



Newsletter



HEADTEACHER

As we reach the last week of this half term, school has been buzzing with activity. Our Reception children have enjoyed their trips, classes have taken part in exciting virtual reality workshops, and our Year 6 pupils have shown real determination and resilience as they completed their SATs. The corridors are now filled with a sea of leavers' hoodies, a reminder that we are heading into our final half term of the year after the holidays.

A quick reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 22nd May.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable break.

KS1 PE

As part of Mental Health Week, all of KS1 joined Joe Wicks live to take part in the Big School Workout. The children completed a variety of high-energy exercises and learned how physical activity can help to boost mood, build resilience and support mental wellbeing.

It was exciting to know that children from schools all around the country were taking part at the same time. Everyone had lots of fun keeping active together and promoting positive mental health.



KEY DATES

- 18th May** - Reception Farm Trip
- 18th May** - Y2 to Y6 Virtual Reality Workshops
- 18th May** - New Starter Visit for Reception 4 - 5pm
- 22nd May** - Whole School Colour Run -afternoon
- 22nd May** - Break up for half term
- 1st June** - PD Day - school is closed
- 2nd June** - Children return to school
- 2nd June** - Y4 MTC assessment window opens
- 2nd June** - Y2 Careers Workshop
- 5th June** - Y6 Canal Trust Visit
- 5th June** - Y2 Sleepover in school
- 8th June** - Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
- 9th June** - Y5 UTC Visit - Group 1
- 9th June** - Y5 and Y6 Police Workshop - Diversity
- 11th June** - Y5 Bishop Auckland Higher Education
- 15th June** - RNLI Water Safety Assembly
- 16th June** - Y5 UTC Visit Group 2
- 16th June** - Y4 Ancient Greeks Workshop
- 17th June** - Year 1 Preston Park Trip
- 18th June** - Skipping Day
- 19th June** - Sports Day (Y1 to Y6) - 1.30 onwards.
Parents are welcome
- 23rd June** - LET Athletics Event
- 24th June** - Outdoor Adventurous Activities
- 25th June** - Year 2 trip to Shildon Locomotion
- 25th June** - Student Ambassadors Parliament visit
- 30th June** - Hoopstarz Day - PE workshop
- 1st July** - Y6 Transition Day to new schools
- 3rd July** - Y4 Camp out at Preston Primary
- 7th July** - Summer Fair
- 8th July** - Y6 Exploring Careers Workshop
- 10th July** - EYFS Parent Event - Mini Sports Day and lunch invite- parents welcome from 10:45am
- 13th or 15th July** - Durham Brass Whole School Performance
- 14th July** - Y6 Prom from 5:00 - 6.30pm
- 16th July** - Y3 Hancock Museum Ancient Egyptians Trip
- 16th July** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.30am Year 6 parents are welcome to attend
- 17th July** - School closes for the summer





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SPECIAL VISITORS

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe to our assembly. They spoke to the children about a book written by the Mayor called *Locomotion No. 1 - An Aycliffe Story*. The book is full of fascinating local history and celebrates the rich heritage of the area in which we live. It was wonderful for the children to learn more about our community and to feel proud of the important role Great Aycliffe has played in history.

Copies of the book will be distributed to pupils before the end of half term.



ATTENDANCE

If your child is off for any reason, you must telephone the office to let us know. If a child is ill through sickness then they must stay off for 48 hours from the last time the child was sick. Research shows that good attendance is linked with higher achievement. If a child is off then it can have a serious impact on their education and at Woodham Burn, we want all children to have the best possible start to their school career.



RECEPTION

Reception had a wonderful day at The Botanic Garden in Durham on 28th April. They engaged in an interactive retell of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, explored the extensive grounds and planted some beans.



THANK YOU

Today we want to also say goodbye to Mrs Roberts who will be leaving us on Friday 22nd May. The biggest thank you for everything she has given to Woodham Burn over the past sixteen years. She has been a constant source of energy, kindness and dedication.

Mrs Roberts has poured her heart into every sports day, making each one run smoothly and feel special for every child. She brought the Colour Runs to life too, turning them into one of the most joyful traditions we have. Children, staff and families look forward to them every year because of the magic she creates.

Mrs Roberts, thank you for every moment, every effort and every smile you have shared with us. Please come back to visit whenever you can. You will always be part of the Woodham Burn family. Mrs McGill will be taking over the class after half term.

Good luck in your new adventure.