



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

Oracy update

This year, we are continuing our collaboration with Voice 21 to promote speaking, listening and communication.

As well as oracy promises in all classrooms, we now have children, who have the role of oracy champs. Their job it is to champion speaking, listening and communication amongst their peers.

Now that we have begun our second year working with Voice 21, we want to develop a clearer, consistent approach throughout school. To help us all, we came up with a vision, which you can see here. For more information about what we are doing, or to share your thoughts, please come and speak to us!

We want the children of High Spen to believe that their voices, and the voices of others, matter.



Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery. It has been another busy week. We have finished a fun week learning all about our families. Thank you to everyone who has sent in or emailed a family photo. If you have not yet, could you please email or send in a photo so our children can finish their lovely art masterpieces. 😊

Just a polite reminder of our drop-off and pick-up times throughout the day. **30 hrs 8.55-3.15, AM 15 hrs 8.55-11.55, PM 15 hrs 12.30-3.30** The gate will be open from 3.10 for pick-up in the afternoon and we thank you for your help in following our timetable.

PE will be per the normal day on Wednesdays going forward. Also, as we head into the autumn season, can we please ask parents to be sure to pack a set of spare clothing in the event we get muddy or need changed from an accident. And for those children with toileting needs can you please have a bag with spare underwear, nappies and wipes should they need them. We hope you have a lovely autumnal weekend and will see you next week.

Thank you from the Nursery Team.

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

Muddy Monsters Forest School session.

Reminder : Year 1 sessions are held on Friday afternoon. Sessions for Autumn 1 are Friday 2nd and Friday 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.

There will be no PE sessions on Thursday whilst we have Forest School. Children should come into school wearing school uniform on Thursday 1st October and Thursday 8th October.

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 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Cowie and Mrs Lawson

We are off to be Muddy Monsters on **Friday 2nd** and **Friday 9th October**. Our session is in the morning so please send your child to school dressed in weather appropriate clothing and footwear, and please send a change of clothes for in the afternoon. We will be back to school for lunch 😊 As a result we will therefore not be having our normal PE sessions on Wednesday 30th September and Wednesday 7th October so please send your child to school in uniform.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊

Fab homework all round last week – thank you for your help and input! Year 5 boosted their class point tally as a result and it would be great if we can keep things going like this all year. This week's homework went home on Wednesday as is due back, as usual, on Monday morning.

We have had to show some resilience this week with some tricky rounding in maths. The effort in reading and writing sessions has been fantastic and our oracy skills are developing well too. Well done Year 5!

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

Robinwood is drawing near. Please can we ask that souvenir forms and cash are sent in by Monday 5th October as we seal it in one envelope to take with us. The Wednesday morning is very busy so we prefer this to be done before hand. On the morning of Robinwood, medicines etc need to be handed to Mrs Heron. Please can these be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions to make administering these quicker. Finally, we have a phone call with Robinwood on Thursday 1st October to go through the final arrangements including any specific requests. Should you have anything else you need to share please do so before then. You can email me at nicolaheron@gatedu.org or arrange to speak to Mrs Lawson or I.

From Friday 2nd October, we will go back to having our PE lesson.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
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 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.