



Ferryhill Station Primary School News

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A very warm welcome to the new academic year at Ferryhill Station Primary School.

I have been delighted to welcome all the children back to school following the summer break, as well as extending a special greeting to families joining us for the first time. It is great to see that everyone has settled well into school routines, and I am sure that the year ahead will be filled with exciting opportunities and positive experiences for the children.

Detailed curriculum overviews for each class will be shared via email and uploaded onto the school website, allowing you to follow your child's learning journey.

This year we will continue to work closely with the other school in our Limestone Learning Federation; **Ludworth Primary School**. Myself, Mr Leake (Deputy Executive Head Teacher) and Mrs Robinson (Federation SENDCo) will continue to work across both schools as leaders across the federation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pinkowski in the school office. She is always keen to support all our families and will liaise with school staff to resolve any queries that you may have. If you need to talk to school staff in more detail, then please contact school to make an appointment. We look forward to working closely with all our families and continuing to build upon the positive relationships that are important to us.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Crosby
Executive Head Teacher

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**.

Reception Class – September 2025

Welcome to Ferryhill Station Primary School. We would like to say how excited we are to welcome your child to our school, and we are delighted that you chose our school for your child. Starting school is a special time, a time for new experiences, new friends and a step towards more independence for your child.

School Uniform

School uniforms are very important because they help children to grow and develop a feeling of belonging. A full list of our required uniform can be found on our website, here:

<https://www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=29>.

Please remember our school colour is **RED** and that the children should wear unbranded plain **BLACK** shoes. Their polo shirts should be **WHITE** and trousers, dresses or skirts **GREY/BLACK**.

We have never insisted that children wear jumpers or cardigans that include the school logo, although these can be purchased from <https://totstoteams.com/>

We would like to continue with our PRELOVED uniform rail in school this year. If you have any uniform that you don't need any more, that your child has outgrown and that is clean and in good condition, please send it to school. Parents/carers are always welcome to come into school to find something suitable for their child, if they want to.

School will continue to provide and take care of the children's PE kits, except for PE shoes.

Reminders:

Please remember to send trainers or gym shoes into school, preferably ones that can stay in school on their pegs, so they always have access to them for both outdoor PE and outdoor learning.

Please **remove earrings** on PE day.

PE Days

School PE days are as follows:

Class 1 (Reception) – Monday and Friday.

Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Wednesday and Thursday.

Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4) – Monday and Thursday.

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) – Monday and Thursday (swimming).

Please could you provide your child with a pair of trainers that can be kept on their peg in school, so they always have access to them for outdoor PE lessons and outdoor learning/activities.

They **do not** need a PE kit as we are continuing to provide these for all children and will take care of them in school.

Swimming Lessons

Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) will go swimming on a **Thursday** until further notice. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school on a Thursday; 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.

If there are any changes to the swimming schedule, Mrs Pinkowski will let you know via in-app message on Arbor or by text message as soon as possible.

Please note: Swimming is compulsory as it is part of our school curriculum. All children must attend.

Holiday Dates

All of the holiday dates for the coming year can be found on our school website, here:

<https://www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Holidays&pid=31>.

School Timings

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

Our school day runs from 8.55am – 3.25pm (except for our morning nursery session).

Our school gates/doors will open from 8.45am. The children can arrive at this time to ensure they are in school and ready to start the school day at 8.55am.

3-Year-Old Nursery (Morning)

Drop off – 8.45am at the Early Years gate.

Collection – 11.45am at the main entrance to school.

30 Hours Nursery

Drop off – 8.45am at the Early Years/Class 1 gate.

Collection – 3.25pm at the Early Years gate.

2-Year-Old Nursery (Afternoon)

Drop off – 12.30pm at the main entrance to school.

Collection – 3.30pm at the Early Years gate.

School (Reception – Year 6)

The school doors open at 8.45am, and children start the school day at 8.55am.

Collection – 3.25pm at the school main entrance/school gates.

Year 5 and year 6 children ONLY

If you would like to give permission for your child to walk home alone after school, please contact the school office for a letter of consent. The letter needs to be signed and returned to school for us to allow your child to walk home alone.

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 weekly 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 no later than 9.00am. If you have not notified the school by this time, Mrs Pinkowski will try to contact you via a telephone call, text message or in-app Arbor message.

A reason for your child's absence **must** be provided. If a reason for absence is not provided, your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence on the register.

Labelling Clothes

Please make sure that all uniform, shoes, coats and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name (or initials) and class. This makes it much easier for us to find the children's belongings in the event of them going missing. We like to keep lost property in school to a minimum as we don't have the space to keep it in school. Please help us to help you and label your child's clothing.

Emergency Contact Details

Please can we ask all parents/carers to check their emergency contact information on the Arbor app. Please can we ask that we have at least two emergency contacts for each child and that the information saved is current and up to date.

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. Please **DO NOT** block the school gates, they need to always remain clear and accessible.

Smoking and Vaping

Please can we remind all parents and carers that smoking or vaping on our school site is **not permitted**. If anyone is seen smoking or vaping, they will kindly be asked by staff to stop. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

APPLY NOW for a Secondary School Place

The application process is now open.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 your child will start Year 7 at a secondary school in September 2026.

You must apply for a school place as there is no automatic transfer from primary school to secondary school.

To apply, please follow this link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-now-for-a-secondary-school-place-deadline-31-October-2025>.

The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026 is midnight on Friday 31 October 2025.

APPLY NOW for a Primary School Place

The application process is now open.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 your child will start Reception at an infant or primary school in September 2026.

You must make an application for your child's school place as there is no automatic transfer from nursery school to an infant or primary school (Reception intake).

To apply, please follow this link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-now-for-a-primary-school-place-deadline-15-January-2026>.

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is Thursday 15 January 2026.

National Breakfast Programme

We will continue to work together with the National Breakfast Programme. The National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by Family Action to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day.

Family Action is committed to supporting child development, and we believe a healthy school breakfast, without a barrier or stigma, can set children to succeed and give them the very best chance to learn.

Each morning in school, we will be offering all the children the chance to have a bagel at the start of the school day. The bagels will be heated up in school and be offered to the children in their classrooms during registration.

School Football Team

Congratulations to Damien, Harry, Daniel, Eve, Leah and Lewie who have been chosen to be on our school football team.

School Ambassadors

Congratulations to Harry, Alana, Namgeet, Hudson and Jack. They have all been chosen to represent our school as school ambassadors this year.

Upcoming Events

Class 3 Hancock Museum School Trip – Wednesday 24th September

Class 3 (Y3 and Y4) are going on a joint school trip with Ludworth Primary to the Hancock Museum on Wednesday 24th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Monday 29th September

On **Monday 29th September**, we will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee morning. You are invited to attend from 9.45am-10.45am. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes available for a small monetary donation. Please arrive and wait outside of our Early Years gates and a staff member will meet and greet you at 9.45am.

We would be very grateful for any donations of biscuits or cakes for the event to help raise as much money as possible.

Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability – Monday 6th – Thursday 9th October

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been invited to take part in Durham County Council's Bikeability cycle training programme. The training course will take place during school hours and will take place from Monday 6th October – Thursday 9th October. Bikes and helmets must be brought from home. Bikes must be in a safe and roadworthy condition.

All Information has been sent out via email and consent must be provided online for your child to take part.

Year 4 Bikeability – Friday 10th October

Our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Durham County Council's Bikeability cycle training programme. The training course will take place during school hours and will take place on Friday 10th October. Bikes and helmets must be brought from home. Bikes must be in a safe and roadworthy condition.

All Information has been sent out via email and consent must be provided online for your child to take part.

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness – Friday 10th October

All children and staff are invited to come into school on **Friday 10th October** wearing yellow to raise awareness and show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

Class 2 Discovery Museum School Trip – Thursday 16th October

Class 2 (Y1 and Y2) are going on a joint school trip with Ludworth Primary to the Discovery Museum on Thursday 16th October.

More information will follow via email.

Show Racism the Red Card Day – Friday 17th October



Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives.

2025 is the 11th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. To celebrate this, all children and staff are invited to come into school on **Friday 17th October** wearing something red to raise awareness about the Show Racism the Red Card charity.

Class 1 Wharton Park School Trip – Monday 20th October

Class 1 (3-Year-Old Nursery and Reception) are going on a joint school trip with Ludworth Primary to Wharton Park on Monday 20th October.

Please note: Our 2-year-old nursery session will be closed on this day.

More information to follow via email.

Nursery 2-Year-Old's and Nursery 3-Year-Old's Halloween Party – Wednesday 22nd October

Our nursery children are invited to come into nursery on **Thursday 24th October** in fancy dress or party clothes. They will be having a Halloween Party during their sessions. They will dance, play games and be provided with some treats and juice.

Please advise us of any allergies or dietary requirements.

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 22nd October

We have organised a Halloween Disco for the children on **Wednesday 22nd October** from **4.00pm-5.00pm**.

The disco after school is for all children in Reception - Year 6.

The cost is £1.00 per disco ticket/per child. This can be paid on Arbor online or by cash at the school office.

More information will follow via email.

Class 4 Life Centre School Trip – Thursday 23rd October

Class 4 (Y5 and Y6) are going on a joint school trip with Ludworth Primary to the Life Centre on Thursday 23rd October.

More information will follow via email.

Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project

This year, we are once again taking part in the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project. Your child will create a Christmas card design in school. The designs will come home with your child at the end of this half term for you to place an order online. You can select for their personalised design to be on cards, mugs, gift tags etc.

All designs will be sent off after half term. All orders must be placed online by **Monday 3rd November**. Any late orders after the artwork is collated and sent off will incur an additional cost to cover postage.

Dates for your Diary
September 2025 – December 2025

From Monday 8 th September (Mondays for 5 weeks)	Netball after school club 3.25pm – 4.25pm The last session will be on Monday 6th October.
Friday 19 th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Wednesday 24 th September	Class 3 (Y3 and Y4) School Trip Hancock Museum, Newcastle 9.00am – 3.15pm
Monday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.45am – 10.45am More information to follow via email.
Monday 6 th October – Thursday 9 th October	Year 5 and Year 6 Bikeability Information has been sent out via email – 17.09.25 <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Consent must be completed online for your child to take part
Thursday 2 nd October	Class Photograph Day
Friday 10 th October	Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day Year 4 Bikeability Information has been sent out via email – 17.09.25 <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Consent must be completed online for your child to take part
Tuesday 14 th October	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks Information letter to follow once received from the NHS.
Thursday 16 th October	Class 2 (Y1 and Y2) School Trip Discovery Museum, Newcastle 8.30am – 3.15pm
Friday 17 th October	Wear Red Day 2025 All children and staff are invited to come into school wearing red to show racism the red card
Monday 20 th October	Nursery (3-Year-Old's) and Reception School Trip Wharton Park, Durham 9.00am – 1.15pm <u>Please note:</u> Our 2-year-old nursery session will be CLOSED today.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nursery Halloween Parties Nursery parties will take place during the nursery sessions. More information will follow via email Halloween Disco 4.00pm – 5.00pm More information will follow via email
Thursday 23 rd October	Class 4 (Y5 and Y6) School Trip Life Centre, Newcastle

	<p>8.30am – 2.45pm</p> <p>Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project Christmas card designs will go home today for parents/carers to place orders online</p>
Friday 24 th October	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for the October half term break
Friday 31 st October	Closing dates for Secondary School applications.
Monday 3 rd November	<p>School REOPENS today</p> <p>Cauliflower Cards order deadline. Please ensure all orders are processed today. Any late orders will incur a late fee.</p>
Week commencing Monday 10 th November	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13 th November	<p>Whole School Trip (Reception – Year 6) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Tyne Theatre 12.30pm – 5.30pm More information will follow via email</p>
Friday 14 th November	<p>Children in Need 2025 More information to follow via email</p>
Wednesday 19 th November	<p>Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations More information to follow via email</p>
Friday 5 th December	Ferryhill School Choir Performance in School (Children only)
Thursday 11 th December	<p>Christmas Dinner Day Children and Staff Our 2-year-old nursery session (pm) will start at 1.00pm today instead of 12.30pm</p> <p>Christmas Jumper Day For all children and staff in school</p>
Friday 12 th December	<p>3-Year-Old Nursery Stay and Play Session 10.30am – 11.30am More information to follow via email</p>
Monday 15 th December	<p>2-Year-Old Nursery Stay and Play Session 2.00pm – 3.00pm More information to follow via email</p>
Tuesday 16 th December	<p>3-Year-Old Nursery Christmas Party 10.00am – 11.30am More information to follow via email</p> <p>Afternoon Nursery and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas Party 1.30pm – 3.00pm More information to follow via email</p>

Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) Christmas Party 1.30pm – 3.00pm More information to follow via email
Thursday 18 th December	Reception – Year 6 Christmas Performance Day Two performances - 10.00am and 2.00pm
Friday 19 th December	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for the Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January	School REOPENS today