2 FN – Thursday and Friday

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

Y4 FWD- Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Y5 BR – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 MY – Tuesday and Friday



No class news for: Rec GD, Y1 TY, Y3MLK and Y4 FWD

Forest School Sessions – New for Summer 2

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



Date	AM	PM
05/06/24	Y6 MY	REC GD
12/06/24	Y6 MY	REC GD
26/06/26	Y2 FN	Y3 MLK
03/07/26	Y2 FN	Y3 MLK
10/07/26	Y2 FN	Y3 MLK

Mini Medics

We would like to give our fab PTFA a shout out for fully funding Thursday's Mini Medics session - thank you once again for giving our children amazing opportunities at High Spen.

Thank you so much to Neil and Amy from the Mini Medics team - who worked with our children to teach lifesaving skills in such an engaging way. This included learning about the recovery position, resuscitation, choking and using an EpiPen. Each child was given a certificate (and kindly some sweets too) from the team after they had completed their session.



School Litter Pick

Thanks to our first set of Lovely Litter Pickers! They gave up an hour after school to walk around the village, finding and binning the litter we found. This is something we plan to do on a more regular basis having been gifted the funds to buy the litter picking kit from Tesco. So, if you know of an area in the village that is a hotspot for litter, please let us know so we can target our time where the biggest impact will be felt.



Message from the PTFA

Strawberry teas is fast approaching, Wednesday 15th July an annual event that's not to be missed. This is a massive fundraiser for the PTFA but we need your help, if you can help us in any way on the day, please give us a shout! We are adding some additional games this year so need lots of volunteers... 🙏

Raffle tickets will go on sale very soon with amazing prizes, please help by selling these to everyone you know. Raffle and tombola prizes are still needed if you have anything to donate.

Once again, we will have a pre-loved toy stall if anyone's having a clear out.

All our fundraising events allow us to fund fabulous experiences for the children like the mini medics on Thursday.

Thanks for your continued support.

Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We are off to a busy start this Summer 2 term looking at the Seaside and changes as our theme. Our term newsletter and Medium-Term Map are now uploaded onto our webpage. If you would like a paper copy, please ask one of the team.

A couple of important **upcoming dates for your diary**. We are pleased to announce **for our Reception Bound children Nursery Graduation will be on Tuesday 14 July at 9.20am in the big school Sports Hall**. All families are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there to celebrate your little on as they move on to Reception. Our **Nursery Sports Day this year will take place right before the greater school sports day on Wednesday 8 of July at 1pm on the Muga Sport court for all 3 & 4-year-old children**. This will only take approximately 30 minutes and we hope this allows those with siblings in the big school to be able to attend both sports days rather than having to take separate days off. On this day, if you attend the morning session only, you are welcome to come back at 1pm to join us or if it is more convenient, we invite our morning children to attend the afternoon session from 12.30-3.30pm if you prefer. Our schedule will remain the same for our 2 years olds as a normal session.

Please let us know if you have any questions and enjoy your weekend.

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

PE – Our PE days are Thursday and Friday this half term. Please send children in PE kits on both days. Thank you.

Homework – This half term children will be given reading comprehension for homework. There will be a short passage to read and then questions about the text. Please remind children to re-read texts to support their answers to questions. This builds upon skills we have worked on in class. As homework has a reading focus, we will only send one reading book home per child to reduce the workload!

Telling the time – In class this we have been reviewing reading time to the nearest 5 minutes. Children are improving in their speed of reading time, but please continue to ask your child to read time at various points of the day / evening. Practise makes perfect! Please note, we are focusing on time on an analogue (not digital) clock.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

It's been lovely catching up with everyone this week for our final half-term of the school year.

Look out for the homework folders that went home on Wednesday. For this week's homework, we need YOU! We wrote discussion texts just before the holidays linked to the book Kensuke's Kingdom. When asked, the children wanted to write them specifically for you, so we made copies and have sent them home. We are asking you to read them together with your child and answer a couple of questions. We hope you can find a few minutes to read and respond to their writing. Thank you (we think you'll be impressed)!

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

Welcome back after a very sunny half-term break. It was lovely to see so many faces at our Pickle Palace and Willow Weave sessions. Extra pairs of hands are always welcome! Don't forget that there is another session next week on Wednesday afternoon where children will do the alternative workshop.

	Group 1 (x8)	Group 2 (x8)
Children	Joe Sonny Charlie Isla Matthew Jack Esme Anna	Patrick Thomas Alexia Georgia Jonny Radoslav Esmay Alice
Wednesday 10 th June	Willow lanterns	Pickle Palace

Our last Forest school session is next Friday am.

Sadly, it is time for us to start thinking about the leavers' assembly. To help us organise this, we would appreciate it if you could send- *6 photos of your child as a baby/toddler (before they started school). These photos can be funny, cute or a mixture of both. Also *Photos of your child/children/the class taken at school events over their time at High Spen (just a few will be great thanks). Please send these on to gillianlawson@gatedu.org

Can I ask that you send separate emails for each of these to help with the organisation.

Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please pop in and see us!

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
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
30 th June – 1 st July	Transition Days
6 th – 10 th July	Sports Week
Wednesday 8 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 15 th July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly
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

TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS

Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.

50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT

Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



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BETTER

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

JOIN THE RYTON ROCKETS CVL TEAMS FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON!

YOU READY TO TAKE YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL AND BE PART OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUES IN THE COUNTRY?

THE EAGLES CENTRAL VENUE LEAGUE IS BACK THIS SEPTEMBER 2026, AND RYTON ROCKETS ARE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PLAYERS TO JOIN THEIR TEAMS!

WHETHER YOU'RE JUST STARTING OUT OR HAVE A FEW SEASONS UNDER YOUR BELT, THERE'S A SPOT FOR YOU!

WE HAVE TEAMS FOR ALL AGES

U8S, U10S, U11S, AND U12S | U14S, U16S, AND U18S
 FIXTURES PLAYED ON SUNDAY. | FIXTURES PLAYED ON SATURDAY.

ALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF NEWCASTLE EAGLES BASKETBALL TEAMS
VERTU MOTOR ARENA, SCOTSWOOD ROAD

INTERESTED?

CONTACT COACH JACK BERTRAM THROUGH EMAIL OR SPOND

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