



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 (%)
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

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.

