



Mr Firths Fluff

My goodness these end of years fluff moments are coming around quicker each year. It doesn't seem two minutes since I was swilling away evidence of our Little Donkey on the KS1 yard, and now I'm composing myself for an emotional Leavers Assembly!

You only have to look at the bags under the eyes of our dedicated team to see that it is time for the summer break - but not far below their darkened eye-bags, are bursting hearts. They, like I, could not be happier, prouder or more grateful for the awesome mini-humans we are surrounded by everyday.

The national measures of achievement and attendance have never been higher than they are at the minute, but more importantly, the grins have never been wider too! The relationships between children, between adults and children and the relationships between staff and families, is something which keeps even the oldest of staff going!

Old staff is where I'd like to end this year, your involvement in our various goodbyes to Mrs Kerridge has been so touching. So if you cheered her on the sports field, celebrated her on FB or bopped on the MUGA - sincere thanks for helping us give an utterly awesome individual the send off she deserved.

Have a fab summer, then let's do it all again come September!

Thanks as ever,

Mr F



Some reminders for September 2026

PE Days – New for Autumn 1

Nursery SG - Friday AM

Rec GD - Wednesday AM

Y1 TY – Monday and Thursday

Y2 FN – Monday and Wednesday

Y3 MLK – Wednesday and Friday

Y4 FWD - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y5 BR – Tuesday (swimming / PE for those not swimming) and Thursday

Y6 MY – Tuesday and Friday



Forest School Sessions – New for Autumn 1

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



Date	AM	PM
04/09/26	MLK	FWD
11/09/26	MLK	FWD
18/09/26	BR	MY
25/09/26	BR	MY

Jewellery

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please do so during the first week of the school year. As part of our local school cluster agreement, earrings are not permitted in school.

We will allow the use of clear retainers until ear lobes have fully healed. However, after the October half-term break, we expect children to attend school with no earrings or retainers.

If a child attends school wearing earrings after this time, we will contact parents/carers and ask that they come into school to remove them.

For safety reasons, no other jewellery should be worn to school, with the exception of a wristwatch. Any jewellery that is not permitted will need to be removed, and a parent/carers will be asked to collect it from the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

Uniform and Footwear

Before purchasing uniform for the new school year, please take a moment to read the information below to ensure your child has the correct clothing for school.

School Uniform Days

Children should wear:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Dark grey or black trousers or skirt
- Dark grey or black pinafore dress
- Dark grey or black school shorts
- Red and white gingham dress (summer option)
- Black school shoes or all-black trainers

PE Days

Children should wear:

- Red T-shirt or polo shirt
- Black joggers, leggings or shorts
- Plain black or red hoodie, sweatshirt or zip-up jacket
- Trainers or plimsolls



Footwear

We recognise that school uniform can be expensive, so children may wear all-black trainers on school uniform days as well as for PE. This means many families only need to purchase one pair of shoes for school. Please ensure that footwear worn on school uniform days is completely black. Coloured trainers may be worn on PE days only. For health and safety reasons, children should not wear: Crocs, Flip-flops or Sliders.

Branded Clothing

To help keep uniform affordable and ensure consistency for all children, we ask that clothing worn for PE and outdoor activities is plain and unbranded.

Affordable plain hoodies, leggings and joggers are widely available from local supermarkets and high street retailers, often at a much lower cost than branded alternatives. We feel this helps create a sense of equality among children and makes replacing damaged items more manageable for families.

Branded hoodies should not be worn in school and will be treated as outdoor clothing.

Working Together

We appreciate your support in helping your child arrive at school in the correct uniform each day. If a child arrives in incorrect uniform or footwear, we will contact parents/carers and ask that the appropriate clothing or footwear is brought into school.

Thank you for helping us maintain a smart, practical and affordable uniform policy for all our families.

School starting time

At High Spennour our school day starts at 8.55am.

Children should be in the yard ready to line up when the bell rings.

Although there are no footballs, bikes or scooters allowed in the yard before school, children are welcome to come to school from 8.40am with their parent and access the climbing frames etc. ensuring they are there for the bell ringing. It is vital children are on time for school as even 5 mins late everyday has a huge impact on a child's learning, all lateness will be recorded and monitored and where necessary you may be asked to come in to school to discuss this.



School Dinner Price Increase

Please note that from **1st September 2026** the cost of a school meal will increase from **£3.00 per day to £3.10 per day**. This increase reflects the price that the school is charged for each meal from Gateshead Council and will help them continue to provide high quality, nutritious lunches for our pupils.

We would also like to remind parents and carers who may be eligible for **Free School Meals (FSM)** to complete and return their FSM application forms as soon as possible. Even if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, eligibility for FSM can provide additional funding and support for the school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026



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