



PE Days – New for Autumn 1

Nursery SG - Wednesday AM

Rec GD - Friday 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
25/09/26	Y5 BR	Y6 MY
02/10/26	Y2 FN	Y1 TY
09/10/26	Y2 FN	Y1 TY
16/10/26	Nursery SG	Rec GD
23/10/26	Nursery SG	Rec GD

A Reminder About Parking and Mr F's Imaginary cones

A quick reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to please keep the first 10 metres of Bute Road North clear of parked vehicles. Although the school's traffic cones have had to be removed, this area remains an important crossing point for many of our children.

By respecting Mr F's "imaginary cones", you will help improve visibility and keep children safe at the start and end of the school day. Please also be aware that parking enforcement officers have been active in the area recently, and **several motorists have received parking fines this week for parking on the zig zag lines outside of school.**

Please help us by:

- ✓ Keeping the first 10 metres of Bute Road North clear
- ✓ Avoiding parking on zig-zag markings, yellow lines or other restricted areas
- ✓ Parking considerately and legally in surrounding streets
- ✓ Respecting our neighbours by not blocking or parking across residents' driveways
- ✓ Allowing extra time for drop-off and collection where possible

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe and maintaining positive relationships with our local community. 😊



Individual school photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken at school on the morning of Wednesday 23rd September. If you would like a photograph of siblings together (or with siblings not in school) please arrive at school for 8.30am, we will do them on a first come first served basis, and will start individual photos after these. **Sibling photographs will not be taken as a blanket group unless requested beforehand.**



HIGH SPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy, healthy children achieving their full potential.



EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22nd October 2026
Drop in from 4pm - 5pm

For all prospective parents, carers and children
Are you interested in applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception class in 2027?

Why not come along to our open day, where you will find out more about who we are and what we do. Bring your child(ren) along too to see our EY setting and what we offer! We would also like to invite you to look around 'big school' and get a real feel for what High Spen Primary School is all about. We are sure you won't be disappointed 😊

Places available in 2027 for

Reception

Nursery
3 - 4 Year olds
15 and 30 hours

Nursery
2 year olds
15 hours

Funded and paying sessions available



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No Crossing Patrol

There will be no Mrs Mullis – School crossing patrol from the evening of Tuesday 22nd September until Monday 5th October 2026, please be careful crossing the roads. Thank you



Head Lice Reminder

We have recently had reports of head lice within school and would like to ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. Early detection and treatment can help prevent head lice from spreading to other children. Further information on this can be found online here:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

School applications

Applications for places in Reception and Secondary school 2027 are now open and can be done via the Gateshead Council Website. [School admissions - Gateshead Council](#)

The deadline to apply secondary school admissions is 31st October 2026. The deadline to apply for Reception admissions is 15th January 2027.

🍌 School Meals Reminder 🍌

A reminder to parents and carers that, from 1 September 2026, the cost of a school meal increased from £3.00 to £3.10 per day. This increase helps us to continue providing high-quality, nutritious lunches for our pupils.

We would also like to remind families that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of household income.

If you think your family may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we strongly encourage you to complete an application form. Even if your child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, registering for FSM can provide additional funding for the school, helping us to enhance resources, support and opportunities for all children.

Parents and carers can find further information about school meals, Free School Meals eligibility and view the current menu on the Gateshead Council website:

🔗 School Meals Information and Menu: [School meals - Gateshead Council](#)

If you require any support with an application or have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support. 😊



Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a busy week in Nursery. Thank you to everyone who has sent natural resources for us to use and if anyone is out in nature this weekend we would love more autumnal items such as conkers, leaves, pinecones, sticks etc.

Next week, we will be learning about our families and would like to please request you send in a family photo for us to make a copy of for our next project. Enjoy your weekend and we will see you next week.

Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young – Mrs Halliday/Mrs Kelly

Muddy Monsters – Apologies for any confusion, I got my months mixed up on our class newsletter. Please see below for the correct dates. Thank you for understanding.

Year 1 sessions are held on Friday afternoon. Sessions for Autumn 1 are **Friday 2nd and 9th October**. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in warm, appropriate clothing for the weather. If there is a chance of rain, please send waterproof suits, coats and footwear. We will walk to the woods after lunch and return before the end of the school day so on these dates we will not be joining certificate assemblies.

Thank you for returning all the library books and homework this week. Please keep your child's folders at home and return on a Thursday. This means you will have plenty of opportunities to read at home throughout the week.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. With lots of similar items in school, clearly labelled clothing makes it much easier for us to return anything that gets misplaced.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

In Year 5, it's been another busy week in which we've investigated numbers to one million, explored homophones and started to read a Sherlock Holmes story!

We have another Forest School session on Friday 25th so please remember suitable clothing and footwear for more learning and fun in the woods.

Homework went out on Wednesday (look out for the plastic folder and sheet). It includes Maths and English tasks plus a place to record reading at home (children are welcome to use books from school or home for this). We will visit the school library again next Friday for children who are ready for a new book. Please help your child to find a suitable time and place to complete homework tasks. They should be returned by Monday morning please so that we can go through them together in class. Thank you!

Dates for the Diary 2026

Date	Event
Wednesday 23 rd September	Individual school photos
Wednesday 7 th Oct – Fri 9 th Oct	Robinwood Trip
Thursday 22 nd October	Early Years open Evening 4pm-5pm
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	First day of Autumn term 2
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn term 2

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.