



Reminder school will be closed on Friday 19th and Monday 22nd June 2026.

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 Friday.

Y4 FWD- Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Y5 BR – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 MY – Tuesday and Friday



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

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

Saving the world - small steps towards big dreams!

With the help of every class in school, we have not only just passed THIRTY wheelie-bins of 'pure paper' but our pupil named (you know who you are, Alfie M!) 'Electricity-turner-offerers' have saved over £70 of electricity by (gently reminding grown-ups in school to switch off lights and screens at breaktime and home time.

The money has been spent on new playground equipment for each class.

Happy days!



Message from the PTFA - Strawberry Teas – Wednesday 15th July

The planning of Strawberry Teas are in full swing! We are looking for donations of raffle prizes if you have anything you would like to donate or know a business that could donate Eg - coffee shop, restaurants, crafts let us know and we can arrange collection or you can pop into the office with the prize. Thank you

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.

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

Rainbow Hampers

We are collecting for our rainbow hampers again this year too, See flyer for your child's class colour, please drop any donations into the school office. The Hampers will be used as prizes in our strawberry Teas Raffle.

Thanks for your continued support.

Strawberry Teas
Wednesday 15th July

Hook the duck Raffle
Mr F in the stocks

BEANBAG TOSS CAKE STALL

Topple the teacher
CREAM TEAS
Sweet stall
BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Refreshments
Tombola Toy stall
BALLOON MODELLING Splat the rat

Come along and watch all of our amazing children perform. performances start at 1.30pm

Please support your PTFA

WEEK COMMENCING
6TH JULY

Rainbow Raffle
COLLECTION!

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO FRIENDS OF HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WIN TO WASHING UP LIQUID, BISCUITS TO BUBBLE BATH, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

IT JUST HAS TO BE IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR!

WE'LL USE THESE DONATIONS FOR OUR STRAWBERRY TEAS RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE

Nursery & Reception Red
Year 1 Orange
Year 2 Yellow
Year 3 Green
Year 4 Blue
Year 5 Purple
Year 6 Pink

Donor products: Biscuits, Juice, Milk, Soap, etc.

Class Photographs



School class photographs will be taken on the morning of Thursday 18th June for all classes from Nursery - Y6 (not 2 year old nursery, sorry). If Thursday is your child's PE day they can come in to school wearing their uniform with their PE kit in a bag and change into their PE kit after the photograph or if you are happy for your child to be photographed with their PE kit on that is ok too.

Thanks

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

PE and Forest school– PE days are Thursday (basketball) and Friday will now become our Forest school session. Our Forest school sessions will be **Friday 26th June, Friday 3rd July and Friday 10th July**. Please send your child into school every Thursday in PE kits and on Friday's dressed for Forest school.

For Forest school, children must wear waterproof coats and footwear for the sessions. Although the weather is becoming warmer, please still send children in long sleeves and trousers (not shorts and t-shirts) as there have been incidents of children getting 'tics' during forest school sessions. Therefore, please ensure skin is covered to minimise risks. If children wish to bring a small snack they can. Our sessions are in the afternoon so please send children into school wearing trainers then we will change children into boots before we leave.

Many thanks as always for your support preparing children for these sessions.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

Thank you so much for last week's homework everyone. We're trying to develop real audiences and purposes for the writing we do in school and you provided just that! It was great reading your thoughts and ideas.



On Wednesday next week, we welcome children and teachers from our partner school in Spain. They say that it's the highlight of their trip to the UK. It's the perfect chance for us to get to know one another better and to share games, sports, art and crafts. It's our PE day anyway so we can just wear PE kits as usual. Fantastico!

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



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More photos please!

If your child is the last child from your immediate family to attend High Spen Primary School, please can you send one recent photo of your child with their sibling/s or just on their own if they have no siblings.

If you have any photos of your child's time at High Spen nursery e.g. their first day, please send one of these too. Email address gillianlawson@gatedu.org

Many thanks for all your help, it is greatly appreciated.

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 18 th June	Class Photographs - These are the full class photos not individuals. So, no need to come early or bring siblings they are taken during the school day.
Friday 19 th June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22 nd 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 AM
Wednesday 15 th July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 1:30pm
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.