



Lanchester E. P. Primary School



Autumn Newsletter (1)

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school to all our children and parents and, particularly to those new families who have just started with us here at Lanchester E.P. School. I do hope that your child has quickly settled into life at our school and is very happy.

We pride ourselves here on ensuring high standards of education combined with memorable life experiences and opportunities. Primary school should be an enjoyable time for all children and our aim is to make sure all children achieve their very best, whilst having fun learning.

Our results from the summer tests are featured later and, as usual, we are above national average in all key stages and all subjects (well above by the end of Key Stage 2). In addition to academic achievement, we believe in providing as many enrichment activities as possible. We have residential visits to Brittany, France for Years 5 & 6, Ford Castle in Northumberland for Year 6, Skiing to Les Menuires in the French Alps for Years 4, 5 & 6, another trip to the Bett Show in London for some of our Digital Leaders and an overnight visit to Birdoswald Roman Fort for Years 3 & 4. Each year group will also have educational visits each term. Year 2 are off to Shildon Locomotion Museum next week, Year 5 & 6 to Eden Camp, while some of our Reception children head off on their transport trip next week too. It is a busy week!

Please make a note of some very important dates for the term ahead. These include visits, nativities, carol services, parties and many other events we have booked for the children. All important dates and events are always communicated to you via the diary dates on the final page of the half-termly newsletter or on the weekly letters that are given to the children every Friday. All our weekly letters and newsletters can also be found on our website: <http://www.lanchesterep.durham.sch.uk> so even if your child is absent, you can still find out what is happening! If you have the eSchools app, all letters will also be available on this as well.

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us if there is anything at all that we can ever do to help.

Jane Davis

Staff News



We currently have vacancies for a cleaner and a lunchtime supervisory assistant. Both jobs are advertised on our website where more details can be found. If you are interested in either of these posts and would like more information, please just contact Mrs Janette Marklew, our Business Manager, who will be more than happy to talk with you.

HELLO

Open Evening and Morning for Prospective Reception Parents

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At this time of year, we receive many requests from prospective parents to come and look round school. Whilst I am always happy to show parents round individually, we thought many parents would appreciate a morning/evening as well. So, on Wednesday 7th November at 10 am and 6 pm, we are giving parents the opportunity to visit our Reception classrooms, Key Stage One area and meet the staff. Please book a place on either of these visits with the Main School Office. Just come along and ask as many questions as you want! Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions you will ever make for your children. If you are unable to make this day, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will gladly show you around any other mutually convenient time.

Reception 2019 Admissions

If your child turns five between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you need to apply for a school place (for whichever Primary School you would like them to attend) via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. Please note, if you want your child to attend our school for Reception, you must still apply for a place even if your child attends Nursery here. Applications opened on 12th September 2018 and close on 15th January 2019. Parents are advised to apply via this system and not to apply via a paper application form as the Local Authority have asked us not to accept any paper applications and send them in on parents' behalf.

Class DoJo – Behaviour Reward Scheme

It is lovely to hear so many 'pings' coming from all classrooms this half term. These noises come from ClassDoJo, which is used from Year 1 to Year 6 to reward the children for the great things they are doing in school. The children collect points for displaying positive behaviour and attitudes. One of the great things about ClassDoJo is that everyone's parents can also be connected, so that the positive behaviour can also be celebrated at home. Whilst ClassDoJo also provides a messaging service, we are not using that part of it and ask parents to email the class teachers instead. The children love this system and just seem to thrive on praise.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our board of governors for a parent governor due to the term of office ending for the existing governor. Our governing body is a very proactive group of individuals who help to drive school improvement. Please refer to our website for more information about the valuable role parent governors play in the life of the school. Any parents interested in this role should email Mrs Davis: j.davis@lanchesterep.net by Friday 28th September with an expression of interest. If there is more than one parent who has expressed an interest, a parental ballot will be held.

School Council

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have enjoyed voting for a boy and a girl from each class to become their School Councillors for this academic year. We had some wonderful speeches and presentations, particularly from some of our older children who put forward some compelling reasons as to why they would make a great School Councillor! As part of the democratic process, the children voted for the classmates they felt would represent them best this year. The votes were collected and so our new School Council is:

Y1 (Mr Osmond) – George and Ava

Y2 (Mr Mordue) - Lucy and Noah

Y3 (Mr Stephenson) - Sophie and Harry

Y4 (Mrs Grayson) - Archie and Abigail

Y5 (Mr Stoker and Mrs Coyle) - Kate and Mason-Brook

Y6 (Mr Taylor) - Eva and Alfie

Y1 (Miss Martin) – Isobel and William

Y2 (Mrs Startup) - Toby and Sophia

Y3 (Mrs Sant) - Ellie-Mae and Aidan

Y4 (Miss Jackson) - Sam and Lottie

Y6 (Mrs Tate/Mr Knighton) - Mia and Charlie

Our new School Council will have their first meeting next week when they will also be presented with their new badges to wear around school. I am sure they will make an excellent School Council!

Buddies

Our new Year 5 buddies have had their training and are now enjoying the responsibility of their new roles in the playground. We have 22 very keen Year 5 children who work in teams in four different areas in the playground. They are responsible for helping children in the playground who may be feeling a little sad, helping new pupils to find friends, being good role models and are also responsible for the play equipment. We also have more training for them in October with Playground Starz when they will be given ideas for a variety of playground games they can lead on a playtime too. The children can all clearly see who our buddies are as they all wear baseball caps and bibs.



Sports News



We have had an incredibly busy start to the new school year on the sports front with so many different clubs and matches already started. This half term we have already had boys and girls football matches and our netball team have also started their league campaign. In the next few weeks we will be travelling to different venues for the cross country competitions.

Our netball team had a great start to their campaign, winning one and drawing the other match this week. It was a friendly tournament for coaching workshops. We have three newcomers who were absolutely fabulous. We have three weeks left at North Durham Academy and we are continuing training on a Thursday - the girls are so keen - it is just a real pleasure to watch them. The Year 3 & 4 team on a Monday night are also enthusiastic and really progressing well with their skills.

The girls football team have also had a great start in the Derwentside League, winning both of their opening games. A 2-0 victory over the hosts Catchgate was followed by a 3-0 win against Consett St. Patrick's - an outstanding performance by the whole team. It has been very pleasing to see a record number of girls attending training so far and their enthusiasm and commitment has been great to see!

We have continued our strong links with SAFC and Consett Rugby Club this half term and are also looking forward to welcoming Durham wildcats (Basketball) in our school delivering high quality sessions.

The Year 5 & 6 boys football team have also made a wonderful start to the season with a fantastic 4-3 victory over Tanfield Lea Primary School. The boys worked so hard for each other and showed a great team spirit so it really is a promising start to their season too.



Athlete in School



We are very excited to be welcoming top athlete Sally Scott to school on Tuesday 2nd October. Sally is a British Track and Field athlete and gained a Bronze medal in the Pole Vaulting competition in the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Originally from Morpeth in Northumberland, she came fourth in the Olympic UK trials and has excelled nationally in her sport.

Sally will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils** and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**.

This is a sponsored event and your child has been given a sponsorship form to help raise money for the event. As the sponsorship form explains, much of the money that is raised will be used to buy **sports equipment** for the school, while also **supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes)**. Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and money** are returned to the school office by Friday 12th October.

I am sure that this will be a very memorable and exciting day for all the children. (Please note – Nursery children will not be taking part in this event – they will have their own sponsored event in the summer term.)



Reading Week and Book Fair



We have our first Creativity Week coming up during the week beginning Monday 2nd October when we hope to foster a love of reading with all our children. We have a number of different activities during the week including a Book Fair in school, Play in a Day for both Year 4 classes, a coffee afternoon in aid of the MacMillan Appeal as well as a number of class-based activities too. I am sure the children will make the most of the many and different reading opportunities during the week!



Reading Shed and Bird Hide



Sadly, both our Reading Shed and Bird Hide were vandalised during the summer holidays. We have never experienced any damage to school property like this before and were very upset to discover the destruction on two occasions during the summer holiday. However, our caretaker and groundsman have worked very hard to restore both damaged areas and these are now in full use again with the children.

School Uniform



It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for adhering to our policy of black footwear and sensible hairstyles with no shaved hair or tramlines. We would also like to thank you for providing your children with the correct P.E. uniform – this too makes a big difference!



Parking



Parking is an issue around many schools in England. However, our school has a particular problem in that over half of our families live outside the village and therefore have no choice but to drive to school. However, what all parents do have is a choice over where to park. I regularly receive complaints about inconsiderate parking by our parents. Some parents try to park as near to the school as possible and do not seem to mind whether that is on double yellow lines, the zig-zags, the path or the grass. By doing this, it appears that these parents do not care about the safety of our children. But to me, this is of paramount importance. I have seen for myself the most careless and irresponsible parking from some parents. We all care passionately about our children but it appears that this is not the case for some parents when it comes to parking and road safety.



Please consider not only whether it is legal and safe to park where you do, but also have some consideration for local residents. We pride ourselves on having good relationships with the local community but I regularly receive phone calls complaining about reckless and inconsiderate parking near the school.

Please remember that we have an agreement with Lanchester Social Club for any parents to park in their car park both when dropping off and picking children up from school. Also, sometimes the far side of the village is so much quieter.

Meanwhile, please think twice before parking irresponsibly or dangerously. If that means you are occasionally late to collect your child, do not worry - we will never let any child go until their adult is there for them. I would also like to thank all those parents who do park carefully and respectfully every day.

School Tuck Shop for Years 1-6



Our new School Council will shortly be having some training with Lisa from 'Fruit to Suit' in order to run this year's healthy tuck shop. The school council will soon have their own roles for the tuck shop, such as finance managers and stock controllers. The tuck shop will sell a range of healthy drinks and snacks such as apple juice, spicy noodles and flavoured raisins. All snacks/drinks are sold for 50p. Children can bring £1 maximum to buy two snacks if they wish. The days we will be selling are:

Monday - Y1/2

Wednesday - Y3/4

Friday - Y5/6

We will let you know as soon as the council have had their training and ordered in their chosen snacks!

Please remember that as well as the highly popular tuck shop, children can also subscribe for subsidised milk through: www.coolmilk.com. Milk is provided free for children under the age of five who are automatically signed up for this when they start school. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 all receive a piece of fruit free in their morning break.



Foundation Stage News



We would like to invite you to one of our Autumn Stay and Play sessions in Nursery and Reception. These were really popular last year and are a great opportunity for you to come in and see what your child gets up to in school, plus get involved in some fun activities. This time, we will be running an Autumn themed hunt for you to take part in with your child. Our sessions will run on Tuesday 16th October 9.15 - 10.45 am and Thursday 18th October 1.15 - 2.45 pm.



Can we please remind children that toys from home should not be brought into school? We have plenty here to play with so please leave your own toys safely at home.

It is great that so many of you have brought wellies in to school for your child to use. Please ensure that they are clearly named to avoid confusion. We also ask that you name your child's shoes as they are easily mixed up.

Look out for our Annual Fundraising Treasure Hunt coming home in the next week or so. We are continually trying to improve our outdoor area and really appreciate your support for this event.



Ski Trip



Our ski trip is quickly approaching and unfortunately so are the payment dates! The next non-refundable payment of £150 is due by the end of September with another £100 by the end of October. A meeting will be organised for later this term when more information about the week will be made available. It is going to be another amazing experience for both the children and adults going and one which I know they will just love!

House Captains



The Year 6 children held a vote at the beginning of the new term to elect the new house captains for the upcoming year. Each candidate was asked to prepare a short presentation on why they thought they would be suitable for the position. Mrs Tate, Mr Knighton and Mr Taylor were all very impressed at the quality of the presentations and it was clear that a lot of thought had been put into them - they were just pleased they didn't have to choose themselves! The final vote was very close but the captains that were elected to these highly prestigious positions were:

	CAPTAINS	VICE-CAPTAINS
ROMANS	Phoebe and Archie	Ellen and Liam
SAXONS	Anna and Tyler	Ruby and Finn
DANES	Elise and Max	Francesca and Harith
NORMANS	Lacey and Zach	Alisha and Liam

As usual, throughout the year we will be holding various House events and it is always lovely to see the older children working with and supporting some of our younger children in school. Dojo points are awarded to the children for good work, effort, kindness, manners and a variety of other things. Friendly competition exists among all the children (and staff) who are keen for their houses to be the best they can!

Holiday Club



LJG Coaching will be running Holiday Clubs on Monday 22nd October, Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th October, the first three days of the October half term holiday. Forms are available from the School Office or the website and due to the popularity of these clubs, advance booking is advisable.

On-line Safety Lessons



Our Computing work this half term is all centred around on-line safety and ensuring our children know how to keep safe when they are online. This is a life skill and one which we need to tackle at all ages. All children, from Reception to Year 6, will be enjoying some lessons and activities on this theme. On **Thursday 4th October** we would also urge as many parents as possible to come along to school at 9.15 am or 6 pm and enjoy a coffee while Mr Bailey delivers a parental Online Safety session. I am sure you will find this to be a very important and informative session as this is an area where all parents need to know as much as possible in order to help keep their children safe.

eSchools app



Our eSchools app is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in school. As soon as newsletters are published they are sent straight to the app. This enables you to know straight away our latest news and events without the chance of the letter being lost at the bottom of a school bag. eSchools also contains some important information on the class pages about what your child will be learning.

We also offer parents evening appointments via this app. You will be able to see clearly what dates and times are available that suit you. When your child starts school at Lanchester E.P., all parents are issued with a username and password for eSchools which is all you need to get started.

If at any point, you forget your username or password, please get in touch with the school office who can re-issue the details. If you have any further questions, please just contact the school office.



Parents' Evenings



Our termly parents' evenings are being held during the last week of this half term – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October between 3.45 and 6 pm. The booking system will be on eSchools again and we will let you know nearer the time when the booking system opens. Nursery parents will have additional appointments, which will be confirmed closer to the time. This is always a very useful time to meet your child's teacher and to discuss how they have settled in, their targets and the plans for the year. We will look forward to welcoming you soon.



Attendance



Last year was another good year in terms of attendance, with the whole school achieving 96.2% attendance, which is slightly down from 96.7% the previous year. We had another record number of 100% attendees for the whole school year - 35 children - which is a huge achievement. This really is something to be proud of, as research published by the Department of Education recognises the huge impact missing school can have on children's life chances – by promoting attendance at this young age we can really make a difference to children's achievements and wellbeing in later life.

Attendance will continue to be a priority in school and we will send individual attendance certificates to parents on a regular basis. However, if your child drops below 95% at any time in the school year, you may receive a letter bringing this to your attention. It is worth knowing that 95% attendance is only 10 days absence over the whole year. New legislation was brought out recently which means that a child with 90% attendance or below is classed as a persistent absentee which is something I am sure we all want to avoid. This is the equivalent to 20 days absence over the whole year.



Residential for Years 3 - 6



We pride ourselves on providing a rich and varied curriculum and education for our children and exposing them to as many different opportunities as possible. I am delighted to inform you that we have a number of residential visits planned for all of our KS2 children next year.

Year 3 & 4 will be having an overnight stay at Birdoswald Roman Fort at the end of March to support their history work about life in Roman times during the spring term.

Year 6 are heading to the Midlands in two weeks time to visit our partner school in Tamworth, Warwickshire. They will visit Warwick Castle before arriving at Birchwood School in Tamworth. After spending an evening enjoying pizza and games, they will sleep in the school and head to Cadbury World in Birmingham on the Friday morning before heading back North on the Friday afternoon. This builds on the friendships started at the Bett Show in London and when their children visited our school last June.

Year 6 have a visit to Ford Castle at the end of February when they will enjoy spending time together, as well as challenging themselves with a number of different outdoor adventure activities. Team work and supporting each other are the two key objectives for them!

Year 5 & 6 also have the opportunity of spending a day in our partner school in Plouer sur Rance, Brittany, whilst also exploring St Malo, the aquarium and a childrens' theme park. This takes place at the end of June.

The final arrangements are still being made for this but a meeting will be held on Monday 8th October when further information will be available for both the Ford Castle and France residential.

School Bank



Our school savings bank for children (run by Prince Bishops Community Bank) will be opening again at the beginning of October. For any new children, more information will be given out shortly by the Office, detailing how to join and start saving. We will inform you next week about how and where to bring your money.



#EduFootyAid



We are quite thrilled that such a high profile event will take place in our school on Saturday 6th October. #EduFootyAid is a new charity football event raising money for Mind, the country's leading mental health charity. What makes #EduFootyAid extra special is that all the players are primary school teachers. It is set to be a bi-annual fixture with the first match taking place at our school on Saturday October 6th. Gates open at 12pm and kick-off is at 2pm. Every player is raising a minimum of £50 in sponsorship and overall the event hopes to raise £3,000.

It is being organised by the Striker Boy campaign which was set up in memory of former primary school teacher Jonny Zucker, who sadly took his own life in 2016. Mental health is a key concern for the education sector, particularly primary education, with rates of suicide amongst primary school teachers nearly double the national average.

Whilst the cause is very serious the will be a fun, family day which we hope will be well-attended. There will be fairground rides, refreshments including hot and cold food and drinks as well as the football match at 2pm. Come and see Mr Bailey, Mr Knighton, Mr Stephenson, Mr Mordue and Mr Graham in action amongst many other others! It is the North-East vs The Rest of the Country!

The event has attracted considerable sponsorship from many education businesses including the TES (Times Educational Supplement), The Literacy Shed and 2Simple – companies that many teachers will be very familiar with!

To show the school's support for such a worthwhile charity, we will be holding our very own 'FootyAid' Day in school on the Friday prior to the event taking place. We are asking all children to come to school in their football strips (or non-uniform) in exchange for £1 towards Mind charity. I am sure it will be a great occasion.

School Teacher Training Centre



I am delighted to inform you that our school has become a School Training Centre for students on both the BA Education and PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) courses from Durham University. We have worked with a number of different providers for many years and were approached by Durham University to take on this role. This will be mutually beneficial and I am sure both the children and staff will enjoy having a number of student teachers in school on a regular basis.

Twitter



Our number of Twitter followers continues to grow rapidly (1,143) and our pupils receive some amazing learning experiences via this platform. In the past few years we have interacted with authors such as Berlie Doherty (Street Child) and Francesca Simon (Horrid Henry), have spoken to Olympic Gold Medal winning athlete Denise Lewis and even had our writing viewed on-board the International Space Station by astronaut Tim Peake! The response from parents to our school Twitter account has also been very positive and we urge you to follow us: [@lanchesterep](https://twitter.com/lanchesterep).

By positively using social media in school, pupils are learning how to post correctly and how not to share personal information online. With this in mind can we please request that you **DO NOT NAME CHILDREN** when making comments on our school Twitter account. No individual child should be identifiable from images posted online and so it is important that names are not associated with these images. We love receiving your comments and photographs online, but request that you use generic terms such as my child, my son, my daughter etc. when commenting about specific children.

Your response to the twitter summer homework challenge was superb too – it is really lovely to see what your children are doing, even when on holiday. Thank you for engaging so brilliantly with it!

Key Stage 2 Musical and Choir



We are going to have a very musical year again this year. Our choir have three concerts organised for this term alone – I think their reputation is quite widespread! All dates are in the diary dates on the final pages. We are also entering them once more into the county competition with the hope that they will be able to sing in the wonderful Ushaw College! Please also make a careful note of the musical at the end of the year. Once again, we have booked Consett Empire which is a fabulous venue for the children to be able to perform. I wonder what the musical will be this year? Joseph was performed in 2015 and Yanomamo in 2017..... watch this space...!!!!

Questionnaire Results



At the end of every academic year, we send out a questionnaire for parents and carers so that we know what you think we are doing well and which areas you think we could improve upon. The results of the questionnaire are below. They are, once again, overwhelmingly positive which is very pleasing for us as we do work exceptionally hard to ensure the children in our care are both well cared for and educated, as well as trying to ensure that relationships with parents and carers are positive. We really do appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaires and many of your comments were greatly appreciated by us all.

We care passionately about the children in our care, wanting the very best for them and working tirelessly to do our very best. We were quite overwhelmed with so many positive comments – thank you so much for that feedback. Now that so many of you have completed ours, we are also keen for you to complete the on-line questionnaire which is on the Ofsted website. Please go to: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to complete the on-line questionnaire.

The numerous comments, suggestions and ideas that you all made will be shared with our full governing body at the next meeting and discussed in detail. Thank you so much for taking the time to share them all with us. We really do appreciate it.

 Parent & Carer Questionnaire - Summer 2018  58 Responses		Strongly Agree & Agree	Strongly Disagree /Disagree	Don't Know
1	My child likes coming to Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School.	97%	3%	
2	Everyone is made to feel welcome at this school.	100%		
3	Teaching is good at this school.	100%		
4	My child is making good progress.	98%		
5	I am kept informed about my child's progress.	98%	2%	
6	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	98%		2%
7	The school provides appropriate homework.	79%	3%	18%
8	Parents are encouraged to pay an active part in the life of the school.	100%		
9	The school seek the views of parents and takes account their suggestions and concerns.	98%		2%
10	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or a problem.	98%	2%	
11	I find it easy to contact my child's teacher.	100%		
12	The school's website and Twitter feed provides clear information regarding what has happened in school and also about future events.	100%		
13	The school is well led and managed.	96%	2%	2%
14	The school achieves high standards of behaviour.	96%	2%	2%
15	My child feels safe at this school.	97%	3%	
16	There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	98%	2%	
17	I feel welcome in the school and am encouraged to take part in school activities and events.	98%	2%	
18	The school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child.	97%	3%	
19	I would recommend this school to other parents.	98%	2%	
20	The arrangements for my child to settle into their new class were good.	100%		

2018 Statutory Assessment Results

Early Years 2018

This data shows the number of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) by the end of Reception in **all** the prime areas (Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development) and Reading, Writing, Number & Shape, Space and Measures.

Percentage of children achieving a GLD

	School	National (2017)	Cohort
2018	78%	71%	49

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test 2018

This national test is administered in June and tests the phonics knowledge of the children – their ability to decode and read words, rather than their understanding. Children who do not reach the required standard are tested again at the end of Year 2.

Percentage of children achieving the Expected Standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

	School	National (2017)	Cohort
2018	87%	81%	46

Key Stage 1 Results 2018

Number in Cohort – 43

	Reading		Maths		Writing	
	At Least Age Related Expectations	Working at Greater Depth	At Least Age Related Expectations	Working at Greater Depth	At Least Age Related Expectations	Working at Greater Depth
2018	81%	30%	81%	30%	77%	26%
National (2017)	76%	25%	75%	21%	68%	16%

Key Stage 2 Results 2018

Number in Cohort – 47

	Reading		Maths		GAPS		Writing	
	Achieved National Standard	Achieved High Scaled Score	Achieved National Standard	Achieved High Scaled Score	Achieved National Standard	Achieved High Scaled Score	Achieved National Standard	Working at Greater Depth
School	96%	34%	87%	23%	96%	34%	91%	19%
National (2018)	75%	28%	76%	24%	78%	34%	78%	20%

National Standard = Scaled Score of 100 – 109

High Scaled Score = Scaled Score of 110 - 120

Reading, Writing & Maths Attainment (combined)

	Achieved National Standard in Reading, Writing & Maths	Achieved High Scaled Score in Reading & Maths & Working at Greater Depth in Writing
School	83%	9%
National	64%	10%

Progress from KS1 to KS2

	Progress in Reading	Progress in Maths	Progress in Writing
School	+2.6	+1.9	+1.6
National	0	0	0

Progress scores will be centred around 0, with most schools within the range of -5 to +5.

Average Scaled Score

	Reading	Maths	GaPS
School	108	106	108
National	105	104	106

(Scaled Score of 100 is National Average)

School Holidays - Academic Year 2018 - 2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Autumn Half Term	Friday 19 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 20 th December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
February Half Term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter Holiday	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer Half Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2019	TBC

Important Dates for 2018 - 2019

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests - May 2019

KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 13th May 2019

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Test - Week Beginning Monday 10th June 2019

DIARY DATES

Monday 24 th September 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Girls Football Team at Leadgate Primary School
Tuesday 25 th September 2018	2.15pm & 6pm	Phonics & Maths Parents' Workshop for Parents
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	All Day	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	9.30am – 2.30pm	Year 6 at Consett Academy
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	All Day	Year 2 at Shildon Locomotion Museum
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	All Day	Reception – Transport Visit
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	6pm	Consett Academy Open Evening for Year 6 Parents
Thursday 27 th September 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Year 5&6 Cross Country at Catchgate

Friday 28 th September 2018	8.30am – 4.30pm	Year 5 & 6 at Eden Camp, North Yorkshire
Week Beg. Monday 1 st October 2018	All Week	Reading Creativity Week and Book Fair in School
Monday 1 st October 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Girls Football Team at Tanfield Lea Primary School
Monday 1 st October 2018	5.30pm	St Bede's Open Evening for Year 6 Parents
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	All Day	Sally Scott – Olympic Athlete in School
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	3.15 – 4pm	Book Fair Open in Junior Hall
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	6pm	Friends of the School Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	All Day	Play in a Day for Mrs Grayson's class
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	3.15 – 4pm	Book Fair Open in Junior Hall
Thursday 4 th October 2018	All Day	Play in a Day for Miss Jackson's class
Thursday 4 th October 2018	9.15am & 6pm	Online Safety Workshop for Parents
Thursday 4 th October 2018	3.15 – 4pm	Book Fair Open in Junior Hall
Thursday 4 th October 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at Leadgate
Friday 5 th October 2018	All Day	FootyAid Day – Football Strips or Non Uniform
Friday 5 th October 2018	Morning	Emotional Resilience Workshops for Year 6
Saturday 6 th October 2018	12 noon – 5pm	#EduFootyAid Event in School Grounds
Monday 8 th October 2018	3.30 – 5pm	Girls Football at Delves Lane Primary School
Monday 8 th October 2018	6pm	Meeting for Y5&6 Parents - France & Ford Castle Residentials
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	Afternoon	Playstarz Training for Buddies
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Year 5 & 6 Boys Football at St Mary's Blackhill
Thursday 11 th October 2018	All Day	Year 6 at Warwick Castle and Birchwood School, Tamworth
Thursday 11 th October 2018	3.30pm – 5pm	Year 5 Cross Country at South Stanley
Friday 12 th October 2018	All Day	Year 6 at Birchwood School, Tamworth and Cadbury World
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	9.15 – 10.45 am	Foundation Stage Stay and Play Session
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	3.45 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	3.30 – 5pm	Boys Football at Tanfield Lea Primary School
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	3.45 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th October 2018	1.15 – 2.45 pm	Foundation Stage Stay and Play Session
Thursday 18 th October 2018	3.30 – 5pm	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country at Greenland
Friday 19 th October 2018	2pm	Re-Dedication of War Memorial
Friday 19 th October 2018	5.30pm	Break Up for October Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th October 2018	All Day	LJG Coaching Holiday Club in School
Monday 29 th October 2018	7.30 am	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 31 st October 2018	All Day	Neon Day in Nursery
Thursday 1 st November 2018	3.20 – 4.45pm	Disco for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thursday 1 st November 2018	5 – 6.30pm	Disco for Years 3 - 6
Friday 2 nd November 2018	7pm	Choir singing in Festival of Remembrance at Consett Empire
Monday 5 th November 2018	All Day	Year 4 at Centre for Life – Teeth & Digestion Workshops
Wednesday 7 th November 2018	10am & 6pm	Open Day for Reception 2019 prospective starters
Thursday 8 th November	6pm	Friends of the School Meeting
Friday 9 th November 2018	All Day	Year 3 at Centre for Life – Magnets Workshops
Week Beg. Monday 12 th November	All Week	Health and Well-Being Creativity Week
Monday 12 th November	All Day	First Aid Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 12 th &Tuesday 13 th November	All Day	Erasmus+ Visit to Partner School in Ajka, Hungary
Saturday 17 th November	3 pm	Choir Concert in School with Derwentside Singers
Thursday 22 nd November	Afternoon	Yrs 1 – 6 at Tyne Theatre for Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang
Wednesday 28 th November	Afternoon	Arabian Adventure Theatre in School

Week Beg. Monday 3 rd December	All Week	Enterprise Creativity Week
Thursday 6 th December	5.30 for 6pm	Christmas Film Night in School
Friday 7 th December	2pm – 4pm	Christmas Fair in Junior Hall
Saturday 8 th December	7pm	Choir Singing in Christmas Concert at Community Centre
Wednesday 12 th December	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle – Restaurant & Pantomime
Wednesday 12 th December	10am & 2pm	Foundation Stage Nativity
Monday 17 th December	10am & 2pm	Key Stage One Nativity (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 18 th December	Afternoon	KS1 (Yrs 1&2) Party & Lower KS2 (Yrs 3&4) Party
Tuesday 18 th December	3.30 – 4.30pm	Carols & Hot Chocolate Round the Christmas Tree
Wednesday 19 th December	Morning	Foundation Stage Party
Wednesday 19 th December	Afternoon	Foundation Stage Party & Upper KS2 (Yrs 5&6) Party
Thursday 20 th December	10am & 2pm	Christingle and KS2 Nativity in All Saints Church
Thursday 20 th December	5.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Friday 21 st December	All Day	LJG Coaching Holiday Club in School
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Monday 7 th January 2019	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Monday 7 th January 2019	9.15am	Welcome Back Coffee Morning in Junior Hall
Wednesday 23 rd January 2019	All Day	Ceilidh in School for KS2 children
Friday 25 th – Sunday 27 th January	All Weekend	Digital Leaders at Bett Show, London
Thursday 7 th February 2019	3.20 – 4.45pm	Disco for Reception, Years 1 & 2
Thursday 7 th February 2019	5 – 6.30pm	Disco for Years 3 - 6
Tuesday 12 th February 2019	3.45 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th February 2019	3.45 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 th February 2019	5.30pm	School Closes for Half Term
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Week Beg. Monday 25 th February	All Week	Erasmus+ Visit to Finland
Wednesday 27 th February – Friday 1 st March	All Day	Year 6 at Ford Castle Residential
Saturday 9 th March – 16 th March	All Week	Year 4, 5 & 6 Skiing Residential to Les Menuires, France
Monday 25 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3 & 4 Overnight Residential to Bird Oswald Roman Fort
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3 & 4 Overnight Residential to Bird Oswald Roman Fort
Wednesday 27 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3 & 4 Overnight Residential to Bird Oswald Roman Fort
Friday 5 th April 2019	5.30pm	School Closes for Easter Break
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Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	7.30 am	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	9.15 am	Welcome Back Coffee Morning
Week Beg. Monday 13 th May	All Week	Statutory Tests for Year 6
Week Beg. Monday 20 th May	All Week	Fun and Fitness Creativity Week
Saturday 8 th June 2019	Overnight	Overnight Family Camp in School Field
Week Beg. Monday 10 th June 2019	All Week	Cultural Enrichment Creativity Week
Week Beg. Monday 10 th June 2019	All Week	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Friday 21 st June–Wednesday 26 th June	Overnight	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Brittany, France
Thursday 11 th July 2019	1.30 & 6pm	Key Stage 2 Musical in Consett Empire Theatre