



June 27th 2025

Reception Class Assembly

There was hardly a dry eye in the house as our Reception children took us on a lovely journey over their year's learning. What an amazing performance they gave us, speaking so clearly and confidently, singing and dancing through a range of people who help us as well as part of their winning Dance Off performance! They looked fabulous in their costumes too. We finished by watching a slide show of the wide and varied activities Reception take part in. Thank you to Miss Lauder, Miss Henderson, Miss Lee and Miss Teasdale for their work on the assembly and over the course of the year.

Our next Class Assembly will be on Friday July 4th for families of our Year 1 children.

Year 6 Hub Experience

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had a fantastic experience at TCR Hub. The children really excelled in the different activities on High Ropes (x2), Archery and Canoeing (x2). Many of them overcame some fears, particularly on High Ropes and Mrs Channell, Mrs Miller, Mrs Spence and I were very impressed. There were many sleepy children and staff on Wednesday night! Thanks very much to the aforementioned staff for their help and time.

Music concert

On Monday afternoon we were joined by families of children playing instruments within school. We began by listening to several of Rosie's pianists playing on our keyboard (our piano is in another room as we often have so much going on in the hall). The children did a fantastic job and Rosie explained it is not easy to switch between keyboard and piano. Next up we had our recorder and flute players who performed superbly. Finally, we finished with our growing group of brass players who were great too. Well done to all of the instrumentalists. Thank you to Rosie, Mrs Unwin and Mr Franey for their tuition and to Dr Blezard for organising this.

Sports Days

Next Tuesday afternoon (July 1st) is Nursery Sports Day. Following the different events there will be a picnic in the Nursery garden for the children and family members.

Wednesday July 2nd is Sports Day for Reception to Year 6 classes. This will start at 1.30pm. FOMS are organising a fundraising activity involving wet sponges and parents/carers/FOMS – please see the Weduc post for further information.

Year 5 and 6 at Brightwoods

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed separate days at Brightwoods this week. They enjoyed using tools to make their own noughts and crosses counters and had a tournament. They made spinning toys, dens in sheltered areas and both classes enjoyed playing in the stream! Thank you very much to FOMS for funding these experiences.

Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Reception had a lovely day at Hall Hill Farm on Tuesday. They enjoyed a tractor ride, fed many animals, got to hold chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits and loved exploring the giant play area. Thank you to the adults who assisted us for their help on the day.

Y4/5 Football

Last Friday Miss Crampton and Mrs Wood took some Year 4/5 pupils to a football tournament. They played well winning two games with Freddie (Y4) top scoring with 4 goals. Well done to the whole squad!

New Instrument lessons sign up for September

After our music concert this week Dr Blezard has been asked by some parents about how to arrange instrumental lessons. We offer recorder (from Year 3), flute, clarinet (from Year 4) and all brass instruments (Years 4, 5 and 6) through Durham Music Service.

All Year 4 will all receive instruction from September to February as part of their music lessons, so sign ups are not required until February, when a reminder will be sent.

If your child would like to begin lessons in September, go to this website and express your interest and they will be in touch.

<https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/forms/register-for-instrumental-lessons>

We also offer piano and singing lessons (all Year groups) through Rosie at Happy in Harmony, if you would like to express your interest and ask for more details her contact is:

happyinharmony1@gmail.com

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 1

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	95.3
Year 1	98.6
Year 2	97.3
Year 3	95.3
Year 4	92.7
Year 5	94
Year 6	96
Whole School	95.6%

Dates for the Diary

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.

