



May 2nd 2025

Welcome Back

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that you managed to spend some quality time together. The amazing weather helped make local activities more enjoyable and many of them have told me of the fun activities they took part in. I know that our children continue to love to play on the field at break times so long may it continue!

The children have begun their new topics and class texts and I look forward to sharing information about these in the coming weeks. The half term is one of the shortest I can remember so topics may go over into the next half term.

May Day

A reminder that Monday, May 5th is a Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing our children back to school on Tuesday 6th May.

VE Day

May 8th 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day. To mark the occasion, we are suggesting that the children come to school in Red, White and Blue (no donations sought). The school lunches for this day have changed and we will have an assembly to educate our children about this important event.

Rosie's Music Tuition

As Monday is a Bank Holiday, Rosie has arranged to visit on Friday, May 9th for children who she tutors.

Bikeability

Next week, our Year 6 children will bring home some information about Bikeability, a scheme the Local Authority run to teach children how to ride their bikes safely in the local area.

Year 6 at the Hub

Mrs Channell has arranged for two days 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.

Sports Days

Our School Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) will take place on Wednesday 2nd July 1:30 – 3:15pm. It will follow a similar format to previous years, where children participate in team games followed by individual and house races. Nursery Sports Day and Picnic will take place on Tuesday 1st July. It will begin at 1:30pm and finish around 3:00pm.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 3!

| Class | Attendance this week (%) |
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| Reception | 99 |
| Year 1 | 99.3 |
| Year 2 | 92 |
| Year 3 | 99.7 |
| Year 4 | 95.3 |
| Year 5 | 92.7 |
| Year 6 | 96.5 |
| Whole School | 96.3% |

Dates for the Diary

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| May 5th | May Day Bank Holiday |
| May 8 th | VE Day - Children wear red, white and blue |
| May 12 th - 15 th | Year 6 SATs |
| May 16 th | Year 6 trip to Babuls |
| May 19 th | Year 3 Golf Festival at Barnard Castle Golf Club |
| May 19 th | Year 5 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 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 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| June 25 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 21 st – September 1 st | Summer Holiday |
| September 2 nd | Teacher training Day |
| September 3 rd | Children start/return to school |

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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.

