



Weekly Bulletin 18th July 2025

Headteacher's Message

On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 presented their Leavers' Assembly - looking back with both humour and affection on their time at Shincliffe. Their performance was enjoyed by the whole school and a capacity audience of friends and family.

Earlier in the week we received notification that the school has achieved the Platinum School Games Mark Award. This celebrates and recognises our hard work and commitment to PE and school sport. My thanks go to Mr Gowan and the School Sports Partnership in helping us achieve the highest level of this award.

This morning our Leavers' Service was held at St. Mary's and the leavers were each presented with a Bible as a fitting gift to mark their time with us. Education should be one of the greatest blessings in anyone's life and an opportunity to experience 'life in all its fullness.' We wish our Year Sixes well as they move on to the next stage of their schooling.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the staff for the dedication and enthusiasm shown through the course of this academic year and for the way in which they have consistently endeavoured to provide the very best for the children. They are a credit to the profession; their commitment to your children and to giving them the best educational experiences is second to none.

My thanks also go to the FOSS team for all that they have done during this academic year. All money raised has been used for the benefit and enrichment of children in school.

I wish you all a happy, relaxing and fun summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 3rd September. I leave you with the words of the blessing shared by Year 6 at this morning's Leavers' Service:

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.
Amen*

Best wishes

Mr Rumbles

Music

On Tuesday the whole school were treated to a fantastic live performance by the John Birks Orchestra. We enjoyed dancing to the Latin, funk, Brazilian choro blend of music and seeing how much fun it can be to play music in ensembles. It was a special experience and wonderful to see percussion and brass instruments of all sorts of shapes and sizes!

School Uniform

As you prepare for Autumn Term 2025/26 the school uniform is:

Grey/Navy skirt, pinafore or grey trousers

White polo shirt

Navy sweatshirt / cardigan

Sensible, black school shoes

In warmer weather children may wear a blue and white school dress or grey shorts.

For PE Days children require:

House colour t-shirt and jumper, shorts, jogging bottoms, leggings (black or navy) and appropriate trainers

Polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleeces, shower-proof jackets, rainproof jackets, house t-shirts & sweatshirts, and book bags with the school logo can be ordered through school. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Noticeboard

- **KS2 DINNER MONEY – AUTUMN TERM 1 (2025/2026)** - Parents and Carers wishing to pay in advance for their child's school dinners, for this half term, (7 weeks 3 days) are requested to visit ParentPay and make the online payment for the sum of **£112.10 to be paid by Wednesday 3rd September 2025**. *Please note your child's balance and adjust your payment accordingly.* If your child is wishing to change to *Packed Lunches* please inform the school office with one week's notice.
- **Data Collection** – If any of your contact details have **changed**, please complete and return to the School office. If there are no changes, we do not require a new form completing.

Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 3rd September – School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2025/26

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 – Y6 Eden Camp Trip

Friday 26th September 2025 – Y6 Modern Foreign Languages Day

Tuesday 30th September 2025 – Y5 Iskcon Temple Trip

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Friday 9th January 2026 – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

If you would like to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin by email, please email the school. Shincliffece@durhamlearning.net The Weekly Bulletins from previous weeks can be found in the Parents' section of the website.



Dragonflies Durham

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Is your little one starting primary school this September? Or do you know of some who is? 🍏🍏

We are super excited to launch our very success Make New Friends events this August for our local primary schools. Help your little one settle in quickly by meeting other little ones from their class 😊😊

Please see below the list of local schools that we are running them for.....(please note these are not in conjunction with the schools)

🍏 Chevely Park, 20th August at 4pm

🍏 Shincliffe CofE, 21st August at 4pm

🍏 St Margaret's, 22nd August at 4pm

🍏 Belmont Primary, 26th August at 4pm

🍏 Framwellgate Moore, 27th August at 4pm

🍏 St Thomas Moore, and St Joseph's, 28th August at 4pm

🍏 St Oswalds, 29th August 4pm

!! BOOK NOW !! only £6.95 per little one and each little one will get a snack too.

<https://www.dragonfliesdurham.co.uk/about-1>





Team Durham Multi Sports

- Ages: - 5 - 12 years
- Monday 21st July - Friday 15th August
- Per day booking
- Join our fun-filled sports camps make unforgettable memories this summer!

Sign up through the link below
or by scanning the QR code!

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps



Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE
Free onsite car parking

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

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

Supporting

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**

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Also a FREE club for
benefit related Free
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FUN & FOOD

Holiday activities with healthy food
Provided by the Department for Education



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Come and Join our popular as-ever holiday activity club in Durham City.

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OPEN 8:45AM - 4PM**

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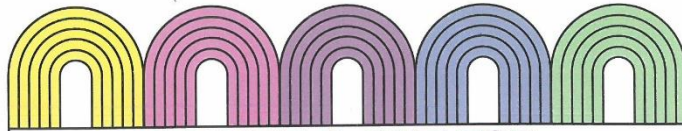
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FOOTBALL



GOLF



SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!!! SUMMER FUN @ GTD

ACTIVITIES

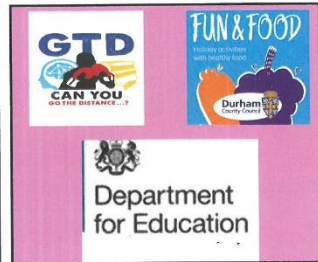
Indoor & Outdoor Sports
Arts & Crafts
Community Projects
Movie Fridays
T-Shirt Designing
Jewellery Making
Dance Lessons
Weekly Outdoor Trips
FREE MEALS, SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED DAILY.

WHO?

- All primary & secondary school age groups!
- Free places for all children in receipt of free school meals!
- Tickets available via schools.

WHERE:


Go The Distance CIC
Mandale Business Park
DHI 1TH
07429156163
Paul@gothedistancecic.co.uk



WHEN:

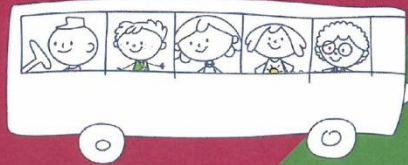
Week 1 - 21st July - 25th July
Week 2 - 28th July - 1st Aug
Week 3 - 4th Aug - 8th Aug
Week 4 - 11th Aug - 15th Aug
Week 5 - 8th Aug - 22nd Aug
10AM - 2PM


northeast-ca.gov.uk/bus

 **Kim McGuinness**
North East Mayor

go kids free!

Up to three kids aged 11 and
under travel free when
accompanied by a customer with
a valid adult ticket.*



find out
more 



*For full terms and conditions please visit:
northeast-ca.gov.uk/bus
Proof of child's age may be required



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

<https://kids.dcsf.org.uk>

Fun & Food, Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted.



Science
& Sport

Arts &
Crafts

DCSF SUMMER CAMPS

Starting
July 7th

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music, Science, Sport, swimming
and Outdoor Forest Adventures.

For Ages
5 - 13 yrs

WEEKLY DAY TRIPS

FUN AND FOOD BOOKINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FUN

AND FOOD ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

QR code and booking link will be issued through your school.



Durham
Cathedral
Schools
Foundation

DURHAM CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS FOUNDATION IS A REGISTERED CHARITY
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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**