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Friday 6th March, 2026

Parent and Carer Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our information update.



Dates for your Diary

This colour means a whole school event.

This colour means an event for (a) specific year group(s).

This colour means school holiday opening/closing dates and staff training days.

Spring Term 2

Week Beginning Monday 2nd March – Y6 Parent Teacher Progress Meetings

Friday 6th March – Sunday 15th March – Science Week

Monday 9th March – Empathy Week

Wednesday 11th March – Y3 Child Pedestrian Training – Day 2

Tuesday 17th March – Friday 20th March – School Book Fair

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day – Wear red! Non-school uniform day

Week Beginning Monday 23rd March – Parent Teacher Progress Meetings – 2s, Nursery, Reception, Years 1-5
All after school clubs and groups will be cancelled for this week.

Thursday 2nd April – Easter Assembly led by Reverend David – Y1-6

Thursday 2nd April – School closes for Easter Holidays

Summer Term 1

Monday 20th April – School re-opens after Easter Holidays

Wednesday 6th May – Y3 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Skills Day – The Locomotion

Week Beginning Monday 11th May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 22nd May – Staff Training Day – School Closed



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Week Beginning Monday 25th May – Half-Term

Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June – School re-opens after Half-Term

Further dates will be shared as part of the next update letter.



Pupil Progress Meetings with Teachers – A Polite Reminder

[CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to learn.](#)

Our Parent Teacher Progress Meetings will be held week beginning Monday 23rd March. Appointment times for meetings will shortly be released for you to book with your child's class teacher.

For parents and carers of Year 6 children, these meetings have been held this week. This is so that useful assessment information can be shared with parents in advance of the Y6 SATs tests in May. If you are a Y6 parent and still haven't managed to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, or were unable to make your appointment this week, please contact our School Office as soon as possible.



NSPCC Number Day Update

[CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to learn.](#)

[CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.](#)

In our internal school battle between Y2 to Y6: 5T won - Miss Pascoe, 6T were second - Mr Wilcox and 5H were third - Miss Curbeson.

In our NSPCC Rocks battle:

Timothy Hackworth came 1724 out of 4011 schools nationwide! Wow!

Our top class, 5T, Miss Pascoe's class, were 1488 out of 23,240 classes! Amazing!



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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March – We wore our pyjamas to school!

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We had a fabulous time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday! We enjoyed a day with our pyjamas and lots of stories. We also brought in lots of World Book Day potatoes decorated as book characters. More information to follow.



Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March – Non-Uniform Day

CRC Article 17 – All children have the right to information.

Wear red noses and non-uniform to celebrate Red Nose Day!



School Book Fair – Tuesday 17th March – Friday 20th March

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Our School Book Fair takes place on 17th March.

Come and take a look and buy a book!

Our Y5 and Y6 children will be invited to apply for a Book Fair job role. More information to follow.



OPAL Update

CRC Article 31 – All children have the right to play and rest.

Our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) journey is well underway and we are having a wonderful time developing our right to play and rest.

Our OPAL Zones are in full swing and we have continued to develop our free flow movement which the children are all enjoying. As they can now access both yards, the children are enjoying interacting with peers from across school.

We have introduced a number of OPAL Zones to date:



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- Music Zone
- Reading Zone
- Games Zone
- Small World Zone
- Parachute Zone

We are extremely excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

We look forward to sharing future developments with you soon.



[Guinness Book of Records Dance at The Locomotion](#)

[CRC Article 31 – All children have the right to play and rest.](#)

[CRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.](#)

During half-term, many of our children took part in The Locomotion's special Guinness Book of Records Dance event. The children, alongside Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Winterburn, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Howell and Jasmin from Joanne Banks School of Dance, worked with the children to learn the special Locomotion dance routine, to then perform it on Guinness Book of Records day. A great time was had by all!

Unfortunately, the record was not met, as a few more people were needed to take part overall, so there will be a second attempt in July. Watch this space! The more the merrier!



[Year 5 - The Iron Road at The Locomotion](#)

[CRC Article 31 – All children have the right to play and rest.](#)

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Our Year 5 children, back in September 2025, were part of an exciting event at The Locomotion where they were invited to write their own collaborative, additional verse to 'The Iron Road', a song originally produced by Shildon music group, 'The Geordie Penkers' to celebrate Timothy Hackworth's locomotive achievements.

The Year 5 children skilfully produced an additional verse for this famous and historical song as part of the Shildon Bi-Centenary Railway Celebrations last year.

More information will follow, including the video for you all to watch!



[Durham's Women's Trailblazer Hub – Please see attached leaflet for more details](#)

Durham Women's Trailblazer Hub is a fully funded service supporting economically inactive women across County Durham.

The Women's Trailblazer Hub is based in Durham City Centre and offers a warm, welcoming, and fully accessible space. Our trauma-informed approach focuses on confidence, wellbeing, and supporting women to move towards training, volunteering, or employment



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Our delivery includes:

- Supporting 100 women over 6 months (65 supported so far)
- A trauma-informed Women's Hub with community-based delivery
- 1:1 Relational Mentoring tailored to individual needs
- Weekly group sessions covering a wide range of topics
- Peer mentor involvement to provide lived-experience support
- 35 women receiving more intensive wraparound mentoring focused on confidence, wellbeing, and progression

What we offer:

- Confidence & mindset building
- Skills & employability development
- Mental & physical health support
- Wellbeing & self-care practices
- Creative & social connections
- Life & basic skills for independence

Support can be delivered face to face, virtually, or by telephone, through both 1:1 and small group sessions to ensure flexibility and personalised support.

Referrals

Referrals are open via:

- Self-referral
- Agency referral (health, community, or partner organisations).



Parent and Toddler Group

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Come along to our Parent and Toddler Group every Tuesday morning, 9.00-11.00 a.m. Mrs. Nixon and Catherine Hunter from the NHS will welcome you with a cuppa, any advice that you require and time for a chat. Everyone welcome!



Easter Raffle

This coming half-term, we will be selling raffle tickets for a very tasty Easter Hamper. All proceeds will go towards OPAL play equipment for the children.

Raffle tickets will be available from the School Office from Tuesday 10th March. £1 for every strip of raffle tickets.



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Easter Chocolate Tombola

An Easter Chocolate Tombola will be held each hometime, during the final week of half-term, week beginning Monday 30th March.

The tombola will be held just outside of our Main Reception, or, if the weather is wet, inside Main Reception.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask us, please contact our School Office on 01388 772959 where Mrs. Doughty, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Heslop will be pleased to help you, or, alternatively, you can send us an email to timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net

Yours sincerely,

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