



May 1st 2026

Wilderness Days

We have been fortunate again with the weather for Years 2, 3 and 5's visits to Crag Pond. I went today with our Year 5 children and we had a great time. It was lovely to see the children progress and try new things, as well as overcoming some fears.

May Day Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday is May Day Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday May 5th.

Knitted Bible Exhibition

On Tuesday morning Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Methodist Church where they explored the knitted bible exhibition. The children worked collaboratively to answer questions about the different knitted scenes from the bible. They listened to each other well and all worked effectively in their groups. Miss Crampton, Miss Banks and all of the volunteers at the church were impressed with their fantastic behaviour. Well done Year 4!

Father's Day June 19th

We look forward to holding our Father's Day Event in school on the afternoon of June 19th. More details to follow.

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 Arbor – thank you.

Water Safety Advice

Ahead of the Bank Holiday Weekend, please see some important water safety advice from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) via the link [here](#).

Year 6 Bikeability

We have arranged some cycle proficiency training with trainers from the Local Authority. This is for our Year 6 children and will take place June 1st-4th. Year 6 children came home with a letter this week. Please follow the QR code to register your child. If you would like your child to be trained, they will need a roadworthy bike and a helmet.

New Starters Parents/Carers Meeting

Miss Lauder has emailed parents/carers of our new September starters to invite them an information sharing session in school on Tuesday, June 2nd at 3.30pm. I hope that you can attend.

Piano and Woodwind Concert

A number of children are tutored by Rosie and Mrs Unwin on piano and woodwind. A concert has been arranged for the parents/carers of these children on June 15th, from 1.15pm in our school hall.

Brass Concert

As we have more musicians than ever, a separate brass concert has been arranged. This will be on June 2nd at 2pm.

FOMS Easter Raffle

Congratulations to Isla from Year 3 who won the Easter Raffle. Thank you for buying tickets and to FOMS for organising the raffle.

Meet Club

Miss Crampton will be running a free Meet Club from 3.15pm-4.15pm on Mondays, for children who want to enter the Meet Parade on May 25th. Please could a family member attend with your child/children.

Lowther Castle

Lowther Castle are launching a new pre-school offer for families to enjoy a good value day out which allows children to explore nature and let off steam on our huge 'Lost Castle' Adventure Playground which is still the largest in the UK!

The offer includes:

- Open to all parents and pre-school children on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Term time only
- Adult ticket price includes soup & a tea or americano for £13 (*Usual admission price is £15*)
- Child ticket price (3 & 4 year olds) - £7 - Includes sandwich and a juice (*Usual admission price is £10*)
- Under 3's (already get in free) - Sandwich & a drink for £5
- Please pre-book via the ticket section on our website www.lowthercastle.org Pre-booked tickets only

Attendance-

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Reception

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	99.7%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	99.7%
Whole School	97.9%

Dates for the Diary

May 4 th	May Day Bank Holiday
May 8 th	Pedestrian Training for Year 3
May 11 th – 14 th	Year 6 SATs
May 13 th	Year 2 to St Mary's church
May 15 th	Pedestrian Training for Year 3
May 15 th	Year 6 to Babuls
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	Father's Day (more details to follow)
June 30 th	Nursery Sports Day
July 1 st	School Sports Day
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.

