



May 15th 2026

Miss Richardson

It has been wonderful to welcome Miss Richardson back to school after the birth of her baby, Rae. She will be completing a number of Keeping In Touch Days over the coming weeks before returning to school in mid June.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments. They worked very hard in the run up to the tests and throughout the week and we are all very proud of their attitude, effort and application. They can look forward to some nice activities before they move on in July. The visit to Babul's has now been rearranged for Friday 5th June.

Wilderness Days

Next week sees our Year 6 visit Crag Pond all day on Monday, then Buttercup Class visit on Tuesday morning and Daisy Class on Tuesday afternoon.

Year 2 RE Visit

On Wednesday, Year 2 walked to St Mary's Church where they were greeted by Rev. Anna. The children were shown some slides about why baptism is important to Christians. The children asked lots of excellent questions, not just about baptism, but also about the history of the building and religion around the world. Rev. Anna introduced us to her soft toy bunny, who was collectively named as 'Richard Floppy Nibbles.' Richard was given parents, godparents, and lots of family members before we all moved to the font to watch him being baptised. What a fantastic way to learn about christenings!

Handbell Workshop

On Monday, to enhance our music curriculum, Dr Blezard has arranged for a different expert to visit the school in Year 5 and 6. The first group will share their handbell music with Year 5 before teaching them how to use them.

Bikeability

Bikeability sessions for Year 6 children begin in a couple of weeks. We usually have almost all of the cohort signed up for this important training. If you have not already signed up, please do so by using the following link <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/gym-lid-arise>

Year 3 Tri Golf

On Tuesday, our Year 3 children have a great opportunity to learn a new sport, Tri Golf. Children should come to school in their PE kit, bring a healthy snack and their water bottle. They will have lunch as normal back at school.

Year 4 Cricket

On Wednesday we are only permitted to take 2 teams of Year 4 cricketers to a competition at Raby Castle. Mrs Smith has shared details with selected children and their families.

Year 2 to the Market

On Wednesday morning next week, Year 2 will be walking to the local market in town to carry out some geography fieldwork. They will investigate two things: one is what kind of stalls are in the market and the other is to find out what fruit and vegetables can be bought and where they are

grown. This will also be a great opportunity to look for the different vegetables that we could use in our Food and Nutrition unit after Half Term.

Year 4 to Meet Scientists

On Thursday next week Year 4 will meet a range of scientists online as part of their work on Energy, which was linked to their earlier visit to the Life Centre. The scientists will inform the children about their work in areas like carbon capture and storage and the children will have the opportunity to question them.

Road Safety Session for Year 3

Unfortunately, the road safety trainers had some absences within their team and were unable to attend today. I will let you know when a new date is confirmed.

Visits

We have a number of visits/experiences and a residential coming up. We subsidise these events as much as we can from school budgets and give much thought to costs before booking them. We do, however, rely on voluntary contributions from parents/carers too, to allow these events to remain viable. Please check Weduc/Arbor for upcoming visits – thank you.

Information from home

Each year we send a number of data collection sheets home which you return to school in September. Arbor allows us to work in more efficient ways and we will not be sending home data sheets this year, apart from to our new Reception cohort. If there are any changes to home information such as addresses, telephone numbers, you can edit this on Arbor and we will see that changes have been made. The same applies to consents such as photographs, jewellery, walking home information for Year 5 and 6 etc. If you are unsure how to update information on Arbor, please contact the School Office.

Class Assemblies

Over the years, the younger children have enjoyed performing their class assemblies to everyone. Please see below in Dates for the Diary for the next class assembly, all families welcome.

Meet Club 2026

Meet Parade Monday 25th May 2026 The theme for the Meet this year is 'Music & Dance'. Let us make it musical, fun, vibrant, energetic, upbeat, bright, and happy. As we have already had 80's themed items from our 80s day for Mrs Mc, we thought we would reuse what we have and have an 80's theme for the Meet too. The children can dress up however they like. They could dress as an 80's popstar, a character or just bright and colourful. All children from Nursery to Year 6 are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We have ordered lots of fun and colourful things to help us make our entry super exciting! Information about the parade day will follow soon Thank you for your support!

Attendance-

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

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	96%
Whole School	96.7%

Dates for the Diary

May 18 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day – Year 6
May 19 th	Tri Golf (all Y3) at Barnard Castle Golf Club
May 19 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day (am) – Buttercups
May 19 th	Wilderness Outdoor Adventure Day (pm) – Daisies
May 20 th	Cricket (Y4) at Raby Castle
May 22 nd	Multiskills (all Y2)
May 25 th -29 th	Whitsuntide Holidays (Parade May 25 th)
June 1 st -4 th	Bikeability for Year 6
June 2 nd	Reception Starters 2026 Parents/Carers Meeting @3.30pm
W.b. June 8 th	Phonics Screening (Y1)
June 11 th	Class Photographs
June 15 th	Piano and Woodwind concert 1.15pm (for children are tutored)
June 16 th -17 th	Year 6 to the Hub
June 19 th	Reception Class assembly
June 19 th	Father's Day (more details to follow)
June 25 th	Year 1 Assembly
June 30 th	Nursery Sports Day
July 1 st	School Sports Day
July 3 rd	Year 2 Assembly
July 6 th	Monty Does Rehearsal Day at The Witham
July 7 th	End of Year Reports sent out
July 7 th	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 8 th	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 17 th	End of term
July 20-21 st	Teacher Training Days
Sept 1 st - 2 nd	Teacher Training Days
Sept 3 rd	Children 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.

