



September 11th 2026

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 23rd September between end of the school day and 5.15pm, we would like to invite you to a Meet the Teacher event with your child's teacher. This will be an informal drop in where you can start to get to know your child's new teacher and see how they have settled into their new class. You do not need an appointment. Please come to school via the main entrance and make your way to your child's classroom.

The Effective Learning and Emotional Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshop

Coinciding with the above event, we are pleased to be able to host a workshop delivered by the Effective Learning and Emotional Wellbeing Team from DCC at 3.30pm on Wednesday September 23rd in the school hall.

The workshop will focus on attachment and supporting your child's emotional wellbeing at home. The topics covered within the workshop include:

- What is attachment?
- Shame and relationship repair
- Attunement
- Self-regulation
- Some ways of communicating with your child to build strong attachments

There will also be the opportunity at the end of the workshop to speak to the team privately about any concerns you may have or advice you may wish to seek. This is a valuable opportunity to engage with experienced professionals. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers and hope that many of you will take the opportunity to attend.

MacMillan Grab and Go! - Thursday 24th September

We are holding a cake stall to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support, and we would be very grateful for your support. If you are able to, we would really appreciate donations of cakes, biscuits, buns or other sweet treats for our stall. If possible, please make sure all homemade donations are clearly labelled with a list of ingredients - **Strictly NO NUTS as we are an Allergy Aware school.**

Please bring any donations to school on Thursday 24th September, we look forward to seeing lots of delicious treats! Thank you for your support.

FOMS Update

FOMS continue to do a great job in supporting our school, raising vital funds, organising and supporting events over the school year. The 26 for 26 idea raised a wonderful £1064.08 which will go towards a trim trail (a climbing obstacle course) that all of our children will be able to access. FOMS would also like to share that the Clique are donating £4000 to the trim trail, which an amazing gesture. Mrs Patterson, FOMS and our School Council will consult on different designs and we hope to have this installed as soon as possible.

FOMS are meeting in school on Thursday September 17th at 5.15pm and would love to see new and old members alike.

Little Princess Trust

Last week in Celebration Assembly Evie M (Y3) shared an award from the Little Princess Trust when she donated her hair to help children with cancer.

Sophie M (Y4) is also hoping to do this and there are sponsorship details, should you wish, on the school noticeboard. Well done girls!

Individual School Photos

School photographs for individuals and siblings were taken this week. Children will bring home their QR code today. Please note where children have siblings in school there will only be one QR code for all children. Photos can take a week or two to be available, if you scan your code and enter your email address you will receive a notification once these are ready.

Flu Immunisation

I was at a meeting this week and one speaker was from Public Health Durham, who urged Headteachers to highlight the forthcoming flu immunisation programme to parents/carers. The 'Be wise, immunise' campaign is encouraging all eligible groups to take up the offer of their flu vaccines this autumn and winter.

- The flu nasal spray vaccine is free for children aged 2-3 years, those in primary schools and in secondary schools up to year 11.
- The flu vaccine is also free for children and young people who have a medical condition from the age of six months. It is given as an injection just like other infant/childhood vaccines.
- If you have children of primary or secondary school age, up to year 11, they will receive information from the School Age Immunisation Service asking you to give consent so your child can have their free nasal spray vaccination at school.

Be Wise, Immunise - Five reasons for your child to have the free flu vaccine – you nose it makes sense!

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious illnesses such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family, and friends - Vaccinating your child will help protect others especially grandparents.
3. Breathe easy – for most children there's no injection or needles - The flu nasal spray is painless and easy to have. If the nasal spray isn't suitable, your child can be offered a small injection instead.
4. It's better than having flu – Flu can be a nasty illness. A child with flu will usually feel very unwell and some may need to go to hospital; the nasal spray is the best protection. It has been given to millions of children worldwide and is safe.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, they could miss school and you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

Our flu immunisation date for Reception to Year 6 children is Wednesday 30th September. You should have received an email. Please check your emails including junk mail to provide consent. School do not have access to information regarding who has booked and who has not so this is a parents/carers responsibility to complete the online consent.

Flu immunisations for Nursery children

Nursery children are not part of the school flu vaccine programme but can still be immunised.

- The flu nasal spray vaccine is free for children aged 2-3 years.
- It is also free for children and young people who have a medical condition from the age of six months to 18 years.
- Children aged 2-3 years (as of 31 August 2026) can receive their flu vaccination either at their GP surgery (book appointment from 1 September at your GP practice)

or at a participating pharmacy ([book online](#) for an appointment on or after 1 October). If you have not heard from your GP practice by mid-October, please contact them or arrange an appointment at your local pharmacy.

Open Afternoon

Parents/carers of children who are due to start Reception in September 2027 are invited to attend our Open Afternoon on Friday September 18th, with tours each hour from 1.30pm to 5.30pm inclusive. Please contact the School Office if you would like to attend one of the tours.

We would also like to invite any prospective parents/carers of Nursery aged children to attend too, so please contact the School Office if you would like to join us.

Christmas Fayre

I do not like mentioning Christmas at this time of year but we are keen to share the date of our Christmas Fayre – November 26th – and see if anyone would like a stall at the fayre. Please contact the School Office if you would like a stall. We have some new ideas this year which I am sure you will all enjoy.

Attendance

Please find below our first full week's assembly. Well done everyone!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	97
Year 1	96.6
Year 2	99.6
Year 3	99.6
Year 4	99.6
Year 5	97.3
Year 6	99.2
Whole School %	98.4%

Dates for the Diary

Sept 18 th	Open Afternoon (new Reception starters 2027) from 1.30pm
Sept 23 rd	Meet the Teacher 3.20-5.15pm
Sept 23 rd	Effective Learning and Emotional Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshop
Sept 25 th	Netball competition selected Y6 Staindrop Academy
Sept 28 th	Handball Year 5 Parkside Academy
Oct 9 th	Football World Cup Year 5 & Year 6 Staindrop Academy
Oct 12 th – 13 th	Parents/Carers Evening
Oct 20 th	Kurling and Boccia Festival Year 1 (In school)
Oct 22 nd	Halloween Parties (EYFS am/KS1pm)
Oct 23 rd	Cross Country Y3-Y6 (selected children) Staindrop Academy
Oct 23 rd	Halloween Parties (Y3/4 am/Y5/6pm)
Oct 26 th – 30 th	Half Term Holidays
Nov 2 nd	Teacher Training Day
Nov 3 rd	Children back to school
Nov 20 th	Children In Need
Nov 26 th	Christmas Fayre

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.

