



NCEA Harry Hotspur  
C of E Primary School

# SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dates for your diary...



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## Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely half term. It is great to see the children back in school and now the weather has improved - Spring is on its way. We have a busy term coming up so please see the dates attached.

### MARCH

DATES  
FOR YOUR  
DIARY

- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Stall (Ruby Class)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Roots and Shoots (Emerald Class  
- Packed lunches required.)
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 Visit Duchess High School
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day/Wear Red (£1)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Easter Service at Church 2pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - Reception & Year 6 Weights & Measures
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - SEND Parents evenings - 3:30pm (Book  
through office)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - Vision Screening (Reception)
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Non-uniform day - Easter Egg  
donation for Easter Bingo
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Sale (Amber Class)
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Whitehouse Farm Trip (Amber)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - New to Nursery visit 10am
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Bingo 5:30pm (6pm start)



### APRIL

DATES  
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- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Alnwick Playhouse - 3 Billy Goats Gruff -  
PM (Ruby)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Coffee Morning & Celebration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - School Closes 3:15 for Easter
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - School starts 8:45am - Lunches £2.60
- 21<sup>st</sup> April - Emerald Class - Roots & Shoots  
(Packed lunches required)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Eucharist @ Church (Amber)
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Cake Stall (Emerald)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - So Unfair Science @ Playhouse (Amber)
- 28<sup>th</sup> April - DCHS visit our Y6 children





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## MAY

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**1<sup>st</sup> May** - Coffee Morning & Celebration

**1<sup>st</sup> May** - Cake Stall (Diamond Class)

**4<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday - School Closed

**8<sup>th</sup> May** - VE Day

**Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**KS2 SATs Week**

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs Week 18<sup>th</sup> May - Yr 5 & 6 Visit  
the Centre for Life Newcastle - Space Explorers.

**20<sup>th</sup> May** - Natural Paint Making Workshop (Emerald)

**21<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 6 at the DCHS

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Coffee Morning & Celebration

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Fund raising event - Professional athlete  
in school PM

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** - School closes for May half-term

**1<sup>st</sup> June** - School reopens

**HEADS UP:**

**26<sup>th</sup> June** - SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day

## ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, we are launching a new reward for children who can make it into school each day.

Each week, those children who make it into school will be put into a raffle in Celebration Worship. The lucky prize winners will win some exciting prizes - starting with Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher!

### Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence
- and most of all...
- ✓ Have the best start in life

#### DAILY LATENESS

equates to...



5 MINUTES LATE 15 hours of lost learning  
10 MINUTES LATE 30 hours of lost learning  
15 MINUTES LATE 50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!

100% **PERFECT**  
100% Attendance

98% **IMPRESSIVE**  
Equates to 4 school days off each year

96% **GOOD**  
Equates to 7 school days off each year

95% **NEARLY THERE**  
Equates to 9 school days off each year

94% **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**  
Equates to 11 school days off each year

90% **DANGER ZONE**  
Equates to 1 month off each year

80% **EXTREME IMPACT**  
Equates to 2 months off each year

## Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date on Arbor.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office. All communications are sent via email so please ensure that you also check that your email address is up to date.



# HELPING YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE

Many young people are starting to explore games, apps and social media often on shared family devices. We know that this can be worrying, especially as technology changes so quickly so we wanted to share some simple, up-to-date guidance:

## 1. Talk regularly about what they do online

Make online life part of normal chat – “What games did you play today? Who were you chatting to? (Rather than a big one-off talk). Be curious and non-judgemental so your child is more likely to tell you if something ever worries or upsets them. Reassure them that they won’t be in trouble for asking for help – even if they make a mistake.

## 2. Agree some simple family rules

When devices can be used, where they are kept at night and which apps and games are allowed. Mobile phones and Tablets emit “Blue Light” which makes it harder for your brain to settle ready for sleep. It is recommended that children are not on devices 1 hour before bed.

## 3. Check privacy & safety settings

Check on both apps and games so your child is only talking to people they know in real life. Remind them to tell an adult straight away if they see or hear anything online that makes them upset, worried or confused.

## 4. Age limits & popular apps

Many social media apps (e.g. Snapchat and TikTok) are aimed at children aged 13 and over, so children will need close adult supervision if they are allowed to use them.

## 5. How school is helping

We teach online safety at in school and always encourage children to speak to us if something online worries them. Children are taught to leave what has made them uncomfortable open and show it to an adult it immediately.

## 6. Useful websites for helping with clear, practical step-by-step guides:

- **NSPCC** – Keeping children safe online (for conversation starters, app guides and advice by age): [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety\\_](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety_)
- **Internet Matters** – Simple age-specific checklists for how-to guides for setting controls on devices and apps: [www.internetmatters.org\\_](http://www.internetmatters.org_)
- **-Save the Children** – Family-friendly tips on boundaries and parental controls: [www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-hub/children-online-safety\\_](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parent-hub/children-online-safety_)

## PLEASE NOTE

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## Uniform

Please remember that school uniform is a burgundy jumper/cardigan, yellow t-shirt, plain black trousers/skirts and plain black shoes. Trainers should only be worn on PE days and should also be plain black.

## Outstanding Payments: (Arbor)

Please ensure all outstanding payments are paid as soon as possible with the school office or through the Arbor App.