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Monday 20th April, 2026

Parent and Carer Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our information update and welcome to the Summer Term! We hope that you enjoyed a lovely Easter.



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.

Summer Term 1

Week Beginning Monday 20th April – No After School Clubs. Y6 INTERVENTION GROUPS THIS WEEK ONLY.

Week Beginning Monday 27th April – After School Intervention Groups and Clubs begin

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

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

Week Beginning Monday 25th May – Half-Term

Summer Term 2

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

Wednesday 10th June – Y6 Safety Carousel – Durham Police

Monday 15th June – Reception and Y6 School Photographs

Thursday 18th June – Choir singing at Durham Cathedral



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Wednesday 24th June – Y5 Group at Durham Youth Council's The Big Debate, County Hall

Wednesday 24th June – Y5 Safety Carousel – Durham Police

Monday 29th June – Y5 at King James – Curriculum Day 1

Monday 29th June – Y6 leave for Robinwood Residential

Tuesday 30th June – Y5 at King James – Curriculum Day 2

Tuesday 30th June – Y6 at Robinwood Residential

Wednesday 1st July – Y6 at Robinwood Residential; returning today

Wednesday 8th July – Choir at The Glasshouse, Gateshead for The Big Sing

Monday 13th July – Y6 Leavers' Party – Shildon Civic Hall – 6.00-8.00 p.m.

Friday 17th July – 9.30 a.m. - Y6 Leavers' Performance



Easter Raffle

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

Congratulations! The lucky winners of our Easter Raffle were:

Matthew - Y2

Millie – Y4

Beau – Y5

Charlie – Y6

Illia – Y6

Altogether, we raised £145 from our Easter Raffle. All of the money raised will go towards our OPAL provision to buy resources for the children to play with. Thank you!



Our School Roof Repairs

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

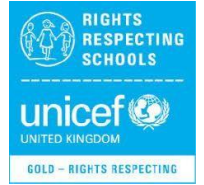
[CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to learn.](#)

Repairs to our school roof started just before the Easter Holidays and will continue for a couple of weeks into the new term. These repairs are to help to stop the leaks that we currently have when the wet weather arrives. Our school is on the waiting list for a complete new roof to the Main Building. We are hoping that Durham County will be able to do carry out this major piece of work in the Summer Holidays of 2027. Everything crossed!



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Attendance

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to learn.

Your child's attendance at school is very important. It is therefore crucial that children attend school every day so that they have their right to learn.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that children attend school on time, every day. As a school, we expect 100% attendance.

Please be aware that your child's progress and ability to meet their educational targets will be severely compromised if they have poor attendance.



Punctuality

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It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that children attend school on time, every day.

Any child arriving late to school after the Easter Holidays will need to wait with their family member until staff are available to take their child to class.

We are a very busy school and do not have members of staff who are able to take latecomers to class as they arrive late. Taking children to class who arrive late to school takes a lot of staff time, and takes them away from their important jobs in school.

Families arriving late will be expected to wait until a staff member becomes available to help. Please therefore ensure that your child arrives on time to school each day.

We thank you for your support with this.



Sports Days

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CRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

Dates for our Summer Term Sports Days will be shared with you soon.



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!

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Boulton

Head Teacher

Mrs. Simpson-May

Deputy Head Teacher