



Summer Term Newsletter 2026

PUNCTUALITY

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving at school after the gate has closed every morning. Children must be in their classrooms by **8.45am** and should not be using the main door to come into school.

SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at **8.45am**. The school gate will be open for pupils to enter from **8.40am**.

All pupils should be in their class by **8.45am** ready to start the morning activities.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday at 8.10am.

Please **do not** send children into school at 8.10am if they have already eaten breakfast at home.

WAKE UP, SHAKE UP

Monday to Friday at 8.30am.

4 O'CLOCK CLUB

**Monday to Thursday.
Ends at 4pm.**

There should be an adult waiting outside at 4pm ready for the children coming out of school. We often have children waiting until after 4pm, which is not fair to them or the staff who have to wait with them.

WELCOME BACK!

COMMUNICATION

Please continue to check the school website and 'Class Dojo' which are updated regularly with school news and other information. We also have an online calendar of events and post copies of school letters on our website, under the 'Parents' section.

If you need to speak to school staff, please make an appointment via 'Class Dojo'.

'DOJO' MESSAGES

When messaging a teacher, please allow them time to reply; they will usually be busy working with the children.

Teachers check / reply to messages at playtime/ lunchtime when the children are not in the classroom.

ABSENCE MESSAGES

If your child is not able to come into school, please phone or 'Dojo' the school office by **8.30am**.

Please do not send absence messages to classteachers as sometimes they are unable to read these until later in the day.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please have Health and Safety in mind at all times while on school grounds.

Children and adults **must not** ride Bicycles/Scooters on the school grounds.

NO DOGS are allowed on the school site (apart from guide dogs) and dogs **must not** be tied to the school gates. Dogs cannot be carried onto the school site.

The visitor toilet is not in use for Parents/Carers.

PLAYGRIUND EQUIPMENT

Children **must not** use the Climbing Wall or Play Equipment before or after school.

Older brothers and sisters must not climb on the outdoor equipment while waiting at the end of the school day. Please keep away from the 'pallet houses' and tyre pyramid at all times.

CAR PARKING

Please could we remind you to park with care and consideration for others at the start/end of the school day.

HAIR AND HYGIENE

All children with long hair must have their **hair tied up** in school. Please keep checking your child's hair to make sure that it is free from head lice.

DATES FOR DIARIES

HOLIDAY DATES

- **May Bank Holiday** – Monday 4th May
- **Summer Half-Term** – School closes Friday 22nd May and re-opens Monday 1st June
- **Summer Holidays** – School closes Friday 17th July and re-opens *Thursday* 3rd September

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Thursday 14th May

- **Individual only** – No sibling photos unless sibling is in school.

SPORTS DAY – Starts at 2pm

- **Year 2** – Monday 22nd June
- **Year 1** – Tuesday 23rd June
- **Reception** – Wednesday 24th June

SUMMER TRIPS

- **Year 1** – Washington Wetland Centre – **Wednesday 13th May**
- **Year 2** - Washington Wetland Centre – **Thursday 4th June**
- **Year 2** – Beamish Museum – **Monday 29th June**
- **Reception** – Hardwick Park – **Wednesday 1st July**
- **Year 1** – Gibside – **Thursday 2nd July**

END OF YEAR REPORTS – Friday 3rd July

YEAR 2 ‘Parent and Child’ SUMMER EVENING

- **Monday 13th July (4pm – 5pm)**

SUMMER SHOWS

- **Tuesday 7th July at 9.15am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Year 2**
- **Tuesday 14th July at 9.15am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Year 1**
- **Tuesday 14th July at 10am** – Parents/Carers of pupils in **Reception**
 - (Reception Graduation Show)

TRANSITION

In the last week of term, children in Reception and Year 1 will spend time in their new classroom with their new classteacher. Year 2 will also be able to spend some time at their Junior school in July – more information to follow.

YEAR 2 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY – Friday 17th July – 8.55am

- All Year 2 Parents/Carers are invited to attend

SUMMER BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY – Friday 17th July – 11am

- Parents/Carers of children celebrating a birthday 14th July to 31st August are welcome to attend.