



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. It has certainly been a better start to the academic year than the last two years! It is lovely to be able to plan ahead again with the renewed confidence that things will go ahead!

It is hard to believe that this is the start of my 18th year as Head Teacher of Lanchester E.P. – how time flies when you're enjoying yourself! When I joined the school back in 2005, we had 210 children and half the number of staff. I would never have dreamt that I would still be here all these years later, with a school more than double in size and still so enthusiastic with so many ideas and plans. The start of every single year brings with it excitement and enthusiasm for what lies ahead – I hope you feel the same way!

Please do not forget that all our weekly letters (which go out every Friday) and half-termly newsletters can also be found on our website: <http://www.lanchesterep.durham.sch.uk> so you can access the information wherever you may be in the country or world. You should also receive these in your email inboxes each week, should we have your email address on the system.

We do pride ourselves on our open and honest relationship with parents and I always appreciate your feedback. Please, never be afraid to drop me an email or phone me to talk anything through at all. I will always try to get back to you as quickly as possible. Occasionally, emails do drop off the bottom of the page though so please just be patient and feel free to drop me a reminder if I haven't got back to you!

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



Mrs Sam Race, one of our teaching assistants, is currently on maternity leave and due to give birth any day now! We wish her all the best and hope to have some good news to bring you soon!



It has been lovely to welcome **Mr Callum Adamson** to our staff from September. Mr Adamson is teaching one of our Year 4 classes and is thoroughly enjoying the challenge! I am sure many of you will get to meet him over the next few months.



Mrs Clare Sant, one of our KS2 teachers, will be leaving us at October half term. Mrs Sant has worked at our school for the last 4 years in a part-time role and has decided to move on to a full-time role in another school. I know that you will all join with me in wishing her all the best for her future career. Mrs Coyle will be teaching the class full-time for the foreseeable future.



We hope to have some good news for you soon about the appointment of an additional lunchtime supervisory assistant and two cleaning staff. The deadline for the lunchtime supervisor position has passed, but the cleaner applications are open until 30th September. We hope to have some news of the appointments soon.

Captain Chemistry



We have once again welcomed Captain Chemistry into school to work with our Y4 and Y5 children. Throughout the year he will be working with each year group on various Science topics with fun and engaging experiments and investigations. He is so lively and inspiring and really brings the children's learning alive.



Nearly half of our staff have now been trained in the Sounds Write Phonics Programme and we currently have another 6 members of staff half way through their training. We started this new approach last year and it has already, proven to be highly successful.

We know parents and carers are keen to support their children as much as possible with their phonics so we are holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 4th October at 8.45am and 6pm for any interested parents and carers who would like to know how they can support their child at home. Mr Innes and Miss Butler will both lead these sessions with an overview of the approach in both Reception and KS1. These sessions will both take place in the Junior Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Walk for Years 2-6



We are delighted that we are able to take Years 2 – 6 on our annual school walk in Northumberland on Wednesday 28th September. The children should come dressed appropriately for the day – comfortable footwear will be essential – and they can also bring buckets and spades too.

We are delighted to be joined by our Erasmus visitors as well this year – what a great experience it will be for them! There will be an additional 7 teachers and 11 students joining us from Germany, Hungary and Spain.

The buses will leave school as soon as possible after 9am and take us to the car park at Seahouses where there are toilets. We then all walk along the beach towards Bamburgh, stopping in the sand dunes to enjoy lunch, some time on the beach and a run around up and down the sand dunes. We then head to the car park where hopefully the ice cream van awaits us and where we can also make use of the toilets before heading back to school.

Parents are more than welcome to join us again for this popular trip – but we are asking you to make your own way there this year, rather than coming on the buses with us, like we did last year. It is always a brilliant day out and we are hoping the weather is as kind to us this year as it was last year!



Smoking, Vaping and Dogs!



This is just a polite reminder that smoking and vaping are not allowed anywhere on the premises on any day and at any time. This also includes a Saturday morning or evening when other activities are taking place. Dogs are also not allowed on the school grounds – this is for health and safety reasons and includes puppies in arms! Most of the staff are real dog lovers and we always love meeting new additions to our school family, but this will have to be off school premises. Thank you for your support.



House Captains and Vice Captains



Last week in Year 6 we voted for our House Captains and Vice Captains. Lots of us wanted these roles and so we had to make PowerPoints, posters and presentations. Our friends could then vote for us after they listened to what we had to say. A secret vote then took place and Mr Stoker announced the winners.

In assembly on Friday, Mr Innes introduced us all to the school and we explained why we wanted the job of captain or vice-captain. We are looking forward to counting up the class dojos each week and then the winning team captains will be presented with the trophy. We also are looking forward to leading our groups on sports day. You can spot us in school as we now have our badges which we are very grateful for.

	ROMANS	SAXONS	DANES	NORMANS
HOUSE CAPTAINS	Imogen Matthew	Emily Toby	Annabel Michael	Lucy Teddy
VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS	Kate Sebastian	Charlotte James	Milly Fraser	Shanar Noah



2,000 Twitter Followers



You may have noticed that since the start of term we have passed 2,000 followers on our school Twitter account. This is an amazing achievement and recognition of all that we do at Lanchester EP – it really puts us up there alongside any Primary School in the UK.

The main focus of our Twitter account is to share on a daily basis the life of our school and to give parents, carers and family members an insight into what your children are doing in school each day and provide a point of discussion. What is lovely though, is that we also have hundreds of teachers, schools and other educators who follow us in order to learn from and follow the amazing experiences which we provide for our pupils here.

In addition, we also connect with a wide range of companies, authors, athletes and even astronauts and these connections often result in some amazing experiences for our pupils, whether this be chatting online to authors and athletes, visiting different companies or having Tim Peake view and comment upon their work whilst on board the International Space Station!

Our pupils produce some amazing work across all areas of the curriculum, but historically, too much of children's work has 'an audience of one' (the class teacher). Through using social media in school, we not only model good behaviour with regards to how post and share online, but also allow pupils a global audience for their work and therefore instil a real sense of pride in all that they produce. If you don't already, please follow us **@LanchesterEP** and share our Twitter handle with family and friends also. Since our Twitter account was launched in 2013 we have tweeted a staggering 28,400 times and we urge each class to tweet at least once per day, so there is always plenty of fresh content for you to view.



Reception 2023 Admissions



For children born between **1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019**, you need to complete an application, stating which primary school you would like your child to attend. You still need to apply even if you have an older child attending the same school, and **even if you attend Nursery at Lanchester EP you must still apply for a Reception place**. Each year we have a number of children who miss out on a place in our Reception because parents have forgotten to apply for a place. **The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday, 15 January 2023.** The offer of school places will be made on Monday 17th April 2023.

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.



Applying for a Secondary School place 2023



For children born between **1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012**, you need to complete an application, stating which secondary school you would like your child to attend. The application process opened on September 14th and you will have received a letter regarding this (sent to Year 6 parents via eSchools and also available on the school website).

The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Monday 31 October 2022. Once again, it is very important to apply for a secondary school place by the deadline, as a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school. The offer of school places will be made on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from the website address above. Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we cannot send in forms on behalf of parents.



Labelling of Clothing



Please can you remember to label anything and everything that a child can remove from their bodies! We already have had a number of jumpers, cardigans, shoes, shorts etc left lying around school which we have tried to reunite with their owners. It really would be appreciated if you can remember to name all items of clothings and belongings. Thank you!



Final Year for Erasmus+ Projects



We have been very fortunate to have been awarded hundreds of thousands of pounds of funding over the last 13 years to develop partnerships with many different European schools. Unfortunately, we are unable to make any further applications for Erasmus+ Projects as we are no longer part of the European Union.

We are about to embark on our final year with our last two projects. Next week, we have our very final visit to our country from our partners from Hungary, Germany and Spain who are involved in our project entitled 'Happy Life, Happy Lifestyle'. This will be followed by a visit to Hungary in December and a visit to Madrid next year.

The other project which is in its final year is entitled 'European Tunes Choir for Peer Bullying' and we have partnered with schools in Turkey, Portugal, Greece and Latvia. We have four of our Year 6 girls travelling to Latvia in October. During their time at the school, they will take part in a number of musical activities as well as seeing a little of the countryside!

We have visit to Brussels, Athens, Madrid and Istanbul to organise next year and these will bring our Erasmus+ visits (formerly known as Comenius) projects to an end. It is quite ironic that our very first project back in 2010 was with 7 countries, learning about traditional music and dance in each of the countries. This wonderful era in the life of our school will close with a visit to Istanbul and using traditional music from each country to help combat bullying in our schools. Music really is the universal language of mankind.



Sports News



This week marks the start of a busy period for sport at Lanchester EP. Our KS1 football team began with a bang on Tuesday with wonderful attitude, effort and performances leading to them winning both of their games in style.

The Year 5/6 boys football team have had their first fixtures this week and then it's the turn of the Year 5/6 girls team next week. The cross-country league also starts this week with girls and boys from Year 6 competing against children from neighbouring schools. Good luck to everyone involved; thank you for representing our school with pride and great sportsmanship!



Digital Leaders Visit TTS in Nottingham



We started the day by meeting our teachers (Mr Bailey, Mr Innes and Mrs Davis) at school. We then got in the car for an exciting journey! When we got to TTS, we met Gemma who was a robot designer. She took us to see the latest robot, OTI-BOT. He could do facial expressions, move, take photos and videos and even draw!

We were then shown the progress OTI-BOT had made. They told us how OTI had been to many schools and was shown to children to see if they liked him. They then modified him to what the children wanted him to look like until they got the product they liked.

For lunch, we got to eat Dominos pizza! After the delicious pizza, we went into the meeting room to discuss and to design an app or a robot. We had amazing teamwork as we discussed our thoughts. We all designed our own games and put them in one app.

Before we knew it, it was time to leave; we were given goodie bags containing pencils, chocolate, a glue stick, a colouring book, a tennis racket and a ball. We had such an amazing time - thank you TTS! Imogen and Lucy.



Accelerated Reader Workshops



We are holding two workshops to explain to parents and carers a little more about how the Accelerated Reader Programme works across school. Children from Year 2 will access this programme at different points in the year and it will be useful for all parents and carers to understand how this enables your children to read with greater enjoyment and resilience. Mr Innes and Mr Knighton will lead these workshops at 8.45am and 6pm on Wednesday 12th October. We look forward to seeing you there.



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, coloured hair or tramlines. We would also like to thank you for providing your children with the correct P.E. uniform – this too makes a huge difference! I would just like to remind parents of Year 5 & 6 children though that when they come to school in their PE uniform, they do still need to wear their normal school sweatshirt rather than a sports hoodie. Thank you.



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. 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. New Nursery parents should get their log in details soon.

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



Visits to Rajkot, India and Dubai , UAE



We were thrilled to find out just before the summer holidays that our application to the Turing Scheme had been successful for the second year running and we had been awarded £64,000 to take a group of 16 children to our partner school in Rajkot, India as well as a group of 24 children to our partner school in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. These really are trips of a lifetime for children and adults alike! During our time in these countries, we immerse ourselves in the culture, spend time in our partner schools as well as taking some time out to explore the local area. We are working closely with a wonderful, independent consultant, Veena Soni to organise this incredible opportunity to India and, having already taken a group of children to Dubai, we are currently organising that visit again ourselves. This year however, our trip to Dubai will also incorporate a visit to our new partner school – where Mr Keeton is now working!

The flights are now booked for India and the children will travel on Saturday 14th January 2023 and return the following weekend. There is a meeting organised for Wednesday 5th October at 5pm over Zoom for all parents and carers of children travelling to India. Mr McLoughlin will be leading this visit with Mr Adamson, Mrs Startup, Mrs Bailey and Miss Hawke also travelling.

We also hope to book the flights for Dubai this week and once that has been done, a meeting will also be arranged for the parents and carers of children travelling there. The apartments have already been booked at the same hotel we stayed in last year so good progress is being made for this visit too. It is anticipated that we will fly on Friday 24th February 2023 on an overnight flight from Manchester and return to Newcastle on Friday 3rd March 2023. I will be leading this visit with Miss Jackson, Miss Corper, Mr Knighton, Mr Bailey and Mr Southerm also travelling.

I realise that we have 40 exceptionally excited children but also many very disappointed children. We are taking 24 more children this year than last and over two years, we will have taken 56 children in total to both countries which really is quite incredible. This is in addition to taking over 60 children to European countries on Erasmus+ projects too. Quite an achievement for a primary school! It is also worth noting that we also had far more staff members wanting to go on these visits than we can take – the very disappointed adults know exactly how the disappointed children are feeling.



Parents' Evenings



Our termly parents' evenings will be held during the last week of the half term on Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 20th October and for our Nursery parents, we will be spreading these evenings out over the last two weeks of the half term. It will be great to meet with parents in person and give you the opportunity to see your child's work again. Appointments will be live on eSchools from Monday 3rd October.

Governing Body



All the members of the governing body are listed below. Our governors play a really important part in the life of our school and they can be contacted through school if you ever need to.

Mr Michael Knowles	Chairman – Co-opted Governor
Revd Lesley Sutherland	Vice Chair - Foundation Governor
Mrs Margaret Matthews	Foundation Governor
Mrs Cath Bailey	Foundation Governor
Ms Suzanne Nagel	Co-opted Governor
Mr Ben Garside	Co-opted Governor
Mr Ossie Johnson	Local Authority Governor
Mr Chris Grady	Parent Governor
Ms Denise Atkinson	Parent Governor
Mr Jason Exley	Parent Governor
Mrs Sarah Blakeman	Parent Governor
Ms Naomi Hawke	Staff Representative
Mrs Jane Davis	Head Teacher

Harvest Festival



We are delighted to celebrate our Harvest Festival in church with Revd Lesley Sutherland and Revd Stephen Martin again this year. This will take place on Tuesday 27th September during the afternoon session with our Erasmus visitors in attendance too. This will be for children from Years 2-6 only. As the number of children has continued to increase across school, it has reached the point when we just cannot fit everybody in. There will be other opportunities later in the year for parents to attend. Early Years children will have their own Harvest celebration in school the following week on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

This year, we are asking for donations of tinned foods or fresh fruit and vegetables which we will donate to the Food Bank. It would be wonderful if the children can bring them into school on Tuesday 27th September and take them along to church.

Christmas Celebrations



It is so lovely that we are able to hold our traditional Christmas performances again this year. Our Reception Nativities will take place on Thursday 15th December, Key Stage One will be performing a nativity in school on Monday 19th December at 10am and 2pm while KS2 will have their nativities on Tuesday 20th December in All Saints Church at 10am and 1.30pm. Please look at the diary dates for the dates of parties, Christmas Fair and other celebrations! Please note – more information about these events will be sent nearer the time but we thought you would appreciate the advance notice so that you can take time off work if needed.

Sunderland AFC Grassroots Tickets – Subsidised Ticket Offer.



We are delighted that Sunderland AFC has invited us to take advantage of their very popular school fundraising initiative for two forthcoming home league games at the Stadium of Light. The scheme enables you and your child to experience the famous family atmosphere at the Stadium of Light at a special promotional price whilst raising money for the school.

The two matches are at the Sunderland AFC vs. Preston North End at the Stadium of Light on Saturday 1st October 2022, kick off 3:00pm and then at the Sunderland AFC vs. Blackpool at the Stadium of Light on Tuesday 4th October 2022, kick off 7:45pm.

For these games only, you can purchase a pair of tickets (one adult and one child) for the special promotional price of just £20. For each pair of tickets purchased this way, SAFC will donate £5 to the school. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please complete the form below and return it to school with full payment in cash no later than Monday 26th September. Please note this invitation does not entitle ticket purchasers to any other benefits that may be available on normal priced match day tickets. The tickets are for use by you and your immediate family and are not for re-sale.

[Sunderland Grassroots Ticket Request Form](#)



Open Evenings for Year 6



There are three forthcoming Open Evenings we have been notified about. The first is at St Bede's on Monday 26th September at 5.30pm (please note only one parent can attend with their child due to numbers expected). This is followed by one at Wolsingham School on Thursday 29th September from 5pm until 7.30pm. The last one is at Tanfield School on Wednesday 5th October from 4.45pm – 7pm.



LJG Holiday Club Dates - October and December



LJG Coaching will be running the holiday clubs in school on the following dates:

24th – 26th October and 21st – 22nd December

If you would like to book onto any of these dates, please fill in the online form here: [Holiday Club Booking](#), or email ljsportscoaching@gmail.com for more information. Please note, children must be 4 years old to attend.



Pupil Premium: Benefitting your Child & the School



If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding, not only will school receive extra funding, which in this day and age of constant cuts is a godsend, but your child will also receive the benefits of:

- Free Daily Milk at playtime
- Free School Meals (for those in Nursery and Year 3 – 6 who are not covered by the universal free meal scheme)
- Free Breakfast Club (usually charged at £4 per session)
- Free or heavily subsidised Music Tuition (the school currently offers woodwind, brass, guitar & keyboard lessons for Key Stage 2 pupils)
- Heavily subsidised Year Group Overnight visits – for example, in 2020, Pupil Premium pupils paid £180 less for PGL; in 2021 they paid £40 less for the Year 3 overnight trip & £45 less for the Year 4 visit. Please note, the subsidised amount differs per trip, dependent on cost – however, as you can see it is often a significant difference
- Subsidised trip contributions

I know money is tight for many people at the moment, so even if you are not sure that you will be eligible it really is worth getting us to do a check for you – all you need to do is fill in this form: [Pupil Premium Eligibility Check](#). A hard copy can also be requested from the School Office.

Uniform Donations

The Department of Education issued statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms in November 2021. We have always tried to keep the cost of our school uniform as low as possible, which is why the only branded uniform that we ask you to buy is a jumper or cardigan and a PE t shirt – the price of these is comparable to other primary schools in the area.

We do also hold a large number of second hand items of uniform, which are available to all parents – we would really like to expand this so any logoed items of uniform you have that no longer fit your child would be gratefully received. We plan to have a storage system set up in the bike shelter so that parents can browse and help themselves when uniform is required.

Office Information

There will be a separate document going out next week with all the important administrative information that we think you will need for the year, as a quick reference guide. The information will include:

- ParentPay FAQs & Information
- Childcare Voucher & Tax Free Childcare Information
- Attendance Information (including sickness absence period)
- Uniform Supplier Information
- Wrap Around Care Booking
- School Meal Information
- PE Days (5&6)
- Swimming Terms
- Office Contact Information



Donation for Outdoors Area



We were really touched to receive a cheque for £470 in memory of the great grandmother of two of the children who attend our school. We have been told that she loved to hear about everything her great grandchildren got up to since joining our school and had a particular love of the outdoors. So we are now tasked with how to put this wonderfully generous donation to the best of uses.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the whole of the extended family on behalf of all the children in school who will benefit from this.



Friends of the School



We have a very active group of parents who formed our Friends of the School many years ago who have organised a wide range of events to benefit all children across the school. Events they have planned and organised over the years include:

- Christmas shop for children
- Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- Overnight Camp on the School Field
- Film Nights
- Discos
- Quiz Night

They are hoping to re-group this year and, once again, start to plan more events. However, it would be lovely to welcome some new faces into the group so this is a warm invitation to all parents and carers to come along to the first meeting later this half term – watch out for the date in next week's letter!



Residential for Years 3-6



We are delighted that we can offer overnight residential visits for all our KS2 pupils. The dates of each of these residentials are below. We are trying to give you as much advance warning as possible about these in order that the payments can be spread out much as as possible. Letters have gone out to Year 6 with more information and the letters about PGL will be sent out next week to Year 5. Year 3 & 4 letters will follow in the next few weeks.

Year 3 – Overnight Visit to Birdoswald – 22nd/23rd March 2023 for Mr Stephenson's Class

Year 3 – Overnight Visit to Birdoswald – 23rd/24th March 2023 for Mrs Coyle's Class

Year 4 – Overnight Visit to Seahouses – 20th/21st March 2023 for Miss Jackson's Class

Year 4 – Overnight Visit to Seahouses – 21st/22nd March 2023 for Mr Adamson's Class

Year 5 – Overnight Visit to Birchwood – 10th/11th November 2022

Year 5 – PGL Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire – Sunday 2nd July – Wednesday 5th July 2023

Year 6 – Northern Ireland – Monday 26th June – Friday 30th June 2023



Milkshake Monday



Milkshake Monday will see some children enjoy a milkshake with the Head Teacher every Monday afternoon. Class teachers will choose one child from their class who has achieved particularly well in any area during the previous week (this could be for academic achievement or for kindness or anything the teacher thinks should be celebrated) and feels should be rewarded by spending some quality time with Mrs Davis whilst enjoying a milkshake. The children thoroughly enjoy this (so does Mrs Davis!) and it is hoped that it gives children a real boost for doing something which they should be very proud about.



Year 2 Recount of Visit to Hartlepool Marina

First, we went on the bus and it was a long trip. I sat next to my friend Matilda. Next, we went on the Trincomalee and had a tour. We learnt that going to the toilet was dangerous because if there was a storm you would fall off. We had lots of fun. After that we went to Horrible Histories exhibition. We got to take a picture of us and on the picture we made us look like a pirate. I had lots of fun. Eventually, we had lunch. It was delicious. I had a sandwich and it was yummy. I sat next to Amara and Phoebe.

Then we had to draw a picture of the ship. I took my time so it looked neat. We looked around some old shops and it was really good. Finally, we went to the park and I loved the play ship. The best bit was the slide and the roundabout. At home time we went back to school on the bus and I was feeling happy and tired.

By Alexa Yr 2



End of Year 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. This year we had a terrific 171 responses which was just wonderful – thank you all so much for taking the time to respond.

They are, once again, overwhelmingly positive which is very pleasing 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 care passionately about every single child wanting the very best for them and working tirelessly to do our very best.

Thank you all for your additional comments from the questionnaires. We had so many very positive comments which were so appreciated by all staff. However, we also really appreciate your suggestions as well and these have and continue to be considered. We have already actioned some of your suggestions and I know you will see more in place throughout the year. We have shared some of the comments that came up a number of times – please see the separate attachment to see these results and comments which will be sent out to you all next week.

Important Dates for 2022 - 2023

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests - May 2022

KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 8th May 2023

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Week Beginning Monday 12th June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication Test - Week Beginning Monday 5th June 2022

School Holiday and Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
School Year Begins	Thursday 21 st July 2022	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
October Half Term	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Staff Training Day	Friday 25 th November 2022	Tuesday 29 th November 2022
Christmas Holiday	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
February Half Term	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter Holiday	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day	Friday 28 th April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer Half Term	Thursday 25 th May 2023	Tuesday 6 th June 2023
Summer Holiday	Friday 21 st July 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023

DIARY DATES

Sunday 25 th September 2022	3pm	Messy Church at All Saints Church
Monday 26 th September 2022	Morning	Erasmus+ Partners Arrive from Germany, Hungary & Spain
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	Afternoon	Harvest Festival Celebrations for Year 3-6
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	All Day	School Walk for Years 2 - 6
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	All Day	Reception & Year 1 – Forest School Day
Thursday 29 th September 2022	Morning	Yoga Training for Staff
Friday 30 th September 2022	Afternoon	Erasmus+ Partners Depart
Sunday 2 nd October 2022	10.30am	Our children leading Harvest in All Saints Church
Sunday 2 nd October 2022	3pm	Pet Blessing Service on Village Green
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	Morning	Tiny Tweeties with Reception
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	8.45am	Phonics Workshop for Parents & Carers
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	6pm	Phonics Workshop for Parents & Carers
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Afternoon	EYFS and Y1 Harvest Celebrations
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	5pm	Meeting for India Visit
Thursday 6 th October 2022	Lunchtime	Space Menu in Celebration of Space Week
Sunday 9 th October 2022	3pm	Year 6 Girls & Staff leave for Erasmus+ Trip to Modana, Latvia
Tuesday 11 th October 2022	All Day	Year 1 at The Hancock Museum, Newcastle
Wednesday 12 th October 2022	8.45am	Accelerated Reader Workshop for Parents & Carers
Wednesday 12 th October 2022	6pm	Accelerated Reader Workshop for Parents & Carers
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	3.30 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	Afternoon	Fire Brigade with KS1 re Fire Safety Talks
Thursday 20 th October 2022	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle Mosque
Thursday 20 th October 2022	3.30- 6pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 21 st October 2022	5.15pm	Break Up for October Half Term
Monday 24 th – Wednesday 26 th October 2022	All Day	LJG Coaching Holiday Club in School
Monday 31 st October 2022	7.30am	School Re-opens
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	2.30pm	Family Storytime & Songs for Miss Butler's Reception Class Parents and Carers
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	2.30pm	Family Storytime & Songs for Miss Martin's Reception Class Parents and Carers
Monday 7 th November 2022	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Monday 7 th November	8am – 3.30pm	Year 4 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday 8 th November 2022	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	11.15am	Family Storytime & Songs for Nursery Parents & Carers
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	2.30pm	Family Storytime & Songs for Nursery Parents & Carers
Thursday 10 th November 2022	All Day	Year 5 at Cadbury World & Birchwood School
Friday 11 th November 2022	All Day	Year 5 at National Space Centre
Saturday 12 th November 2022	10am-12noon	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 16 th November 2022	All Day	Individual Photographs
Sunday 20 th November 2022	TBC	Confirmation Service at St Ives, Leadgate

Week Beg. Monday 28 th November 2022	All Week	Enterprise Week
Friday 2 nd December 2022	2pm – 4pm	Christmas Fair
Week Beg. Monday 5 th December	All Week	Winter Wonderland
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	3.30pm	Choir Singing at Lanchester Garden Centre in aid of Henry Dancer Days
Week Beg. Monday 12 th December	All Week	Erasmus+ Visit to Ajka, Hungary
Tuesday 13 th December	All Day	Year 6 Pantomime Visit to Tyneside Theatre & Special Lunch in Newcastle
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	11am	Family Christmas Songs & Stories for Nursery Families (Morning & Beg. Of Week Children)
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Morning	Year 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Afternoon	Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	All Day	The Little Elf Performance for EYFS & KS1
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	All Day	Parties for Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Morning	Year 1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Afternoon	Year 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th December 2022	9.30am	Reception Nativity in School Hall
Thursday 15 th December 2022	2pm	Reception Nativity in School Hall
Friday 16 th December 2022	Morning	Year 5 Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December 2022	Afternoon	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 16 th December 2022		Family Christmas Songs & Stories for Nursery Families (End of Week & 30 hour Children)
Monday 19 th December 2022	10am	KS1 Nativity in School Hall
Monday 19 th December 2022	2pm	KS1 Nativity in School Hall
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	10am	KS2 Nativity and Church Service
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	1.30pm	KS2 Nativity and Church Service
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	5.15pm	Break Up for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 21 st & Tuesday 22 nd December 2022	All Day	LJG Coaching Holiday Club in School
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	7.30am	School Re-Opens