



Weekly Bulletin 20th June 2025

Headteacher's Message

We look forward to welcoming you all to Sports Day on Monday 23rd June, starting at 1.15pm. This year the children will be competing in team games in the first part of the afternoon. They have been organised so that children from the same family will move around and take part in the same activities together. Parents will be able to follow their children around for these events.

The children will be competing in the team games for the first part of the afternoon and after a short break all classes will compete in Sprint races on the track. The children will have competed in heats at an earlier point so that they can be organised into their Sprint finals on the day.

For the second part of the afternoon we will sit the children on the field side of the track in their classes and ask the parents to watch from the opposite side of the track.

On the day, if your child needs to visit the toilet they will be escorted by a member of staff.

At the end of Sports Day, the children will be taken back to their classrooms to collect their belongings and then they will be brought outside onto the playground for you to collect your child and attend the FOSS summer event if you wish to do so.

As some parents have requested that their children are not photographed within school, we would like to remind all parents not to photograph children during school events. Thank you!

Each week I want to include a 'snapshot' of some of the things going on in school. For example, news from our ECO team, Worship group, V.I.P. (Very International People) and SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). This week our focus is on our Y6 children and an update is shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Y6 Update

We have been very busy in Y6 and wanted to update you all with everything we have been doing. We have had lots of PE opportunities, which has included: Basketball, Netball, Yoga and for some of us, taking part in Durham Dash.



Last week, Year 6 went to the Y6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral. We created key rings with a key on it to represent the key to the future of our lives, we also built a Lego tower to represent the whole community being together as one and what that means to us. We also took part in worship with the other schools, being led in prayers and singing songs.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to FOSS for providing our leavers hoodies, contributing to school trips (including Robinwood) and paying for visitors like Adam Bushnell to come to our school. Thank you, FOSS, for showing the value of Service in our school and making our time at school more memorable.

FOSS - Friends of Shincliffe School - Monday 23rd June 3.30pm-4.30pm

We are all looking forward to Sports Day and as previously mentioned we will be selling drinks and ice-creams/lollies on the day for £2 for children and adults and of course, there will also be the ever-popular raffle.

Hopefully, it will be a great afternoon for both children and parents. We look forward to seeing you there. All money raised will be used support and enrich school life.

Our current treasurer will be stepping down from the role at the end of the school year, if anyone is interested in taking up this position then contact the FOSS team or Mr Rumbles.

Friends of Shincliffe School

Maths Café

Over the coming weeks we will be hosting a Maths Café for Year groups 1-6, delivered by Durham's Family Learning Champions for children and parents. The Café uses a range of fun Maths activities and games linked to the skills your child is learning in school, which will help you support with their development and homework. This will be a valuable session which everyone can enjoy, especially when preparing for transition to your child's next year group.

The dates for each year group are as follows:

Tuesday 24th June – Y1 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm

*Y3 Maths Café Rearranged date to be confirmed

Parents' Open evening

On Tuesday 1st July between 3.30pm and 4.30pm you are invited to look around school, talk with your child's current class teacher and have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for September 2025. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 6 Transition Dates

Belmont - 4th July

Framwellgate - 4th July

Durham Johnston - 4th July

Sedgefield – 3rd and 4th July

St Leonards – 5th June AM and 4th July

Water Safety information

Many parts of the UK and Ireland are experiencing hot weather now and into the weekend. As temperatures rise, more people head to the water to cool off — but higher heat means higher risk. Latest research tells us the risk of accidental drowning is five times higher when air temperature is 25 degrees or higher and every year, we see a tragic spike in drownings during hot weather. And most of them are preventable.

Heading to the coast this weekend? Have fun, make memories — but please stay safe.

- If you get into trouble in the water: Float to Live
 - * Tilt your head back, with your ears submerged
 - * Relax and try to breathe normally
 - * Move your hands and feet to help you stay afloat
 - * It's fine if your legs sink, we all float differently
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Please swim between the red and yellow flags at a Lifeguarded beach and leave inflatables at home— offshore winds can whisk them away before you know it!

#RespectTheWater

Find my nearest lifeguarded beach - <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches>

Diary Dates

For a full list of school holiday dates please see the school website.

Monday 23rd June - Sports Day – 1.15pm onwards – Ice Creams/Lollies/Drinks served after

Monday 23rd June – SEND Parents' Evening – 3.40pm-5pm

Tuesday 24th June – Y1 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm – Parents welcome

Thursday 26th June – Y1 Hall Hill Farm Visit

Monday 30th June - St Mary's Lighthouse Y2

Tuesday 1st July - Parents' Open Evening – 3.30pm-4.30pm

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th July – Y6 Residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre

Wednesday 9th July - Oriental Museum Y3

Tuesday 15th July at 2.45pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents Welcome

Friday 18th July at 10am – Y6 Leavers’ Service at St Mary’s Y6 Parents Welcome - refreshments served afterwards by St Mary’s parishioners
Friday 18th July – School closes for Summer holiday

Sun Cream

As the weather is starting to warm up, please remember to apply a long-lasting sun cream before your child comes to school. Please also provide a named sun-hat.

Wild Church – Summer

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2.00pm-4.00 pm

St. Mary's Church is having a fundraiser in the garden

Wild Church will be there doing a Drum Circle twice during the afternoon at 2.30 and 3.30 pm

Christian Vision and Values

Our school vision is rooted in Jesus’ promise in John 10 v 10, that he has ‘come that you may have life - life in all its fullness.’ To help us understand and live out this vision we look at certain Christian values which, as a school community, we believe are important.

This half-term, we will explore the value of service and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Peter, Fr. Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about the ways in which we are able to serve one another.

Further information on this half term’s Christian value:

Properly understood, Christian Service is a revolutionary concept. The notion of service calls us to lay selfish things aside for the needs of others. It is also an important value in all relationships.

Jesus said that he ‘came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’ The story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper is well known—this is where he takes on the role of the lowest servant rather than that of the master. Jesus tells us clearly the meaning of this action: ‘Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done.’

Serving God, means serving others.

We would like our children to continue their reflection and experience at home.

Some things to think about:

- How are we encouraged to “find” our gifts and to use them for the good of the school and wider community?
- How do you show gratitude for those who serve / help you?

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by e-mail please e-mail the school. Shincliffe@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents’ section of the website.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

Including 'PAY WHAT
YOU WANT' Charity
week 21st-25th July

Supporting

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**



Also a FREE club for
benefit related Free
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FOOTBALL



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**Do you have a teddy bear or a
soft toy that needs a new home ?**

There is going to be a Teddy Bear Tombola at the St Mary's Church Fundraiser on Sunday 29th June and we need teddy bears and soft toys for lucky people to win .

If you have one that we can have (it doesn't need to be new) please can you bring it into school the week before, for us to collect .

Please come along to on the Sunday afternoon for fun and games at the event .



Durham Autism Hubs

For parents / carers of children who are awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in Durham.

We have the following dates available:

Stanley Family Hub
Clifford Road, DH9 0AB

07/08
04/09
02/10
06/11
04/12

Willington Family Hub
Chapel Street, DL15 0EQ

14/08
11/09
09/10
13/11
11/12

north east
autism society



Supporting your autistic child workshop

The workshop will cover:

- worries and action planning
- common misconceptions
- differences in autistic children
- practical strategies to use in everyday life

These sessions will run 10-12 and must be pre-booked.

One to one appointments

These appointments are for families that have questions or would like to discuss any issues in confidence.

These appointments are available between 9-10am and 1-3pm and must be pre-booked.



**To book please contact Rebecca Weatherstone on
0191 410 9974 or rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk**



July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am



JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
31st July
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving
practical interventions. Clear explanation of
the condition in all its forms and extremely
useful advice.

Monday
28th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage
defiant and challenging behaviour,
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children
who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back
into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **PARENTS**
on the **Homepage**





Online Safety



**Supporting parents to keep young people
stay safe online**

Would you like to support your child to stay safe online?
We can offer ways for you to help them navigate online spaces.

You will learn about:

- Keeping you and your child safe online
- Password security and storage
- Social Media / Gaming Sites
- Internet scams, fake profiles, phishing, email scams etc
- How the internet can affect your mental being



**Online Sessions to be hosted on Teams. To register
your interest, please scan the QR code and select an
available session.**



For enquiries please email:

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Understanding Why Children Might Be Anxious About School

Tuesday 6th May 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am

This is an awareness session to increase understanding of why children might be anxious about school, identify potential triggers and look at available support and strategies. This session is suitable for parents/carers of all school aged children but may be of limited value to parents of children with more complex needs.

Anxiety (Two groups)

Tuesday 3rd June 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am—Over 11 years

Tuesday 10th June 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am— 5-11 years

This session looks at what anxiety is, what the triggers might be, how to identify it and how we can support our children and young people.

Emotional Wellbeing

Wednesday 9th July 2025, 1.30 pm—3.30 pm

This session will focus on emotional wellbeing, what is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children.

Please book a place using the link or QR code directly below:

[CAMHS Training Booking Form - Parents Carers](#)



To visit our Trust website, for further information, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and run on Microsoft Teams.

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Understanding Behaviour Development in Children and Young People

Tuesday 15th July 2025, 9.30 am—11.30 am

This session will look at behavioural norms in the developing child and how adult behaviour influences this. We will look at the challenges parents and carers may face and how they can support their children and young people to develop resilience and manage risk as they grow to adulthood and independence.

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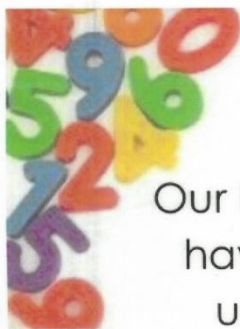
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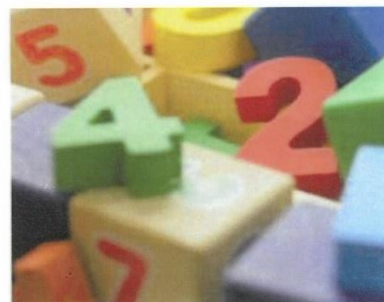
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Please note: There will be some registration paperwork to complete at the session. Please bring your National Insurance Number and a form of ID for the paperwork. Thank you



**Come and join
your child for
some fun maths
activities!**

Maths Café

1pm-3pm

Wednesday 21 May Year 6

Wednesday 4 June Year 5

Wednesday 11 June Year 4

Tuesday 17 June Year 3

Wednesday 18 June Year 2

Tuesday 24 June Year 1