



Dear Parents / Carers,

The second half of the spring term at least started with some better weather than goodness! Please find below an outline list of the events and activities which are in the diary for the coming weeks of this half term:

What's on	When and who?
Rescheduled Moki band challenge week	w/b Monday 23 rd February (Y5)
Weekly swimming sessions	Monday afternoons from 23 rd February – 23 rd March (Y4)
NUFC Foundation football / team games session	Afternoon of Monday 23 rd February/2 nd March (Y3/Y6)
'Rocksteady' class bands	Tuesday mornings from 24 th February (including concert for pupils/parents on 31 st March)
Safety workshops led by David Burn	Afternoon of Tuesday 24 th February (Y5/Y6)
Gymnastics coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 24 th February (Y3)
Bikeability – rescheduled sessions	Wednesday 25 th / Thursday 26 th February (group of Y5)
Volleyball coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday mornings from 25 th February (Y5/Y6)
Golf skills festival	Afternoon of Wednesday 25 th February (group of Y3)
Specialist Music, French and Computing sessions	Wednesday afternoons for Reception to Year 6 from 25 th February
Sending & receiving and Invasion games coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 25 th February (Y1/Y2)
Girls football workshops led by Cramlington United – if FA funding is confirmed	Thursday afternoons: 12 th March (Y5/Y6), 19 th March (Y2), 26 th March (YR/Y1)
Health and Wellbeing workshops for parents/carers – 'Emotional regulation' (see separate letter)	Monday 2nd March at 5pm OR Tuesday 3rd March at 9am
Y4 Gymnastics competition at Wansbeck	Morning of Wednesday 4 th March (team from Year 4)
Spring term Full Governing Body meeting	4.30pm on Wednesday 4 th March
World Book Day (see separate letter shared on Seesaw/Tapestry)	Thursday 5th March – book at bedtime (pjs/onesies) OR book character dress up day (whole school)
Great British Spring Clean in Cramlington	13 th – 29 th March (Y5 Litter pickers will take part in this event on one day – weather dependent)
Y5 Skipping competition at Newbiggin	Morning of Friday 20 th March (group from Y5)
Comic Relief Day (separate letter will be sent nearer the time)	Friday 20th March – wear something red and make a donation for a break time treat!
RE Theme Day	Monday 23 rd March
Presentation of spring term writing/maths awards	Week beginning Monday 23 rd March
Induction visits for new Nursery starters	After school on Tuesday 24 th March (pupils due to start Nursery after Easter)
Spring term parent appointments (separate letter will be sent nearer the time)	Afternoon/evening of Monday 30th ('til 6.30pm) and/or Tuesday 31st March ('til 4.30pm)
End of term KS2 singing club and violin group concert	Wednesday 1 st April at 3.45pm
Golden Day	Thursday 2nd April
Easter chocolate raffle	Thursday 2 nd April
Pupils break up for Easter	Thursday 2 nd April – at 2pm
School reopens after the Easter holiday	Monday 20th April 2026

Clubs for this half term:

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
<p>Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day). <i>N.B. Pupils to arrive between 7.30 – 8.15am to allow time for breakfast to be served.</i></p>  <p>This costs £3 per day if booked/paid for in advance or £3.50 if children just turn up on the day.</p>	<p>KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays <i>(£3 per session – to be paid online direct to: PFC Pro Football Coaching Ltd)</i></p>	<p>NUFC Foundation ball skills club for Y3 and Y4 on Mondays (23rd February/2nd March)</p> <p>Basketball club for Y3 and Y4 on Tuesdays (starting 3rd March)</p> <p>Munchie Maths Booster Club for Y6 on Tuesdays</p>
<p>Bacon Butty Literacy Booster for Y6 on Wednesdays from 8am</p>	<p>Professional football coaching for Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays <i>(£3 per session – to be paid online direct to: PFC Pro Football Coaching Ltd)</i></p>	<p>Singing Club for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays</p>
<p>Street Dance Club for Rec/Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays from 8am in the school hall (starting 4th March)</p>	<p>Running Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Thursdays</p>	<p>Violin Progression lessons for group of Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays</p>
<p>Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am in the school hall <i>Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</i></p> 		<p>Cricket club for group of Y4/Y5/Y6 on Thursdays (led by Mr Farmer)</p>

Parking / use of bikes and scooters

The arrival of spring will hopefully bring some better weather which may encourage more pupils to come to school on foot or by bike/scooter. As you know we have space for bikes and scooters to be parked safely at school but please make sure that they are securely locked when left during the school day. Pupils can keep their helmets with their coats/bags in the cloakrooms.

As with all schools we know that when it gets busy at the gates at 'peak times' it can cause frustration to both parents / carers as well as local residents, especially if their driveways are blocked or cars are parked on dropped kerbs etc. **Before the half term we had an issue with cars being parked on both sides of very narrow estate roads which leaves them unpassable and is clearly unsafe.**



We ask that everyone continues to think carefully about where cars are parked. Where possible, please make use of the Church of the Nazarene carpark. Parking a little further away from the school keeps congestion down where possible. The 3 minute walk from the carpark is straightforward and is well worth a try! THANK YOU!

Peer Mentors

As you may remember, our first group of Peer Mentors were trained last year (these pupils are now in Y6). They are still called upon to support pupils with a range of issues and wear their high viz jackets with pride when they are 'on duty'. I'm pleased to say that Miss Fox is now starting the process of training our next team of Year 5 Peer Mentors... who are really looking forward to joining this important group of pupils.

Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to appreciate your support with helping our efforts to encourage the children to be in school every day and ensure they arrive on time. In the first half of the spring term we had some issues with poor punctuality shown by children in Year 5 and Year 6 but we know they are working hard to address this – and we would be grateful for any help you can give to make sure the children leave home in time to arrive at **8.45am** each morning – thank you!



Attendance Ladder



Our weekly assemblies continue to highlight the attendance percentages and number of lates recorded for each class. Each class aims to get a GREEN card for attendance which indicates they have 96%+ attendance for the previous week and great excitement is generated if a class manage to earn a party popper for having 100% attendance – the last class to earn one was Year 3 in January.

Year 4 are our current attendance 'champions'. They have been presented with the half term attendance certificate for having the best average attendance for two of the 3 half terms. Year 1 and Year 2 classes have had the best punctuality over the course of the first half of the school year. I wonder which classes will get the certificates for this half term?

Attendance letters were sent out earlier this week to parents/carers of any pupil with less than 94% attendance and we hope to reduce even further the number of 'persistent absentees' (children with attendance below 90%) as the rest of the school year progresses.

If your child is really unwell then we know that they cannot be in school but as soon as they are well enough to attend, or if they just have a slight cold, sore throat etc then they are fine to be in.

Reminders

- Staff have noticed more pupils who are not **keeping their hair tied back** in school. It is important to ensure that your child's hair is tied back as this helps to avoid problems which can occur when hair is left loose...e.g. headlice
- Please can you continue to make sure that your child's **school uniform and coats are named** – this saves lots of staff time if items are 'misplaced' by pupils or left outside.
- We have limited space for the storage of water bottles. Children should only have a **simple, small water bottle in school** – NOT ones which are huge in size, in the shape of animals etc. Please make sure that they can be sealed (rather than ones just with straws as these tend to spill easily). Thank you!
- Please can you encourage your child to **leave toys, cuddly animals, jewellery items etc at home**. This is becoming hard for staff to manage especially when items go outside or missing following a 'swap with' or 'gift to' a friend. THANK YOU!

And finally...

- Don't forget that the first of our sessions to share ideas with parents/carers around how to support children with issues of **EMOTIONAL REGULATION** take place next week, led by members of the Be You / Primary Mental Health team. If these are of interest, then please let us know which of the sessions you are able to attend – **5pm on Monday 2nd March** or **9am on Tuesday 3rd March**.
- **Next Thursday (5th March)** is **World Book Day** and we are looking forward to a day of reading themed activities. Children are asked to come dressed in **pyjamas/onesies/dressing gowns** or dressed as a book character (but please do not spend lots of money on a costume!)...and everyone should come with their favourite book!



Be you

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Yours sincerely, **Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher