



May 16th 2025

Key Stage 2 SATs

Well done to Year 6 for sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They tackled each paper with great determination and this is the culmination of a lot of hard work by the children. Results are sent to school on Tuesday July 8th and we will share them in end of year reports that are sent out on that day. We look forward to making the last few months of our Year 6's time with us as memorable as possible. Today they visited Babul's (see below) and on Monday they will take part in Orienteering, rather than the Year 5s as previously stated.

An Exciting Project for Mrs Smith

Mrs Smith, our Geography Lead, is making new links for our school with schools and locations in Ghana. During the next academic year, she will visit Ghana for two weeks, learning more about their education system and developing links. It is part of a project ran by Ankomar Outreach which has three main aims: to improve education, sanitation and health care. There will be some wonderful opportunities for our children to learn more about Ghana, beginning with a visit to school by some Ghanaian children next month, all being well. Mrs Smith will lead an assembly before the visit explaining the project in more detail to our children. She is hoping her Action Group which is looking at Global Issues can be involved.

As part of this project, Mrs Smith is fundraising to contribute towards the associated costs and to raise money for the Ankoma Outreach Charity. There will be a raffle that she will run at our Father's Day event on June 13th. If you have any donations that could be used for the raffle, please bring them to the School Office. You can buy raffle tickets on the day. Thank you.

Babul's Visit

What an amazing day our Year 6 children had today at Babul's! The children made advertising posters, their own naans and saw them go into the tandoori oven before eating them with a curry, found out about the history of Babul's and where their dishes originate from. The whole day was so well organised, with poster winners receiving a lovely gift. All children will receive a certificate in the near future and we look forward to inviting Zak and his team in when the Year 6s make their curries. Thank you so much Babul's!

Cape Town Talk

Our children in Year 2 are learning about Cape Town in their Geography lessons and were delighted to be visited by Mrs Boyers, Thomas' auntie, to talk about life there. Thank you for your time, Mrs Boyers.

Reception New Starter Meeting

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort to school in September. Miss Lauder has arranged for a Parents/Carer information session to take place on Wednesday 18th June at 3.30pm. This will take place in our Y6 classroom, I look forward to seeing you there.

Good luck Mrs Luna and Miss Lee

Mrs Luna will be joining St Charles' Catholic Primary School in Spennymoor as a Teaching Assistant. Her last day with us will be Friday 23rd May.

Miss Lee has had a change of plan and will now be joining Kirklands with her last day being Friday 23rd May. I am very proud of them both and hope they will go on to have very enjoyable careers.

Year 6 at the Hub

Mrs Channell has arranged for two days of fun, outdoor and adventurous activities for our Year 6 children to look forward to after SATs. We recognise the expense of residentials for our families so try to stay local to minimise costs to parents/carers. All school budgets are under increasing pressures and we need parental contributions to ensure that these experiences can take place. Details can be found on ParentPay – thank you.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 6!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	92%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	99.3%
Whole School	95.7%

Dates for the Diary

May 19 th	Year 3 Golf Festival at Barnard Castle Golf Club
May 19 th	Year 6 Orienteering Festival
May 20 th	Year 2 Brightwoods
May 21 st	Year 4 Cricket at Raby Cricket Club
May 22 nd	Year 1 Multi skills at Staindrop
May 26 th	Meet Procession
May 26 th – 30 th	Whit Half Term
June 2 nd	Children return to school
June 2 nd – 5 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
June 2 nd – 13 th	Year 4 Multiplication Check
June 6 th	Yr5/Yr6 Athletics at Bishop Barrington
June 5 th	Nursery Buttercups to Brightwoods
June 9 th – 13 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening
June 12 th	Nursery Daisies trip to Brightwoods
June 13th	Father's Day Event (pm)
June 18th	Reception New Starters Parent/Carer Meeting
June 17 th	Reception trip to Brightwoods
June 19 th	Year 1 to Brightwoods
June 20 th	Year 2 Assembly 9am - 9.30am
June 20 th	Yr4/5/6 Football at Staindrop
June 24 th -25 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
June 24 th	Year 5 to Brightwoods
June 26 th	Year 6 to Brightwoods
June 27 th	Reception Assembly 9am
June 30 th	Year 5 Rounders Festival
July 1 st	Nursery Sports Day and Picnic
July 1 st	Year 4 Brightwoods
July 2 nd	Whole School Sports Day (Rec – Y6)
July 3 rd	Year 3 Brightwoods
July 4 th	Year 1 Assembly 9am
July 7 th	Key Stage 2 to Witham (Monty Does rehearsal)
July 8 th and 9 th	Monty Does Performances at the Witham 6pm start (Y3-6)
July 10 th - 11 th	Teesdale Transition Day for year 6
July 18 th	Leavers' Assembly 9am

July 21st – September 1st
September 2nd
September 3rd

Summer Holiday
Teacher training Day
Children start/return to school

Mr. C Minikin
Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

