



## Sports day / Sports Week

Our Sports Day was a tremendous success and a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. A special thank you to everyone who helped make Mrs Kerridge's 38th Sports Day one to remember. Despite the soaring temperatures, we were delighted to see so many families braving the heat to cheer on the children, creating a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day. The pupils gave their all in every event, showing great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and resilience. The ever-popular parents' races brought plenty of excitement, laughter and friendly competition, while the highlight for many was undoubtedly the spectacular inflatable staff race. Armed with giant inflatable costumes and a healthy dose of determination, staff bounced, waddled and sprinted their way down the track to the delight of the crowd. The race had pupils and parents roaring with laughter and cheering every step of the way, proving that our staff are always willing to go the extra mile to make school events memorable.



It was a fantastic finale that perfectly captured the fun, community spirit and joy of the day.

Thank you to everyone who took part, supported and celebrated the children's achievements – it was a day full of fun, success and lasting memories for our whole school community.



To round off a fantastic Sports Week, the children enjoyed a refreshing surprise as **Mr Firth took charge of the hose**, helping everyone cool down and have some fun in the warm weather. The celebrations continued when the **PTFA kindly treated every child to a visit from the ice cream van**, where they could choose either an ice cream or an ice lolly. The smiles on everyone's faces were a perfect way to end a wonderful week of sport, teamwork and fun. A huge thank you to the PTFA for their generosity and support.

## Important – Early Collection on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

To allow essential building work to begin during the summer holidays, we are asking families to collect children at 1:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> where possible. A recent condition survey identified several rooms that require replastering, meaning classrooms need to be cleared and prepared before contractors start work on the first Monday of the holidays.

If you are able to collect your child at 1:00pm, no action is needed. We appreciate the short notice, so provision will be available for any children who need to remain in school until the usual 3:15pm finish. If you are unable to collect your child at 1:00pm, please complete this form (<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>)

Please note: The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will still begin at 1:30pm as planned.

Thank you for your support as we prepare for these important improvements to our school building.

## Free School Meals (FSM) – Important Update

Due to recent changes to Free School Meal entitlement, we are asking all parents and carers who have received an FSM form to please complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to submit the form, as eligibility can provide additional support for your child and valuable funding for the school. If you need another copy of the form or assistance completing it, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

## Greggs Children's Cancer Run 2026

We have received an email to let us know that we raised a whopping £859.92. Not bad for just 18 runners! A huge thank you to everyone who took part. We usually receive a certificate which will be displayed in the entrance so watch out for that!



## Pupil Books

So that we can demonstrate the amazing progress your children have made this year, we need to hang on to their books. We will store them securely in school and rest assured that we will be sending them out in the new school year.



## Library Books

Can all library books be returned to school during the final week please. Thank you

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

Greetings from Nursery. We've had a lovely sports week and were so proud of our little races at the Sports Day. Thank you to everyone who attended to show their support.

Just a reminder that Nursery Graduation is on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July after drop-off in the sports hall. Grownups of children graduating, please make your way to the main school after dropping your child off and we should be there to start shortly after.

On Wednesday July 15, for Strawberry Teas, we ask that all children attend the morning session including the 2's (pickup at 11.55 for 2's). We ask that all children attend the morning session on the final day Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> including 2's. Collection for 15-hour children and 2-year-olds will be at 11.55 and at 1pm for our 30-hour children. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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

We are sending a friendly reminder that the colour for our 'rainbow hamper' for the Strawberry Teas raffle this year is **red** and any food or non-food items donated are much appreciated.

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

**\*\* Please come into school wearing Strawberry Teas outfits. \*\***

Hello at home.

I cannot believe we are writing the final information for this school year! What an amazing year it has been. Your children have been amazing, and we are so proud of the progress they have made both academically and personally. We are going to miss all their gorgeous smiles. We wish them lots of luck for Year 2. Thank you all for your support this year it really is appreciated. Have an amazing Summer!

Strawberry Tea's

Please can the children wear bright colours and comfortable dancing shoes for the strawberry teas performance.

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

Wow Y2 what a year! We have been blown away by all of your hard work. Everyday you brighten up our day with your gorgeous smiles and funny smiles. We will miss you so much but please pop back anytime as we will love hearing how Y3 is going! Thank you so much to all parents for your constant support throughout the year.....it really has felt like a team effort watching your children blossom this year.

Have the best summer and thank you so much for everything! Mrs Coates xx

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

**\*\* Please send Strawberry Teas outfits in for Monday's dress rehearsal in a labelled bag. It can then stay in school until the performance on Wednesday. \*\***

What an amazing year it's been, I can't quite believe it's over already! I've had a brilliant year teaching your children, they've brought so much fun, creativity, smiles and hard work! Thank you for being a lovely bunch of parents and carers too! Have a wonderful summer everyone - Miss Murray 😊

**Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau**

Well, the end of year has come. And what a year it's been. I huge congratulations all the hard work year 4 have put in this year, it has been incredible to see how far everyone has come. You all deserve a good rest over the holidays. We have just one week left, and we will have as much fun as possible.

**For Strawberry Teas please could all children wear something 'FUN', it can be anything your child feels fun in.**

If you want to bring it in on Monday for dress rehearsals and leave it in school, that would be fine but if you have last minute change of mind that is fine too, as long as it is ready for the day.

Thank you all for making this year a great year, have a great Summer – Mr Fumoleau

### Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

One last hello everyone for this year 😊

Don't forget Strawberry Teas outfits - with a black, white and blue colour theme and Michael Jackson-inspired touches if you're feeling creative! They need to be in school (preferably in a labelled bag) for Monday's dress rehearsal please! We'll then keep them in school until the BIG event on Wednesday!

As the end of term approaches, and in case we don't see you at Strawberry Teas, both Miss Hackney and I would like to say what a wonderful year it has been. Teaching your fabulous children has been a real pleasure! Thank YOU for all your kindness and support and we wish you all the best for the summer and beyond.

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

Can't quite believe that it is time to write this already with only one week to go. The year seems to have flown. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your young people (children just doesn't sound right now that they are about to fly the High Spen nest). Looking forward to seeing you at the Leaver's Assembly next Friday.

Strawberry Teas outfits – please can these come into school on Monday for the dress rehearsal and then we will keep them safe until Wednesday.

Signing shirts and wall – on Wednesday please can children bring in a school shirt they would like signing and pens. They do not need to be wearing this shirt! It will help us start the process of signing shirts over a few days rather than waiting until Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to sign the school wall.

Park visit - On Thursday morning, MY will have a trip to High Spen Park. Your child can come in to school in PE kit (please provide sun hat, sun cream etc according to the weather). Please provide a water bottle and a snack.

### Strawberry Teas



Our strawberry Teas event is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Strawberry Teas is High Spen Primary School's traditional summer fair, it has been called that since year dot!! The gates open at 1:15pm, all parents, carers, grandmas, grandads and friends are welcome, the more the merrier. Each class performs a dance for all to watch, the children will start their performances at 1.30pm. There are many different scones with jam and cream for sale. (See flyers Below)

There is no facility for card payments...so bring plenty of cash. Thank you

**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
Kit Kat	Doritos	Kellogg's Corn Flakes	Wash Up Liquid	Club Soda	Dairy Milk	Percy Pig
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**High Spen Primary School**  
Looking Out For Each Other

**Strawberry Teas**  
Supporting our school community

**Wednesday 15th July**  
Everyone welcome!

Hook the duck  
Raffle  
Mr F in the stocks

BEANBAG TOSS  
CAKE STALL  
Tattle the teacher  
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**

All proceeds support our school and children

Thank you for supporting our school!

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
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 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.