



2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter HAF Follow the link below to view and book Sunderland’s Holiday Activities and Food programme for the Easter holidays. Sessions are free for children aged 4-16 who live in the Sunderland Local Authority and receive benefit-related free school meals, as well as specific programmes for children with SEND. Healthy meals are included with every session. <https://eequ.org/collections/iframe/togetherforchildren>

Attendance Well done to Mr McLaughlin’s (RLM) and Miss Lynn’s (3CL) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School’s overall attendance for the week dipped to 93.9% while the year-to-date attendance remains at 94.4%.

A massive well done to Lucy in 1DM and Hallie in 4AW who won the half-termly attendance raffle prize in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 respectively. As well as the raffle prizes, nearly 300 certificates were given out today for those children who had attendance of 96% or better this half-term, about 3/4 of the school population.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
98.8%	90.9%	93.8%	94.6%	92.5%	98.7%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
89.7%	98.6%	93.6%	92.5%	93.5%	88.5%	97.1%	92.1%

Church Services Yesterday, children from right across school walked to the church for the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Easter church services. The readings and singing were brilliant and Reverend Bethany commented on how well behaved all the children were.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition Congratulations to those children who won their class egg decorating competition. My own personal favourite was one of eggs in an aeroplane with the caption, ‘Nothing beats an Egg2 holiday.’ There were lots of creative ideas from all year groups and the children had lots of fun creating them.

House Prize Winner Well done to Willow House who thoroughly enjoyed the Easter orienteering challenge, their treat bag and some free time on the field. It was lovely to see all children from Reception to year 6 playing and supporting each other. House Points will reset in the summer term.

Healthy Heads Coffee Morning We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a coffee morning taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 21st April at 9:00am. We are delighted that Healthy Heads will be leading the session, offering parents the opportunity to speak with their team and take part in a workshop focused on emotional regulation. This will provide helpful strategies and guidance to support children’s wellbeing at home. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents in a relaxed setting while gaining valuable insights. We hope to see you there!



Book donation Thank you to local author, Emily Padgett, and a parent who have donated two copies of the book, *What the Snow Brings*. This book can be used to help children deal with grief but it also shows children how love can be felt – in snowflakes, in feathers, in robins, in small everyday moments. Both books will be added to our school library and be accessible for all children to read.

Y6 Residential On Tuesday 28th April at 5pm, the Y6 teachers will host an information session in the hall for parents/carers. As well as sharing key info, it will be an opportunity to ask any questions ahead of the trip to Derwent Hill in June.

Easter Activities Over the holiday period, the Family Hubs across the city have a wide range of activities available. Three libraries (Sunderland, Houghton and Washington) also have an activity programme. The itineraries for both are attached to today's newsletter.

Have a wonderful Easter break whatever you and your families get up to and hopefully we continue to see some nice weather so we can get outside. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20th April.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Warm clothing will be needed as the days get colder as the children will be outside for the whole forest school session. Older clothes are best as they could end up getting muddy. The forest school site can get very muddy, so they should also have a change of footwear to wear on the forest school site – this could be wellies or old trainers.

Forest School will start again when we return from the Easter Holidays:

Date	Class
Monday 20 th April	5KH
Tuesday 21 st April	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 22 nd April	3CL
Thursday 23 rd April	4AW
Friday 24 th April	1DM 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 27 th April	5JP
Tuesday 28 th April	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 29 th April	3BP
Thursday 30 th April	4RA
Friday 1 st May	1ZF 6AL

Year 4 and 5 Swimming A gentle reminder that swimming is an important part of the school curriculum and all children are expected to take part in their scheduled swimming lessons. If your child is unable to participate for medical reasons, we kindly ask that a note is provided explaining the reason. If the absence from swimming is ongoing or long term, a medical letter may be required. Swimming is a valuable life skill and part of the National Curriculum, so we encourage all children to take part whenever possible.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Thursday AM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Monday PM	
Year 3	Thursday PM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Tuesday - 4AW Friday - 4RA
Year 5	Friday PM	Wednesday – 5KH Thursday – 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Rory Farrell
	RSS	Cayden Crossley
Year 1	1DM	Isabelle Preston
	1ZF	Frankie Kirtley
Year 2	2AK	Isaac Potter
	2GW	Harry Mackay
Year 3	3BP	Finley Phillips
	3CL	Amelia McGlen
Year 4	4AW	Albi Pagram
	4RA	Olivia Sikora
Year 5	5KH	Buddy Holmes
	5JP	Freddie Dellin
Year 6	6EA	Lily-Mae Bell
	6AL	Jacob Sheard

