



## 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: Y1 TY, Y4 FWD and Y5 BR



## Sports week Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

We'll be welcoming a range of different sports coaches through the week next week as well as a range of intra-school field-sports - so can all children come in PE or sports clothing every day next week Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure all children bring a jacket, water bottle, hat and sun cream to school so we are prepared for all weather conditions.



## Sports day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

We are looking forward to our Sports Day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 on the field (Glossop Street)

### Morning Session – Competitive Events Arriving at field from 9.30

During the morning, children will take part in individual competitive events that they have signed up for in advance. They will be competing against their classmates, and your child will be able to tell you which event(s) they have chosen to enter or come to the office to see the board displaying the sign up sheets. Traditionally, it has been the afternoon that families have joined us for, but you are welcome to come and sit on the bank in the morning too.

### Afternoon Session – Team Sports Day Arriving at field from 1.30

In the afternoon, children will compete as part of their team in a range of events. Team points will be awarded throughout the afternoon, with every child contributing towards their team's overall score.

We look forward to a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and sporting achievement. **Thank you**



## School Uniform

School uniform with our school logo can be ordered direct via our uniform supplier, logos unlimited via the link below. Or you can get preloved uniform from the Gateshead West uniform Scheme, flyer below.

[High Spen Primary School Uniform | Official Supplier | Logos Workwear & Schoolwear | Logos Workwear & Schoolwear](#)

Or you can visit the showroom at: Unit C, Block 320, Mayoral Way, Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 0RT

Mon–Thu 9am–4:30pm, Fri 9am–4pm Tel [0191 488 4300](tel:01914884300)

**GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME**

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.

We are located in St Cuthbert's Community Hall (our door is round the back), NE21 5PT next to the big blue building behind Morrisons.

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

\*We are all volunteers and even volunteers need holidays - sometimes this means there is no one to run a market.

**July/August 2026 Markets... ALL AT BLAYDON**

Friday 3rd July 3:30pm - 5pm  
 Saturday 11th July 9:30am - 11am  
 Saturday 18th July 9:30am - 11am  
 Monday 27th July 6pm - 7pm  
 Sat 15th Aug 9:30am - 11am

WE CONDENSED SOME MARKETS into this one market

Sat 29th August 9:30am - 11am  
 Then back to normal...  
 Fri 4th Sept 3:30pm - 5pm

[www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform](https://www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform)  
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>  
 contact@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk  
 and find us as gwunse on Vinted

**High Spen Primary School**  
Leading Our For Each Other

**Strawberry Teas**  
Supporting our school community

**Hook the duck Raffle**  
Mr F in the stocks

**Wednesday 15th July**  
Everyone welcome!

**BEANBAG TOSS** **CAKE STALL**

**Tippie the teacher** **Sweet Stall**

**BOTTLE TOMBOLA**

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

**REFRESHMENTS**  
Tombola Toy stall

**BALLOON MODELING** **Splat the rat**

Please support your **PTFA**

★ Thank you for supporting our school! ★

WEEK COMMENCING **6TH JULY**

**Rainbow Raffle COLLECTION!**

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO FRIENDS OF HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINE 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

Images of various products like Kellogg's, Dairy Milk, and other treats.



**Football** - Enjoy the football this weekend if you're watching England! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Just a quick reminder that it is school as usual on Monday, and we'll be looking forward to seeing all the children back in school bright and early ready for the week ahead. 😊

### **Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge**

Greetings from Nursery. We have a busy couple weeks ahead of us as we head toward the summer break.

Next week is sports week and we will be doing several fun sporting activities. Please feel free to dress your child in athletic gear for the week such as joggers and trainers. A reminder that next week on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> is our Nursery Sports Day on the Muga court for all 30- and 15-hour children at 1pm. On this day we kindly ask that our 2-year-olds attend the morning session from 8.55-11.55am.

The last week of school, we have Nursery Graduation for our Reception Bound children on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of July in the Sports Hall right after drop-off and register are taken commencing around 9.20. If you are attending, you are welcome to drop your child off and head to the Sports Hall as we prepare to bring the children over.

Lastly, is our Strawberry Teas on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Our 30- and 15-hour children will be performing a song and dance. Could you please dress them in any fun colourful party clothes, or you are welcome to send an outfit along if you prefer, they do not wear their ST outfit all day. Also, on this day due to scheduling, we ask that our 2-year-olds also attend the morning session instead of the pm session from 8.55-11.55.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your assistance.

### **Reception – GD – Grace Darling - Miss Kirkley**

Next week is sports week. Children can wear their own sports clothes all week. We have a variety of coaches booked in to work with our class across the week, so please bring your children to school wearing trainers.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day - Please send your child into school wearing PE clothes, sun hat and cream and a water bottle. If weather is forecast to be wet, children will also need a waterproof coat. Parents are welcome to come to the field to spectate.

Strawberry Teas on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>

This event starts 1.30pm. Could you please dress them in any fun colourful party clothes, they can wear absolutely anything. If your child wants to wear fancy dress bring their costume into school and we will get them dressed before the performance. Your children will perform a dance in front of all parents and whole school.

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Mrs Lawson will be taking Y2 to the field for the morning to have a cricket session alongside Y3. Please send your child into school wearing PE clothes, sun hat and cream and a water bottle. If weather is forecast to be wet, children will also need a waterproof coat. We will take fruit as a snack but if you wish to send an additional snack for them to enjoy on the field, you are most welcome.

On Monday afternoon, we will begin our DT topic - making a moving vehicle. If possible, please send in any small boxes e.g. tissue, smoothie boxes etc and bottle tops. Many thanks :)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – parents are invited to join us for a competitive sports session at the field in the morning and to watch our sports afternoon in the afternoon. There is no obligation to come to the field for the whole day, however you are welcome to join us for both sessions. Children who wish to compete in the competitive sessions (sprint, throw and jump) will take part in these races throughout the morning. If you are able to join us for the sessions, please let me know or simply come along! Please send your child into school wearing PE clothes, sun hat and cream and a water bottle. If weather is forecast to be wet, children will also need a waterproof coat. We will take fruit as a snack but if you wish to send an additional snack for them to enjoy on the field, you are most welcome.

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

#### **SPORTS WEEK – WHAT'S ON FOR Y3**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – We will be off to the field for sports games with Y2 in the morning. Please send your child into school wearing PE clothes, sun hat, cream and a water bottle. If weather is forecast to be wet, children will also need a waterproof coat. Please send a healthy snack for them to enjoy on the field throughout the morning.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Swimming / football session with a coach.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – parents are invited to join us for a competitive sports session at the field in the morning and to watch our sports afternoon in the afternoon. There is no obligation to come to the field for the whole day, however you are welcome to join us for both sessions. Children who wish to compete in the competitive sessions (sprint, throw, jump and long distance) will take part in these races throughout the morning. If you are able to join us for the sessions, please let me know or simply come along! Please send your child into school wearing PE clothes, sun hat, cream and a water bottle. If weather is forecast to be wet, children will also need a waterproof coat.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Basketball session with a coach.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Our last forest school session in the am.

**\*Strawberry Teas outfit – bright and colourful!\***

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

On Monday morning, we will be running workshops linked to puberty. Girls and boys will have separate talks but will both be taught about puberty in girls and boys. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything, please get in touch.

Next week is also Sports Week:

Monday PM – House team rounders with Y5/6 (field)

Tuesday PM – Normal PE session with coach (in school, NUFC)

Wednesday AM – Competitive athletics (field, parents welcome)

Wednesday PM – Sports Day (field, parents welcome)

Thursday AM – Basketball (in school, Newcastle Eagles)

Friday AM – orienteering (in school)

REMINDER – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – party in school 5-8pm.

For Strawberry Teas, MY will be performing 'Don't Stop me Now.' The children have decided they would like to come dressed in bright colour clothes, 80's theme or Freddie Mercury. Please do not buy new clothes, use what you have at home. If anyone has any problems or needs help with anything, please pop in to see me.

### Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Graduation AM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers assembly 1:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term2
20 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Summer Holidays – School Closed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	1st day of Autumn 1 term - Children return to School

### 2026/2027 Term dates

#### Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Tuesday 1 September 2026	26 to 30 October 2026	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.

**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

**#BRIGHTENTHEDAY**

**Brighten The Day is back for the school Summer holidays!**

It's funded fun and food in the holidays for children in years reception to Year 11.

Check your email on **Tuesday 23 June** (it could end up in your spam/junk folder so check there too) and click on your e-voucher to see what is on offer and make bookings.

**HolidayActivities**

**#BRIGHTENTHEDAY**

Gateshead Council Holiday Activities & Food Programme Summer 2026

If you need help booking you can contact the club provider with your sessions.  
Dates can be viewed at [www.gateshead.gov.uk/BrightenSummer26](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/BrightenSummer26) or flip over for online help and video guides.

This super quick video guide shows you how easy it is to make bookings:  
[www.gateshead.gov.uk/BTD-Booking-Guide](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/BTD-Booking-Guide)

More than one child to book clubs for?  
Here is the help you need:  
[www.gateshead.gov.uk/BTD-Multi-evouchers](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/BTD-Multi-evouchers)

In Year 9, 10 or 11? HAFplus is for you! Details at:  
[www.gateshead.gov.uk/HAFplus](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/HAFplus)

You can email us at: [BrightenTheDay@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:BrightenTheDay@gateshead.gov.uk)

Can't make a club you have booked?  
Please let us know (even on the day) so another child can benefit.  
[BrightenTheDay@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:BrightenTheDay@gateshead.gov.uk)

**#BRIGHTENTHEDAY** Gateshead Council

**KINGDOM BUILDERS**

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July  
9AM - 12PM  
Strathmore Road Methodist church

**FREE**

Join us for games, crafts, Bible stories, drama, singing, dancing, building and making new friends!

Follow the QR code to register your child for the Summer Holiday Bible Club

For children in Reception to Year 6

**BRIGHTEN THE DAY**

**WHICKHAM SCHOOL**

**AGE 6-11 YEARS**

**SUMMER 2026 SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP**

**MONDAY 20-THURSDAY 23 JULY**  
**MONDAY 27-THURSDAY 30 JULY**

**10AM - 3PM**

Funded spaces can be secured by logging onto [holiday.activities.com](http://holiday.activities.com) and using your e-voucher.  
Paid spaces are also available at £20 per day - please use the email below to enquire.

For enquiries email:  
[hafprogramme@whickhamschool.org](mailto:hafprogramme@whickhamschool.org)

**SHAPE PERFORMANCE** **Summer 2026 Sports Coaching Courses**

**Multi-sport Activities**  
A variety of some of the following activities: dodgeball, water fight (weather dependent), football, net games, table and board games, basketball, cricket, archery, rugby, ultimate frisbee, tennis, volleyball, trampolining, and ultimate frisbee.

**Football Coaching**  
All the great stuff you would expect during a football coaching course: challenges, coaching, matches & tournaments. Players receive expert coaching to develop their skills and tactical knowledge as well as helping them develop teamwork, leadership and other psychological factors.

Courses run from 9:45am till 3pm. Early drop-offs, from 8:45am are at all venues apart from St Paul's and Northburn (for an extra cost). Children finishing Reception Class, in July 2026, to those finishing Year 7 can attend, although Year 8s can attend at Whickham and Pevsley. Prices vary at each venue but range from £17.50 to £25.50 per day. Discounts are available for siblings and for booking a full week. Children receiving benefits **related free school meals can attend four courses at Categate Primary School for FREE (see below)**. All coaching staff have a recent DBS check and relevant coaching, first aid and safeguarding qualifications. Many staff are degree-qualified (dance or coaching sciences) or are trained PE teachers. We are fully insured through Insure4Sport.

**Inflatable rentals are available once or twice per week at each venue**

Venue	Options	Monday 20th July - 23rd July	Monday 27th July - 30th July	Monday 27th July - 30th July	Monday 27th July - 30th July
Barmoor Pitches	Football coaching	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Paul's Primary	Multi-sport activities	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whickham School	Multi-sport activities at football complex	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whickham School	Multi-sport activities	✓	✓	✓	✓
Categate Primary	Multi-sport activities at football complex	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pevsley High School	Multi-sport activities	✓	✓	✓	✓

**FREE PLACES at Categate Primary School**  
Children eligible for Free School Meals are eligible for free places related to school meals. These places are subject to a 11 year child attending a school in Gateshead and having good attendance at home school.

Department for Education

**SHAPE PERFORMANCE** **Holiday Sports Coaching Courses**

**Archery** **Basketball** **Cricket** **Dance** **Football** **Net Games**  
**Inflatables** **Trampoline** **Gymnastics** **Dodgeball** **Tennis**  
**Rugby** **Bikes & Scooters** **Ultimate Frisbee** **Danish Longball**  
**Golf** **Water Fight** **Volleyball** **Capture The Flag** **plus others!**

**Venues across the North-East**  
Categate Primary School, Annfield Plain  
Northburn Primary School, Cranlington  
Pruchoe High School  
St Paul's Primary School, Alnwick  
Whickham School  
Barmoor Football Pitches, Ryton

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