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Weekly News



REMINDER- SCHOOL TELEPHONE LINE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 8.30am-4.00pm

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

What a fantastic week of sporting events we have enjoyed!

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, determination, sportsmanship and smiles throughout every event. You have made us all incredibly proud with your effort, teamwork and positive attitudes.

Thank you also to our parents and carers for your encouragement, support and the amazing atmosphere you helped to create. It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering from the side-lines and celebrating the children's achievements.

A special thank you goes to all of our staff who worked so hard behind the scenes and throughout the events to ensure everything ran smoothly and safely. Your dedication and commitment made the week such a success.

And finally, a very special thank you to Mark Connell for all of his support and for helping us cheer the children on every step of the way. Your enthusiasm and encouragement were greatly appreciated by everyone.

With the sun definitely having its hat on this week, we were fortunate to enjoy some glorious weather as we celebrated participation, perseverance and achievement together.

Thank you all for making our sports events so memorable. We are incredibly proud of every child and grateful to everyone who played a part in such a successful and enjoyable week.



A huge thank you to Berni from Newton Aycliffe Football Club who has visited us in school this week working with Early Years and Key Stage 1 children.

It's that time of year again!

Transition Days for CURRENT Reception to Year 6 pupils Tuesday 14th, 15th and 16th July

Morning Arrangement Tuesday 14th July

On Tuesday 14th July the children will come into school as normal. They will be registered and then go to their new class.

Start and Finish Times for Tuesday night, Wednesday morning and night, Thursday morning and night.

Please note- Children will return to their current class for the last two days of term (17th and 20th July)

NEW YEAR GROUP and Classes	START TIME	FINISH TIME (slightly staggered to minimise congestion on Sheraton Road)
NEW YEAR 1 (Classes 3 and 4) ENTRANCE A	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
NEW YEAR 2 (Classes 5 and 6) ENTRANCE A	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 3 (Classes 7 and 8) ENTRANCE B	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 4 (Classes 9 and 10) ENTRANCE B	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
NEW YEAR 5 (Classes 11 and 12) ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.20pm
NEW YEAR 6 (Classes 13 and 14) ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.55am)	3.15pm
CURRENT YEAR 6 ENTRANCE C	Soft start from 8.45am. All children to be in school by 8.50am)	3.15pm

SAFEGUARDING IS VITAL

Senior Leaders will be at entrances as usual to ensure the start and end of the school day is as smooth as possible. Please bear with us, while staff familiarise themselves with new adults bringing and collecting children. We thank you in advance for your support.

BREAKFAST CLUB- children who attend Breakfast Club will still attend each morning as normal

Welcome Meetings for Parents and Carers- Thursday 16th July

As already mentioned in previous weekly newsletters we warmly invite parents and carers to come into school to join us in 'Welcome Meetings' on Thursday 16th July.

This will be an opportunity to meet new classroom staff and find out information about routines and expectations.

Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in **new Year 2, 3 and 5** at 9.15am

Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new **Year 1, 4 and 6** at 2.15pm

Timetable and Entrances for Welcome Meetings

YEAR GROUP	TIME	PLEASE QUEUE AT ENTRANCE
NEW YEAR 1 Classes 3 and 4	2.15pm	A
NEW YEAR 2 Classes 5 and 6	9.15am	A
NEW YEAR 3 Classes 7 and 8	9.15am	B
NEW YEAR 4 Classes 9 and 10	2.15pm	B
NEW YEAR 5 Classes 11 and 12	9.15am	C
NEW YEAR 6 Classes 13 and 14	2.15pm	C

COMMUNITY LINKS




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SUMMER FUN!

Get ready for a summer to remember!
Active Future is thrilled returning to St Joseph's Primary School, in partnership with and Durham County Council to bring an exclusive Summer Camp packed with high-energy, fun, creativity and discovery.

Expect epic Nerf Battles, fast-paced Dodgeball, delicious Taste Testing, loads of Summer Crafts, and even some surprise activities along the way!
A healthy breakfast snack, hot lunch, fruit and drinks will be provided each day — So all your child needs to bring is their energy and enthusiasm!

*Free and paid places available

When	21st July - 24th July	Times	10 am - 2 pm	Who	5 years - 12 years
	28th July - 31st July				
	3rd Aug - 7th Aug				
	10th Aug - 14th Aug				
	17th Aug - 19th Aug				

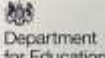
Book your place at: <https://pbbl.uk/4epmoPV>
or use your Fun & Food Voucher from school.



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

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DIARY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR- Summer Term 2026

Summer Term (2)

WEEK 7	
Monday 13 th July	Brass Concert for parents ad carers of children participating in this event 9.30am (parents and carers have been sent a letter regarding this) Brass Concert for parents ad carers of children participating in this event 2.15pm (parents and carers have been sent a letter regarding this)
Tuesday 14 th July	Transition Day 1 Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the separate transition information sent for full details
Wednesday 15 th July	Transition Day 2 Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the separate transition information sent for full details Drums and Keyboard Performance for Parents and Carers 9.30am-Parents and Carers of children participating in this event have been sent a letter
Thursday 16 th July	Transition Day 3 Current Reception, Year 1,2,3,4, and 5- further information to follow New Nursery and Reception starters- please refer to the separate transition information sent for full details Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new Year 2, 3 and 5 at

	9.10am Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children who will be in new Year 1, 4 and 6 at 2.30pm
Friday 17 th July	Attendance Reward sessions for the winning classes

WEEK 8	
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 at Planet Leisure 9.15am Whole School Picnic Event Parents and Carers invited 12.30pm- a separate letter has been sent out. Last day of term

WRAPAROUND CARE FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Please remember to check your email inbox about 'Wraparound Care' from September 2026.

Please note- children who need to attend school before their official start time will need to access Breakfast Club through Active Future.

STAFFING LISTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

We will be saying fond farewells to Mrs Hunt (Teaching Assistant Class 6) and Miss Taylor (Class Teacher Class 2) at the end of term. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Legge

