



Weekly Bulletin 23rd May 2025

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy week in school where children have been able to take part in a number of enrichment activities this week. On Tuesday we held a Street Games Festival which helped to further enhance the teaching of games, tactics and teamwork in PE lessons in school. Our Reception children took their learning to Hardwick Park and our Year 2 children competed in a striking and fielding event hosted by the School Sports Partnership Team. As well as this, we hosted the first of our Maths Café for our Year 6 children which was well supported by parents. All of these opportunities helped to develop the children's learning experience and foster their curiosity, creativity and confidence both inside and outside the classroom.

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 Reception Class and Mrs Short has shared an update below.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of this academic year on Tuesday 3rd June.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Reception Class visit to Hardwick Park

The Reception children had a wonderful time working with Melissa from the Education Team at Hardwick Park on Wednesday. We took part in lots of activities linking to the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle; including making a butterfly in our groups to take back to school, going on a treasure hunt in small groups to find the different foods that the Hungry Caterpillar ate and searching for minibeasts to look at in special pots which made them easier to see. Eating their packed lunches in the School Room was a real highlight for the children - they'd certainly worked up an appetite after taking part in all of those activities during the morning session!

In the afternoon, we went for an adventure walk around Hardwick Park to find the ruined castle, along with the Gruffalo and the Dragon statues. We were thrilled to see lots of birds on our walk including swans, ducks, moorhens & geese. Our favourites were definitely the very fluffy baby goslings though! We finished up with a play in the little park before it was time to come back to school. The children had an impromptu sing along throughout the bus journey back – "The Wheels on the Bus", "Old MacDonald had a Farm" & other favourite tunes were all sung with great gusto! It was an absolute pleasure for Mrs Silvester and I to see the Reception children all enjoying themselves and taking part in all of the different activities with such enthusiasm and interest.

Mrs Short

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:

Wednesday 4th June – Y5 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm

Wednesday 11th June – Y4 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm

Tuesday 17th June – Y3 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm

Wednesday 18th June – Y2 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm

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

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

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 4th June – Y5 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm – Parents welcome

Thursday 5th June – Pentecost Eucharist – 9.05am – All welcome

Tuesday 10th June - Vindolanda Y4

Tuesday 10th June Y6 Leavers' Service – Durham Cathedral (Pupils only)

Wednesday 11th June – Y4 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm – Parents welcome

Monday 16th June – SEND Parents' Evening – 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 17th June – Y3 Maths Café – 1.15pm-3pm – Parents welcome

Tuesday 17th June - Beamish Y5

Wednesday 18th June – Y2 Maths Café – 1pm-3pm – Parents welcome

Monday 23rd June - Sports Day – 1.15pm onwards

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

Noticeboard

- **KS2 Paid School Meals – Dinner Money (Y3-Y6) – SUMMER TERM 2 2025** – Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025 (6 Weeks 4 Days) - Parents and Carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners, for this half term, (Summer 2 – 6 Weeks 4 Days) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£100.30 to be paid by Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. Please note your child's balance and adjust your payment accordingly.
- **IMPORTANT** - If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one week's notice.

Durham School Meals Board - School Meals price increase

With the continual challenges we are facing in terms of food inflation, the additional rise in NMW and changes to National Insurance contributions and to ensure sustainable and nutritious meal is provided to the Children, it has been necessary to agree a price increase in relation to the Primary School meal. From 1st June 2025, Primary School Meals will be charged at £2.95 per day.

The Council and a representation of Primary School leaders undertook a full and transparent review of costs and accepted the new price on the basis that this will be fixed until 31st March 2026.

If your child or children attend an infant school or infant class from Reception to Year 2 (KS1) then school meals will continue to be free to them under the government Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours faithfully,

Durham School Meals Board

Wild Church – Summer Term 1

Sat June 14th at 4.00 pm outside St. Mary's - is Next Wild Church
Christian Aid Cocoa Gathering with activities and a service.

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.

We are exploring the value of thankfulness and worship will be led by Mr Rumbles, Mrs Matthews, Fr. Bill, Fr. Peter and the pupils.

Some further information about this half term's value:

This half term we are focussing on Thankfulness as our whole school Christian Value. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives.

Some things to think about:

- How can we express our appreciation and thankfulness in the life of the school?
- How can we demonstrate that we see the good things of life as a blessing and a gift rather than a right?
- How can we be thankful for more than just material possessions?

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.



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



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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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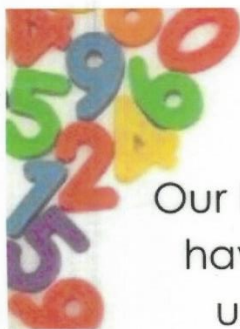
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Summer Timetable

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Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
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



Come along to our Maths Café!

Our Family Learning Champions have designed a course that 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.

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