



June 26th 2026

Year 1 Class Assembly

Today our Year 1 children shone in front of a large audience of family members as they shared facts from each subject and some of the experiences they have enjoyed during a jam-packed year! I was very impressed with how much they remembered without any lines, especially the funny story about a seagull! The Wellerman song was fab too! Well done, Year 2! Thank you to Mrs Newton, Mrs Dupuy and Miss Smith for their work on this.

Our next Class Assembly is for Year 2 families on Friday July 3rd at 9am.

County Athletics Final

A couple of weeks ago Miss Crampton and Miss Spence took some Key Stage 2 athletes to Shildon for trials to try and qualify for County Athletics Finals. A number of other trials from schools throughout County Durham have now been completed with the times/distances compared. We are delighted that Tommy (Y5) qualified for the 800m and Astrid (Y5) qualified for the hurdles in the County Athletics Final at Riverside, Chester le Street on Tuesday 30th June. Well done to you both!

Brass Concert

On Wednesday we held a wonderful brass concert for our children tutored by Mrs Carr. Children from Year 4 -6 performed a range of solo pieces with confidence and skill. It was great to see the progression across the year groups and how talented the pupils were. I was also grateful to former pupils Bobby and Evan (Y7) from Teesdale School who performed brilliantly, which will hopefully encourage our brass players to continue at secondary school. Well done brass players and thank you to Mrs Carr and Dr Blezard for organising this.

Sports Days

A reminder that Sports Day for nursery is on Tuesday June 30th for Nursery children beginning at 1.30pm. Please see recent Weduc post for details of this.

Sports Day for the rest of school is on Wednesday July 1st beginning at 1.30pm.

We hope you can join us then!

Moving Up Day

We need to move our transition day to Thursday 9th July due to staffing issues on July 10th. Miss Lauder has contacted our new starters who will be most affected. Children and parents/carers will find out their new class teacher in the end of year reports which are sent home on Tuesday 7th July.

Transition Day for Staindrop and Teesdale

Children who are moving to Staindrop Academy have 2 days of transition on July 9th and July 10th. Children who are moving to Teesdale have 1 day of transition on July 10th. Children go straight to their new school on these mornings.

A Hot Week!

I imagine this week's weather has made everyone's working week uncomfortable. I think our children and staff have coped very well in the circumstances. Hopefully the DfE will look at the

increased frequency of heatwaves and support school's budgets to make necessary adjustments. Well done Team Monty!

World Cup

Miss Crampton and Mrs Spence took a squad of boy footballers to a World Cup tournament today, competing against many other schools. They competed well winning two and losing two, missing out on qualifying for the next stage by 1 goal! Miss Crampton and Mrs Spence said our boys behaved brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship too. Well done boys!

FOMS Summer Raffle

Raffle tickets were handed out for FOMS Summer Raffle. Thank you for supporting this by donating prizes and buying tickets.

Water Safety

Please see the link [here](#) from the Fire Service regarding water safety.

Monty Does Mash Ups

We are very excited for next month's Key Stage 2 show of Monty Does Mash Ups. The classes have been busy choreographing dances and the Y5/6s have just begun practising the script. Hopefully you have made your ticket requests. If not, please contact the School Office.

Free School Meals Checks

As you may already be aware the Government have recently announced changes to the FSM eligibility from 1st September 2026. There will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals: Targeted FSM - which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
Expanded FSM - a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

In addition to this, Transitional protections for free school meals will end. Transitional Protections have been in effect since 1 April 2018. This has meant that pupils becoming eligible for free meals under the benefits-based criteria have retained their entitlement, even if their household circumstances have changed. Households must meet the new FSM eligibility criteria from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year to continue receiving provision, therefore it is vital all pupils complete a new FSM form and return to school as soon as possible to ensure a new check can be made before the Summer Holidays ready for September 2026.

Forms have been handed out to all children earlier this week. Please complete the form even if you are unsure as to whether you qualify, we can run the check regardless. Please do not assume you still qualify and not return the form - all pupils require a new check.

Universal Free School Meals for children in Reception-Year 2 inclusive will still be in place but it is still important that parents/carers for children in these years complete the forms.

26 for 26!

Thank you to the children and families who have returned the sponsorship forms and money for the 26 for 26 FOMS challenge. Please try to return any forms and funds before the end of term. Thank you.

Attendance-

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	98%
Year 1	99.7%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	98.9%

Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	97.3%
Whole School	98.4%

Dates for the Diary

June 29 th	Y5/6 Rounders (selected children)
June 30 th	Year 2 to Kirby Stephen (back for lunch)
June 30 th	Nursery Sports Day pm
July 1 st	School Sports Day pm
July 2 nd	Jack Drum Arts Assembly then workshop for Y6 (pm)
July 3 rd	Year 2 Assembly
July 3 rd	The Oaks transition Day
July 6 th	Monty Does Rehearsal Day at The Witham
July 7 th	Year 4 Frisbee Festival
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 9 th and 10 th	Staindrop Transition Day
July 10 th	Teesdale Transition Day
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

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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.

