



20th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evening Thank you to everyone who could make it along this week for parents' evening. We are sorry for the inconvenience of the cancelled appointments on Wednesday for Mrs Spencer's and Miss Wade's classes – we hope to rearrange these slots as soon as possible next half-term. Likewise, if you could not make an appointment this week, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March - We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. There will be lots of fun reading activities throughout the day as we celebrate our love of books. It's sure to be a fantastic day for everyone involved!

As Y4 have a residential on Thursday 5th March, Y4 children are invited to come dressed up on Wednesday 4th March instead if they would like to.

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 was a brilliant 95.6% while the year-to-date attendance is 94.2%.

For comparison, the average attendance for primary schools in Sunderland for the year-to-date is currently 94.7%. Our gap has reduced as it was around 1% in autumn term so it is great that we are moving in the right direction – we hope to continue to close this gap further next half-term.

Today, we gave out our half-termly attendance certificates: there was a certificate for those with excellent attendance of 96%+ and one for those who managed 100% perfect attendance. Altogether there were 234 certificates given out so well over half of children in school. All of these children were entered into an attendance raffle alongside children whose attendance has improved since last half term. There was a prize for EYFS/KS1 and a raffle prize for KS2 with the lucky winners being Mushinga in reception and Finn in Y4.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
99.1%	98.6%	97.2%	97.3%	93.1%	94.8%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
91.1%	99.1%	94.5%	95.1%	95.2%	92.5%	96.9%	94.1%



Clubs On the first Monday back, after-school curriculum clubs will start with cricket, Forest School and STEM for Y5 and Y6. If your child has not signed up and would like to, please contact the school office – please note, STEM for Y1 and Y2 is now full.

Year Group	Day	Club Choices
Reception	Tuesday	Gardening (inc. Forest School) Games
Year One Year Two	Tuesday	Dance Forest School STEM (inc. Lego, computing, science, puzzles)
Year Three Year Four	Thursday	Dance/Fitness Forest School (inc. orienteering) Multisport
Year Five Year Six	Monday	Cricket Forest School (inc. orienteering) STEM

Football To conclude the Futsal fixtures, our girls played a friendly match against Biddick Primary School. It certainly didn't disappoint and proved to be a real nail-biter from start to finish. We found ourselves 1–0 down early in the game after conceding a quick goal. Not long after, thanks to some fantastic footwork from Jess, we managed to equalise the game. In the final few seconds, Jess stepped up once again to find the back of the net and secure a dramatic 2–1 victory for the team! The girls finished 4th overall in the league and secured themselves a well-deserved medal. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.

Football Training In preparation for the continuation of Year 5/6 football league, football training will start the first Monday back after half term (02/03/26). Weather allowing, we will be training on the field. If not, we will use the MUGA. We ask that children please bring both their football boots and suitable trainers to football training.

Have a great half-term everyone with hopefully much better weather than we have had over the past 7 weeks. School re-opens on Monday 2nd March.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Forest School will resume on Monday 9th March. 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.

Date	Class
Monday 9 th March	5KH
Tuesday 10 th March	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 11 th March	3CL
Thursday 12 th March	4AW
Friday 13 th March	1ZF 6AL

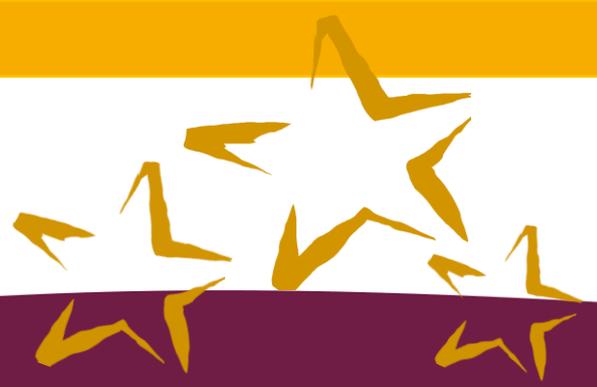
Date	Class
Monday 16 th March	5JP
Tuesday 17 th March	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 18 th March	3BP
Thursday 19 th March	4RA
Friday 20 th March	1DM 6EA

PE and Swimming - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white or yellow T-shirt with dark-coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

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	Isla-Rose
	RSS	Freya Smith
Year 1	1DM	Amber Humby
	1ZF	Vienna West
Year 2	2AK	Wyatt McGow
	2GW	Tiana Mansell-Render
Year 3	3BP	Reggie Turnes
	3CL	Oscar Taylor-Scott
Year 4	4AW	Blake McAllister
	4RA	Elena Dixon
Year 5	5KH	Isla Heathwaite
	5JP	Donovan Wilson
Year 6	6EA	Jay Eggleston
	6AL	Isaa Bilal

House Points



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