



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



Parent Appointments

Parent Appointments will be held week beginning the 9th November 2026. A letter will be sent home with your child this week, please return this with your appointment choice. Thanks

School Photos

If you would like to purchase your child's school photo, they must be returned to school no later than Friday 9th October 2026. Thank you

Headlice

We have had a number of cases of Headlice in different parts of School and Early Years. Although we can't enforce it, history tells us they spread less when hair is tied back and preferably plaited, please could you do this where possible 😊

Also, if all parents could check their child's hair (even short hair) and treated where necessary.

We appreciate your help in trying to combat these little critters!

So then, what can your friends and family tell us (or discover) about Chopwell Wood?

Our incredible Oracy Promises do not just help us to develop the skills we need to share what we think, they help us listen to others and ask questions to help us understand more. So, next week (as well as bringing in tins for our Harvest Tower) we are going to be listening to each other, sharing what we know about the history of Chopwell Wood.

On Thursday morning **Y1-Y6 children** are walking along to the wood to take pictures of anything they can find which might have clues to the past! This could include the mining past, the introduction of electricity, the Lumber-Jills, the Bomb-Ponds or even information of a more distant past...

Rumour has it that **Reception** are putting out a plea for grown-ups (via Class Dojo) to walk along with them so they can collect lots of woodland objects to bring back for Nursery to use in their shared Autumn themed work.

So, dust off your relatives, harvest their wisdom and PLEASE share what your family can add to the melting pot of knowledge about the history of Chopwell Wood.



Invisible Cones for Sale!

We are thrilled to share that our School Council have been working with Ed Clark (Team Leader for Road Safety at Gateshead Council) and through a spot of spectacular TEAM WORK (which is our focus for the term, too!) they have already made the following happen:-

- created a funded competition for all families to enter, to design a huge banner to help remind drivers what they can do to help us arrive and leave school safely.
- created the post of Junior Road Safety Officer within school. The School Council are leading an assembly on Monday to explain what the role entails and share the selection process!

The Road Safety Design Team have visited school a number of times since Cone-Gate, and have come to see the School Council this week to share the final design. We can't share it wider just yet, but suffice to say, amongst other things, it involves yellow paint and 20mph signs.

We could not be more thrilled with the response we've had from Ed and his team!



Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

Hello at home, as you may know, Hannah from the 'fruit and vegetable scheme' at Northumbria University came into school on Thursday to observe healthy eating habits for research purposes. She had a great day in school and all of Y3 were super friendly and helpful to her throughout the day. She commented on how great it was to see so many children with healthy snacks and reaching for fruit as part of the school dessert options. She said she'd been to 20 schools and our class were the only children she'd seen reaching for the fruit (and I know it wasn't just because she was watching as I see it all the time too!) Something I thought was worth sharing with you all. Thanks for your support with this.

On Thursday (8th) morning, we're heading to Chopwell Woods for a **Walk Back in Time!** We'll look for still visible evidence of our local area's history and prehistory to share with others once back in school. Children can come in comfier clothing e.g. PE joggers, footwear suitable for walking all morning in the woods and a waterproof jacket or coat please. Children are welcome to bring a water bottle and/or healthy snack and something to carry them in too. Have a lovely weekend! Miss Murray 😊

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau

Year 4 may have come home this week and mentioned Hannah from Pickle palace come in to chat with us about becoming waste warriors, it was a great afternoon and the children were all really engaged, it was lovely to see how interested the children were at how we can all make small changes which can have a huge impact.

Following on from that chat we will be having 3 weeks of cooking sessions with Hannah, this is where grown-ups can come and cook alongside the children, it's always such a fantastic afternoon. See the following schedule to see which session your child is in so you can pop along and join in. Enjoy.

Wednesday 7th Oct 1pm- 3pm - Jenson, Ellis, Kyra, Daniel, Robyn, Molly, Naylah, Frankie and Ayda

Wednesday 14th Oct 1pm- 3pm - Peter, Scarlett, Sky, Rosa, Arianna, Jaimya, Alfie, Milana, Rebecca and Leah

Wednesday 21st Oct 1pm- 3pm - Sadie, Jayce, Hallie, Leo, Reggie, Edward, Jack, Austin, Harley and Jessica

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Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊. We started a new maths programme this week called **Mastering Number**, which will help us with the tricky bits of multiplication and division. If you're interested, ask your child about unitised counters and multiplication expressions!

We've got lots of History and Art happening next week! On Thursday (8th) morning, we're heading to Chopwell Woods for a **Walk Back in Time!** We'll look for still visible evidence of our local area's history and prehistory to share with others once back in school. Children can come in PE kit (Thursday is a PE day) but with long leggings or joggers, footwear suitable for walking all morning in the woods and a waterproof jacket or coat please. Children are welcome to bring a water bottle and/or healthy snack and something to carry them in too.

On Friday 9th, we're having a **Stone Age Art Day** in school. Please can children bring in an old, over-sized T-shirt or top on Friday to wear over their uniform and protect it from pastels, chalks and charcoal. Thank you!

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

Robinwood here we come! On Tuesday, we will have a final chat with the children about what will happen on Wednesday morning and answer any further questions that the children have. For you at home, please make sure they come to school dressed for their walk into Robinwood. Their main luggage should be packed into their suitcase/bag which they won't be able to access when we first arrive at Robinwood as it gets whisked off on a van. Children may bring a small back pack or carrier bag with a snack and drink for when we first arrive but they may well have this on their knees in the mini-bus. Space is limited! On Wednesday morning, please bring medication which is clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage instructions. Robinwood have also advised that now that the weather has turned colder that trousers will be more useful than shorts so pack wisely. They have also requested that all clothing is labelled so that lost property and laundry can be returned easily. We have been informed that our departure time will be 12:45 as we can leave direct from the Robinwood Centre which should put us back at school for approximately 14:00. Parents are welcome to meet us there and whisk children and their dirty washing straight home. We will keep you posted about our journey. See you Wednesday morning!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th October	Harvest Week
Wednesday 7 th Oct – Fri 9 th Oct	Robinwood Trip
Tuesday 20 th October	Halloween Disco
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
Tues 10 th , Wed 11 th and Thurs 12 th Nov	Parent Appointments
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 19 th November	Flu Nasal spray
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas jumper, dinner and bring a bottle day
Friday 11 th December	Christmas fair
Monday 14 th December	EY Dress rehearsal AM
Monday 14 th December	KS1 & KS2 Dress rehearsal PM
Tuesday 15 th December	EY Nativity AM
Tuesday 15 th December	KS1 & KS2 Nativity and songs PM
Wednesday 16 th December	EY Nativity AM
Wednesday 16 th December	KS1 & KS2 Nativity and songs PM
Thursday 17 th December	EY Xmas Party AM
Thursday 17 th December	KS2 Xmas Party AM
Thursday 17 th December	KS1 Xmas Party PM
Friday 18 th December	Christingle Service 10am
Friday 18 th December	Head Teachers Award 1pm
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn term 2 – School closes 1:30pm

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.