



**June 5th 2026**

### **Welcome Back**

I hope that you all enjoyed the sweltering Bank Holiday weekend and the half term break. It certainly made a nice change and enabled children to enjoy The Meet Weekend and rest of the holiday. The children have settled back into school well. It is an exciting half term with Arts/DT and numerous events such as Father's Days, Sports Days, assemblies, performances and some educational visits.

### **Meet Procession**

Thank you so much to everyone who joined our entry for the Meet Parade. You all looked fabulous in your 1980s outfits! I think it so important to be involved in community events like this and our children did brilliantly in what was probably the hottest parade in the Meet's 141 year history. Thank you to Miss Crampton and Miss Rudge for organising our entry.

### **Bikeability**

Well done to the Year 6 children who participated in their Bikeability training. These sessions are great to build knowledge and awareness when cycling in the local area.

### **Babuls**

We are very grateful to Babuls for working with our Year 6 children today. Just before half term, as part of the class's DT work, they prepared, cooked and ate vegetarian curries. Today they went to learn how a local restaurant work, about the company's heritage and about the dishes they make, before making naans and eating a curry with their friends.

### **Class Photographs**

Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please could all children come to school in their uniform, even if they have PE that day. Nursery children who do not usually attend on Thursday morning are invited to come in for their photograph to be taken – please come to the hall doors for 8.45am.

### **Year 5 Visit to Jarrow Hall**

Year 5 are looking forward to their trip on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June as part of their History and Geography Anglo-Saxon topic. Letters have been sent out to parents, please return these as soon as possible.

### **Year 6 to Barnard Castle School**

On Thursday afternoon next week our Year 6 pupils have been invited to a performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Barnard Castle School. They will leave after lunch and should be back around home time.

### **Reception to Hall Hill Farm**

As part of our 'What a Wonderful World' topic, Reception have a fun day planned at Hall Hill farm. The children will be visiting the farm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Permissions slips have been sent home and voluntary contributions of £10 can be made via Arbor.

**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.

### Father's Day Event

We are looking forward to our Father's Day event which takes place on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1.30-3pm. We are hoping the weather will be fine but we plan to be outside whatever the weather so be prepared! There will be our usual mix of games (a few new ones too) so it should be good fun. Refreshments will be available from both school and FOMS. Any family member can attend and we look forward to seeing you there!

### Year 2 to Kirkby Stephen

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, to link with the children's work in an earlier history topic, we have arranged for a visit to Kirby Stephen train station where the children will take part in different activities over the morning.

### Road Safety Session for Year 3

The rearranged date for the road safety session for our Year 3 children is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Leave of Absence Requests

We have received more leave of Absence requests than ever this year. Please try to book holidays within the school holidays as these cannot be authorised.

### Attendance-

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

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	96%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	92.3%
Whole School	94.1%

### Dates for the Diary

W.b. June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening (Y1)
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 to Jarrow Hall
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception to Hall Hill Farm
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Athletics (selected children)
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Piano and Woodwind concert 1.15pm (for children who are tutored)
June 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to the Hub
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety session for Y3.
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Assembly
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Afternoon (1.30-3pm)
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Brass concert (for children who are tutored)
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Assembly
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Rounders (selected children)
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 to Kirby Stephen (back for lunch)
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day pm
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Sports Day pm
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Drum Arts Assembly then workshop for Y6 (pm)
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Assembly
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Oaks transition Day
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Does Rehearsal Day at The Witham

July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Frisbee Festival
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Reports sent out
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monty Does Evening Performance at The Witham
July 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Staindrop Transition Day
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Teesdale Transition Day
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of term
July 20-21 <sup>st</sup>	Teacher Training Days
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teacher Training Days
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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.

