



Weekly Bulletin 6th June 2025

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We look forward to a number of exciting events and activities. Please do consult the diary dates below and support events and activities as you are able.

By today, you will have received a [home-school links](#) sheet from your child's class teacher or uploaded onto DB Primary. This details the ways in which you can support your child with their studies as well as informing you of the curriculum content to be covered during this half term in each subject area. I encourage you to read it and to use it as a basis for discussing with your child what they are learning about in school.

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 the work of FOSS and our Worship Group and updates are shared below.

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

FOSS

FOSS will be selling drinks and ice-creams/lollies after Sports Day, on Monday 23rd June. We'll run the ever-popular raffle as well, so look out for tickets which will be sent out a few weeks in advance of Sports Day. As always donations to the raffle are very welcome so please email foss.shincliffe@gmail.com if you can contribute. Please also get in touch if you are able to help with drinks and ice creams on the day.

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.

Worship Group

Yesterday morning, our school community gathered for a meaningful Pentecost Celebration service. Father Peter and the Worship Group led us in songs, prayers and reflection as we remembered the coming of the Holy Spirit. As part of the service we shared in the Eucharist together. This was an especially significant moment for some of our Key Stage 2 children, who received Communion.

Worship Group Members

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 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

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.

Diary Dates

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

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

Friday 13th June – Wellbeing Day

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 – 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.

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

CHRISTIAN AID GATHERING SAT 14th June 4.00 pm outside St. Mary's

Wild Church resumes for the Summer Term on Sat 14th when we will be doing our Christian Aid Service- please come and join us it's for everyone.

The theme is Resilient Cropping and follows Guatemalan cocoa farmers: We will learn how to farm in hotter climates - using succession sowing with our carrots and peas, engineering by setting up for rainwater collection, protecting crops, looking at the cocoa life cycle, choosing resilient seeds and

heritage crops. We will make cocoa based food - chocolate mousse with coconut milk, pray without words and do our campfire and mallows. Young leaders 11+ please come at 3.30 pm we'll set up water harvesting.

Bring a donation for Christian Aid.

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

JULY WILD CHURCH - Date TBC

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.

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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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.**



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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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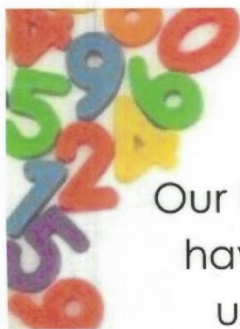
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Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
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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