

Hello SUMMER



Ferryhill Station Primary School News

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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, sports days and of course, our Y6 Leavers Assembly; all of which offer wonderful chances for our pupils to shine and create lasting memories. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school to share in some of these special moments.

Please see below for 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 (usually if we experience some bad weather!) and we will keep you all updated via Arbor communications if that is the case.

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.

We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable term ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. J Crosby
Executive Headteacher

General Information and Reminders

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.

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. The school office can be contacted via telephone (there is an option to leave a voicemail message), text message or in-app message.

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 school's main entrance.

30 Hours Nursery

Drop off – 8.45am at the Early Years gate.

Collection – 3.30pm at the Early Years gate.

Nursery Afternoon (2-year-olds)

Drop off – 12.30pm at the school's main entrance.

Collection – 3.30pm at the Early Years gate.

School (Reception – Year 6)

The school gates open at 8.45am. Children start school at 8.55am.

Collection – 3.25pm from the front of the school. EYFS will leave via the Early Years gate. KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will leave via the school's main entrance. KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) will leave via the doors at the top of the car park.

Uniform

As you know, wearing a **uniform** has many benefits, including promoting a sense of pride in our school and creating a level playing field for all children. It also helps to ensure that children are dressed appropriately for a day of learning and saves families time choosing what to wear each day.

At Ferryhill Station Primary School, we have a clear **uniform policy** that all children are expected to adhere to.

This includes:

Winter

- Black school shoes or plain black trainers (no brands or logos)
- Black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Black, grey or white socks

Summer Alternatives

- Black or grey shorts
- Red gingham summer dress

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

Items of Jewellery (including earrings)

It is also important that we do not allow any jewellery to be worn in school, with the exception of small stud earrings and a watch.

Stud earrings may be taped over for up to 6 weeks after the initial piercing during PE and sports club sessions. After this period of time, they should be removed by the child before the session or if this is not possible, removed by an adult at home on the day of physical activity before coming to school.

Hair and Accessories

Hairstyles should be appropriate for a school setting and long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal, and in the school colours.

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

Additional Information

In instances of extreme temperatures, we will send out additional information on recommended attire so that the children can be as comfortable as possible in school.

School Uniform Provider

Parents/carers can purchase items of uniform with the school logo from Tots to Teams - <https://totstoteams.com/>

Alternatively, all main supermarkets and department stores stock non-logo items of school uniform.

We kindly ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately in their school **uniform** every day. If you have any difficulty in acquiring any of the uniform items, please let us know and we will try to assist you in any way we can. We do have stock of some pre-loved uniform in the school office.

If you have any questions or concerns about the **uniform policy**, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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 or access to the school car park.

No Smoking Policy

We would like to remind all parents/carers that we have a no smoking policy in school, on our school premises and at any of our school events. Please refrain from smoking or vaping on the school site and when attending outdoor events at school.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are currently suspended until further notice. This is due to maintenance work being carried out on the swimming pool. Once the pool is back up and running, further communication will be sent out.

School Meal Price

From April 2026, the price of a school meal has increased to £3.08 per day.

Nursery Spare Clothes, Nappies and Wipes

Please can we ask all 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 the nicer warm weather is on the way. 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 for sun lotion to be applied 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.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We plan to arrange the purchase of red Leavers Hoodies for our current Year 6 children. An email will be sent to all Year 6 parents/carers about this.

May Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May

School **closes** at the end of the school day on Friday 1st May.

School is **closed** on Monday 4th May, it is May Bank Holiday.

School **reopens** on Tuesday 5th May.

KS2 SATs Week

Year 5 and Year 6

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May

Our KS2 SATs week begins on **Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th 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, which will be provided by school. This will help the children settle and relax before the tests begin each morning.

It is **vitaly important** that all the children attend school every day during SATs week, from **Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May**. We will deliver the tests in a calm environment, ensuring the children are able to work to their full potential. Thank you for your continued support. We know you will be as proud of the children as we are.

Staff PD Day

Monday 1st June

School **closes** for half term at the end of the school day on Friday 22nd May and **reopens** on Tuesday 2nd June.

School is **closed** on Monday 1st June due to a staff PD Day.

Diary Dates

Summer Term Dates	
Tuesdays – continues from Tuesday 28 th April	Year 6 SATs Booster After School Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 29 th April	Class 4 PE School Trip OAA at Hardwick Park 9.30am – 12.30pm All information has been communicated via email and text.
Friday 1 st May	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for the May Day Bank Holiday.
Tuesday 5 th May	School REOPENS today.
Wednesday 6 th May	Class 3 School Trip STEM Trip to Locomotion 9.30am – 3.00pm More information will follow via email.
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATs Week for Year 6 children
Friday 15 th May	Edinburgh Residential Meeting in School Information meeting for Y5/Y6 parents/carers of the children who are attending the trip.
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 6 SATs Treat Trip to Planet Leisure More information to follow via email.
Friday 22 nd May	School CLOSES at the end of the school day today for May Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	School REOPENS
Wednesday 3 rd June – Friday 5 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Edinburgh Residential Trip
w/c Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 9 th June	Colour Run in School More information to follow via email.
Tuesday 23 rd June	Class 4 PE School Trip Alternative Sports St Charles School, Spennymoor 9.30am – 11.30am More information to follow via email.
Monday 29 th June	Gladiator Day in School