



Ferryhill Station Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to the start of the summer term. This final term of the academic year is always a special one, filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration.

We have an exciting few months ahead, with a wide range of events and activities planned. These include school trips for every class, a summer fayre, sports days and of course, our Y6 Leavers Assembly; all of which offer wonderful chances for our pupils to shine and create lasting memories.

Please see below for all our upcoming dates and events that are currently in our diaries and on our school calendar for the Summer Term. These dates are subject to change, events may be removed (if cancelled) and further dates added as the weeks go on. Mrs. Pinkowski will keep you all updated via the Arbor app, email and text.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pinkowski, she is always happy to help you and will liaise with me to resolve any queries or concerns that you may have.

Our Summer term started on Monday 28th April and the first half of the term is only 4 weeks long, with school closing on Friday 23rd May for the half term break. The second half of the summer term is 7 weeks long with a staff training day in between, on Friday 6th June. School closes on Friday 18th July for our summer holidays.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. J Crosby
Executive Headteacher

General Information and Reminders

Attendance

Good school attendance is crucial to a child's academic success. We monitor and analyse our school attendance and the attendance of each child regularly and as soon as attendance dips below 95%, this could result in a phone call or a request for an attendance meeting in school.

If your child is absent from school, please **REMEMBER** to contact the school office on their first day of absence before 9.00am.

If no contact is made and a reason for your child's absence is not provided, their absence will be marked as an unauthorised absence on the school register.

School Timings

Please could I remind all parents/carers of our school times:

Nursery Morning (3-year-olds)

Drop off – 8.45am at the early years gate.

Collection – 11.45am at the main entrance.

Nursery - 30 Hours

Drop off – 8.45am at the early years gate.

Collection – 3.25pm at the main entrance.

Nursery Afternoon (2-year-olds)

Drop off – 12.30pm at the Early Years gate.

Collection – 3.30pm at the Early Years gate.

School (Reception – Year 6)

The school gates open at 8.45am, and children start school at 8.55am.

Collection – 3.25pm from the school car park and the main entrance.

Dojo and Arbor Communication Apps

Dojo is used for teachers to communicate with parents/carers.

Arbor is our school's main form of communication. All our school information, reminders, newsletters etc. are sent out to parents/carers via Arbor. Please could you ensure that you have downloaded the app and that you check this regularly to keep up to date with all our school news.

Uniform

Please can we remind all parents/carers of our uniform policy. Our policy is as follows:

Red jumper or cardigan

White polo shirt

Grey or black skirt or trousers

School shoes or plain black trainers

High heeled shoes/boots or brightly coloured trainers are not permitted and should not be worn to school.

Nail varnish (including gel polish) and false nails (stick on nails or acrylics) are not permitted in school.

We also advise that long hair be tied back.

Please note: We have a stock of quality pre-loved uniforms in school. Please contact Mrs. Pinkowski for more details.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority in school. We will always act upon any concern's individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be mindful of the children and pedestrians that will be around at these times.

Football After School Club

Our KS2 football after school club is still running on Tuesdays after school.

The club is now open to Year 6 children, from Tuesday 13th May.

The club runs for another 3 weeks from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

The last session will be Tuesday 3rd June.

Please note: There will be no club on Tuesday 27th May as school is closed for the week for the half term break.

Swimming Lessons – Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 and Year 4 will continue their swimming lessons on a Thursday.

Please ensure your child comes to school on Thursdays with their swimming kit; swimwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles (if required).

If your child does not have a swimming hat, these can be purchased at the swimming venue at a cost of £2.50 each. If you would like to purchase one, please send the money to school with your child.

Nursery Spare Clothes, Nappies and Wipes

Please can we ask all of our nursery parents/carers to provide nursery with some spare clothes, nappies and wipes (if required) for your child. Please provide these in a named bag that ideally can be kept on your child's peg in nursery. Our nursery staff will advise you when any of the items need to be replaced or stocked up.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Safe in the Sun – Hats and Sun Lotion

We are hoping that summer is on the way, and we see some warm, sunny weather very soon. In preparation for this, please can we remind all parents/carers of the following:

- On very sunny days, there may not be a lot of shade, so it is very important that all children bring their sun hats in to school each day.
- Please can we ask you to apply sun lotion to your child before they leave home in the morning, this will offer them protection during the school day.

We will encourage the children to reapply a small amount of sun lotion to key areas before going outdoors. This will be their face, neck, arms and legs. This does not replace the first full application of the day which is put on at home, we will not be able to do this in school. To enable staff to keep your child safe and topped up with sun lotion, please send a bottle of sun lotion into school clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please note: School will not be able to provide sun lotion to the children. School will not be held responsible for any child who, despite our best efforts, gets sunburnt.

The children's safety is very important to us and working together we can make sure that they are protected when out in the sunny weather.

Upcoming Dates and Events

KS2 SATs Week

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May

Our KS2 SATs week begins on **Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May**. The children are all working exceptionally hard and we are very proud of their efforts.

During SATs week, we would like to offer the opportunity for our **Year 6** children to come into school via the main entrance from 8.30am onwards. The children will pre-order a breakfast treat to enjoy each morning during SATs week. This will help the children settle and relax before the tests begin each morning.

It is **vitaly important** that all of the children attend school from **Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May**. We will deliver the tests in a calm environment, ensuring the children are able to work to their full potential. We want the children to do their best, we do not put any extra pressure on the children, but we encourage them to do their best and think of the tests as a way to show what they can do.

Thank you for your continued support. We know you will be as proud of the children as we are.

Year 6 SATs Treat Trip

Planet Leisure

Wednesday 21st May

We will be celebrating SATs week with our Year 6 children with a SATs treat trip to Planet Leisure.

More information about this trip will follow via email.

Year 3 and Year 4 School Trip

Beamish

Friday 23rd May

We have organised a school trip for Class 3, Year 3 and Year 4 on **Friday 23rd May** to Beamish.

More information about this trip will be sent out via email.

May Half Term

School **closes** at the end of the school day on Friday 23rd May.

School is **closed** from Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May (1 week).

School **reopens** on Monday 2nd June.

Staff PD Day

Friday 6th June

School **closes** at the end of the school day on Thursday 5th June.

School is **closed** on Friday 6th June due to a staff PD Day.

School **reopens** on Monday 9th June.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June

Our Year 4 Multiplication Tables checks are taking place in school, week commencing Monday 9th June.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June

Our Year 1 Phonics Screening checks are taking place in school, week commencing Monday 9th June.

Year 1 and Year 2 School Trip

Wharton Park

Thursday 19th June

We have organised a school trip for our Year 1 and Year 2 children on **Thursday 19th June** to Wharton Park.

More information about this trip will be sent out via email.

Sports Day – Wednesday 25th June (Plan A) or Monday 7th July (Plan B)

We have organised and are looking forward to our school Sports Day on **Wednesday 25th June** at 1.30pm.

Our Sports Day will be held on our school field. On the day, please make your way to the field, the gates will be opened at 1.15pm by a member of school staff.

Please note: Wednesday 25th June is our Plan A. If the weather is bad and Sports Day cannot be held on Wednesday 25th June, we have scheduled it in our school diaries to be held on Monday 7th July instead, this is our Plan B.

The children will take part in various sporting races, skipping, running, space hopper etc.

Sports Day will finish with a parents/carers running race. We are looking forward to seeing you all take part.

The children will wear their PE shorts that they have in school, they will need their PE trainers in school to take part. The children will also need to bring in a coloured T-shirt (red, blue, yellow or green) for Sports Day, this represents their house/team. Mrs. Pinkowski will send an email as soon as possible to let parents/carers know which colour t-shirt the children need.

Please can **ALL** children bring/wear a hat/cap to school, and can we ask that sun cream is applied before the children arrive at school.

Nursery - the children that are in school in the afternoon, will take part in a couple of races and then head back to school. The Nursery children can come to school dressed in sports clothes on Sports Day.

We will keep you updated via email or in-app message of any changes to this event. We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible.

Reminder: Please can we remind all parents/carers that we have a no smoking policy in school, on our school premises and school field and at any of our school events. Please refrain from smoking or vaping and no alcohol is allowed on the school field.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Ambassadors School Trip

Auckland Project

Thursday 26th June

We are currently working on organising and arranging a school trip for our school Ambassadors on **Thursday 26th June** to the Auckland Project. This trip is not fully confirmed, however, once more information is available, it will be communicated with parents/carers via email.

Reception – Year 6 School Trip to South Shields Beach

Tuesday 1st July

We have organised a whole school trip to South Shields Beach. This trip is for all the children in Reception – Year 6. The trip is on **Tuesday 1st July**.

The children will enjoy a fun day out at the beach and take part in a whole school sandcastle challenge.

More information about this trip will follow via email.

Nursery and Reception School Trip

Hall Hill Farm

Tuesday 8th July

We have organised a school trip for Nursery 2's, 3's and Reception children on **Tuesday 8th July** to Hall Hill Farm.

More information about this trip will be sent out via email.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip to Robinwood

Wednesday 9th July – Friday 11th July

This trip is now full, all the available spaces have been allocated.

The deposit payment should have now been paid on Arbor to secure your child's place.

The payment item is open and active on Arbor for the children that have been allocated a space. Please make payments as and when you can.

The final balance payment for this trip is due on Arbor by **Tuesday 8th July** at the latest.

Please note: Balance reminders will be sent out soon.

End of Year Reports and Parent Drop-in Session

Your child's school report will be sent home on **Friday 11th July**.

We have arranged a parent drop-in session on **Monday 14th July** after school, **3.30pm – 4.00pm**. The drop-in session is for parents/carers to discuss any aspect of your child's report with the class teacher if needed.

Please note: The drop-in session is an open to all parents/carers.

School Summer Fayre

Wednesday 16th July

We are currently planning and organising a school summer fayre.

We hope to have our summer fayre on **Wednesday 16th July**.

More information about this to follow via email, messages and texts.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 17th July

To mark the end of our Year 6's final chapter at Ferryhill Station Primary School, we would like to invite our Year 6 parents/carers to a Leavers Assembly on **Thursday 17th July** at **10.00am**. Please enter the school via the main entrance. The Leavers' Assembly will take place in the school hall.

Year 6 Shirt Signing

Thursday 17th July

Traditionally, this usually takes place on the last day of term but due to our annual water fun day, we have brought it forward by a day. Our Year 6 children are allowed to have their school t-shirt signed by their classmates and teachers. We

would like this to take place again this year and therefore, we invite all of our Year 6 children to take part in this tradition on **Thursday 17th July**.

Water Fun Day

Friday 18th July

We have planned a water fun day on **Friday 18th July** for the whole school, Nursery – Year 6.

More information about this will follow via email.

Last Day of Term – Schools Out for Summer

The last day of term is Friday 18th July, when we break up for the summer holidays.

School **reopens** on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Diary Dates

Summer Term Dates	
Tuesdays – from Tuesday 29 th April – Tuesday 3 rd June	KS2 Football After School Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y3, Y4 and Y5 – can access this club for the full 5 weeks Y6 – can access this club from Tuesday 13th May for 3 weeks
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 6 SATs Treat Trip to Planet Leisure More information to follow via email
Friday 23 rd May	Class 3 School Trip Trip to Beamish More information to follow via email ----- School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for May Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	School REOPENS
Friday 6 th June	School is CLOSED Staff training day
Monday 9 th June	School REOPENS
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 19 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 School Trip Wharton Park More information to follow via email

Wednesday 25 th June	Sports Day Plan A (weather dependent) There is more information about this in the newsletter above
Thursday 26 th June	Ambassadors School Trip Auckland Project More information to follow via email once the trip is confirmed
Tuesday 1 st July	Whole School Trip Trip to South Shields Beach More information to follow via email
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day Plan B Please note: This will only go ahead if we haven't already had our Sports Day on 26/06/25. We have scheduled this date in our diaries as Plan B, in case the weather isn't suitable for the event to go ahead on 26/06/25. The same information applies, it is in the newsletter above.
Tuesday 8 th July	Nursery 2's, 3's and Reception School Trip Hall Hill Farm More information to follow via email
Wednesday 9 th July – Friday 11 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Robinwood Residential Trip
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports The reports will be sent home today
Monday 14 th July	Drop in Session 3.30pm – 4.00pm This session is open to all parents/carers to drop-in to discuss their child's report with the class teacher if required
Wednesday 16 th July	School Summer Fayre More information to follow via email
Thursday 17 th July	10.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly Year 6 Shirt Signing
Friday 18 th July	Water Fun Day School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for the summer holidays

School reopens to children on Thursday 4th September 2025