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Wednesday 20th May, 2026

Welcome to our Parent and Carer Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our information update for the Summer Term.



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.

Please note that school is closed this Friday, 22nd May, due to a Staff Training Day.

May Half-Term is Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1st June.

Summer Term 2

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

Wednesday 10th June – Y6 Safety Carousel – Durham Police

Thursday 11th June – International Day of Play

Monday 15th June – Reception and Y6 School Photographs

Thursday 18th June – Choir singing at Durham Cathedral

Monday 22nd June – Y5 at Bishop Barrington

Tuesday 23rd June – Reception New Starters for September - Teddy Bears' Picnic Session 1 – 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 24th June – Reception New Starters for September - Teddy Bears' Picnic Session 2 – 1.30 p.m.

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 – Reception Vision Screening

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



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- 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
- Thursday 2nd July – Y5/6 Careers Day
- Thursday 2nd July – New Starters to Reception Welcome Meeting for Parents and Carers – 4.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 7th July – Y6 SATs Results sent to Parents and Carers
- Wednesday 8th July – Choir at The Glasshouse, Gateshead for The Big Sing
- Wednesday 8th July – Y6 Transition – King James School
- Wednesday 8th July – Sports Day – Y1 and Y2 – 9.30
- Wednesday 8th July – Sports Day – 2s and Nursery – Afternoon Sessions and 30 Hours – 2.15 p.m.
- Thursday 9th July – Sports Day – Reception – 9.30 a.m.
- Thursday 9th July – Sports Day – Y3 and Y4 – 1.30 p.m.
- Thursday 9th July – Y6 Transition – King James School
- Friday 10th July – Y6 Transition – King James School
- Friday 10th July – Sports Day – 2s and Nursery – Morning Sessions and 30 Hours – 10.30
- Monday 13th July – End of Year Reports sent to Parents and Carers
- Monday 13th July – Whole School Transition Morning
- Monday 13th July – New Starters to Reception – Visit to Reception Class – 9.45 – 11.00
- Monday 13th July – Y6 Leavers' Party – Shildon Civic Hall – 6.00-8.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 14th July – Family Picnic – Afternoon – Exact time to be confirmed
- Wednesday 15th July – The Choir Sponsored Singathon for Parents of Choir – 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday 16th July – Sports Day – Y5 and Y6 – 9.30 a.m.
- Friday 17th July – 9.30 a.m. - Y6 Leavers' Performance
- Friday 17th July – Last day of term



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Y6 SATs

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

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

Our Year 6 children completed their SATs last week. The children were an absolute credit to themselves, to their parents and carers, and our school. It was a delight to see the children trying so hard, showing such resilience and maturity. They worked fabulously as a team, helping each other and showing kindness. Record amounts of toast, crumpets and fruit were eaten, actually consuming more than last year's Year 6! Well done, Year 6! A huge thank you to Y6 parents who ensured that each and every child attended every day, and on time, for their SATs tests. The communication between our Y6 staff and Y6 parents was excellent; thank you Y6 parents! With thanks also to our wonderful Y6 staff who supported the children brilliantly. A very well-deserved Y6 SATs Party was celebrated at the end of the week!



2s and Nursery Stay and Play

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

With thanks to all parents who attended our 2s and Nursery Stay and Play sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as their parents!
We look forward to seeing you again for another Stay and Play!



Road Safety

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Mrs. Simpson, our School Crossing Patrol, will be on holiday from 1st – 15th June. Please take extra care when crossing the roads during this time. We will also continue to talk to the children in school about road safety.



International Day of Play – Come and join us!

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



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Come and join us on Thursday 11th June for the International Day of Play. We will enjoy 31 minutes of play linked to CRC Article 31 – the right to play.

Come and share our OPAL playtime with us at the following times:

Parents and Carers of 2s and Nursery- Morning Sessions and 30 hours attendance: 11am - 11.45am

2s and Nursery- Afternoon Sessions and 30 hours attendance: 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3: 9.15am – 10am (Middle and Front Yard)

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 10.15am – 11am (Middle and Front Yard)

Please note that this is a non-uniform day.



Sports Days

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Our Sports Day letter with dates and times was shared today via text link and facebook. Sports Day dates are also included in the diary dates above. We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Days. Let's hope we have plenty of sunshine!



Play Sand

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

You may have seen in the media that some asbestos has been found in play sand in settings around the country. To reassure you, our sand pit and sand trays in the Early Years have been temporarily removed from use until further notice. Durham County Council have issued health and safety guidelines which we are currently implementing.



Helping your child to stay safe online – Useful Videos

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

This video provides a quick overview on how to keep your child safe whilst gaming online, outlining communication risks, in game spending, age ratings and reporting tools.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

This video provides a quick overview on group chats, potential risks, dealing with peer pressure and using the blocking and reporting tools.



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<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Group-Chats-May-2026.mp4>



Y1 Phonics and Cake Meeting

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

With thanks to our Y1 parents who attended our recent Phonics and Cake meeting. We were really pleased to see so many of our Y1 parents attend; thank you!

As we mentioned at the meeting, listening to your child read, even for 5 minutes a night, really does make a difference!



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 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.

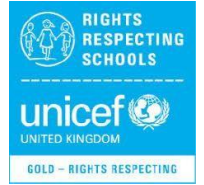
Families arriving late will be expected to wait until a staff member becomes available to help. Please therefore ensure that your child arrives on time to school each day.

We thank you for your support with this.



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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