



# NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## A message from our school leaders...

As we enter the final week of the spring term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the many achievements our pupils have made so far this year. They have shown great determination, resilience, and enthusiasm in their learning, and we are incredibly proud of the progress they continue to make.

Pupils in key assessment year groups have been working particularly hard in preparation for the upcoming SATs (Yr 6), Phonics Screening Check (Yr1) and Multiplication Tables Check (Yr 4), all of which will take place during the summer term. Over the Easter holidays, we kindly ask families of children in these year groups to support them with a little practice to help build confidence ahead of their assessments.

A reminder that pupils finish for the Easter break next Thursday. We are very much looking forward to seeing your entries for the **Easter Egg Competition** – please bring your entries to school on Monday morning. Throughout the week, children will enjoy a range of Easter activities, including an **Easter Egg Hunt**, an **Accelerated Reader Easter Party** for those who have achieved their reading targets, and a special **Easter Assembly**, delivered by The Pathway.

We also have several staff vacancies arising soon. These will be shared over the coming weeks. If you know someone who would be a great fit for our wonderful school community, please do pass the information on.

As this is the final newsletter of the term, I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	99.2%
Yr 2/3/4	99.5%
Yr 5/6	99.5%



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What have we been up to?



## Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we have been exploring the delightful story, *'Whatever Next!'* The children were completely immersed in Baby Bear's exciting adventure to the moon, and we used the story as inspiration for lots of imaginative play, learning and creative activities.

**Wonderful Words** – we introduced and explored some wonderful new words from the story, including: *Flew, Passengers* and *Draining*.

**Creative Activities** – the children had lots of opportunities to design and make their own rockets using different materials, showing fantastic creativity and problem-solving skills as they built and decorated them. They also added passengers to their own rockets, deciding who would fly with them to the moon.

In preparation for our moon adventure, the children made a special space picnic, consisting of **Rocket Biscuits** and **Jam Sandwiches!** They were very excited to pack their treats, just like Baby Bear did in the story.

**Our Journey to the Moon** - to end our wonderful week, we had a magical afternoon travelling to the moon in our homemade rockets. The children proudly wore their space helmets and space boots, ready for take-off!

Once we 'landed' on the moon, we enjoyed our picnic together. It was a truly lovely moment, full of imagination, laughter and storytelling.

Lastly, the Nursery children would like to say a **BIG** thankyou to Mr Garnett for donating some tyres to our outside play area – they have been having so much fun playing with them!





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## YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

**Reception** have had a wonderful week diving into the fascinating world of bees, as part of their **Watch It Grow** topic. The children explored the different types of bees and learned all about the important roles they play within the hive. They were especially excited to discover how bees grow and change throughout their life cycle.

In maths, Reception have been focusing on the number 10, exploring different ways to make 10 and building number bonds using a variety of resources and representations.

During PSHE, the children discussed their nighttime routines and created lovely pictures showing what helps them settle down to sleep.

**Year 1** have been busy planning their recounts in writing this week, using their recent spring walk as inspiration. They have also been learning how to use exclamation marks effectively and have enjoyed experimenting with them in their sentences.

In DT, the children have continued working on their fire engine models, carefully adding details and assembling the different parts including the axels, wheels and the body.

In maths, Year 1 have been exploring capacity and volume, comparing the capacity of different containers and investigating how much liquid each one can hold. They have enjoyed the hands-on nature of this topic and have shown great curiosity during their investigations.





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## Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week has been an exciting one in our classroom! We have completed reading *Fantastic Mr Fox*, and I'm thrilled to share that the children absolutely loved the story. They are now working on writing their own diary entries from the perspective of one of the characters, which is a wonderful way to engage their creativity.

In maths, we have continued to focus on multiplication, capacity, and decimals. The children are making great progress and are becoming more confident in their skills. We've also been busy with assessments, which have shown just how much knowledge we have gained this term. It's fantastic to see their hard work paying off!

In geography, we delved deeper into learning about the UK and our local area. The children enjoyed discovering the county we live in and identifying the counties that border us.

During Design Technology, we had a delightful time tasting Welsh cakes and completing an evaluation based on our thoughts of the dish. It was a delicious way to combine learning with a bit of culinary exploration.

Additionally, we were fortunate to have a cricket taster session ran by the Durham Cricket Foundation, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great opportunity for them to try something new and have fun together. Durham Cricket Foundation are running both All Stars and Dynamos during the summer term – full details have been advertised on Class Dojo.





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## Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week, Year 5 and 6 have been busy completing their end-of-term assessments. We are incredibly proud of the children's resilience, determination, and the fantastic progress they have made.

In PSHE, we welcomed Fiona, from **She Revives CPR Training**, who delivered an engaging and highly valuable session on life-saving skills. The children learned how to perform CPR, use a defibrillator, help someone who is choking and place a person in the recovery position. They remained focused throughout and asked thoughtful, informed questions.

On Tuesday, the class enjoyed a **'Chance to Shine'** cricket taster session. It was great fun for everyone, and we certainly spotted some budding cricketers among the group!

In science, the children explored the phases of the moon, while in history they learned more about King Henry VIII and were able to describe the type of king he was with increasing confidence.

A reminder that Parents' Evening is next week. I look forward to meeting with those who have already booked an appointment. There are still spaces available for anyone who has not yet signed up.





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Upcoming  
Events:

	Event
<b>MARCH 2026</b>	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> + Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent's Evenings
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tennis/Raquets Festival, Yrs 3+4
<b>APRIL 2026</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Judging of Easter Egg Competition
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closed for Easter Holiday
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Girl's Football Competition, Yrs 4,5+6
<b>MAY 2026</b>	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri-Golf Festival, B.C. Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for Half Term Holiday
<b>JUNE 2026</b>	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5 Trip to Edinburgh
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tri-Golf Competition, B.C Golf Club – Yrs 3+4
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics Competition, Bishop Auckland – Yrs 5+6
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Family Brunch for Father's Day
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders Festival – Yrs 5+6