



*'With God, all things are possible' – Matthew 19:26*

**FEBRUARY 2026**

### Key Dates

#### MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> School re-opens for all pupils
- 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Science Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lego League Regional Tournament
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6H Worship to Parents (2.50pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day\*
- w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent's Evening's
- 25<sup>th</sup> 4W Worship to Parents (2.50pm)

#### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> 4S Worship to Parents (2.50pm)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Service @ All Saints Church  
9.30am  
(Year 5 parents invited to attend)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> School closes for Easter Holiday's  
(3.20pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> School re-opens for all pupils

#### MAY

- 4<sup>th</sup> School closed for May Bank Holiday
- w/c 11<sup>th</sup> SATS Week\*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> School closes for Spring Half Term  
(3.20pm)

**\*More information to follow**

### Spotlight on Safeguarding - Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2026 focused on smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Children watched a live lesson which shared interesting examples of how AI can be created. If parents/carers are finding it difficult to keep up with AI, especially in the context of their children's use and questions, we would recommend reading the following article <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers> The internet is a wonderful place, but it is vital that children and their trusted adults (including us at school) are aware of how children are using it. AI can seem like a frightening proposition, but whether you're all for it or have feelings against it, understanding AI is the best way to keep our children safe.

AI can be trained to do some of the things a human brain can do, like spot patterns and make decisions.

AI is just a type of computer designed to look like it can think  
There are lots of things you can do that AI can't.

How can you stay safe when you use AI?

- Think about how your use of technology makes other people feel
- Check information to make sure it's reliable
- Ask a trusted adult before using a new AI tool
- Talk to a trusted adult if you are upset or worried

**COURAGE**

**JOY**

**WISDOM**

### Flip, Flip Hooray! It's Pancake Day!

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with Pancakes for dessert at dinner time; the children had a choice of tasty toppings! It's a special day that marks the day before Lent begins in the Christian calendar. It has long been a time to use up rich ingredients like eggs, milk and sugar before the start of Lent and what better way to do that than by making pancakes?



### Journeying Together Through Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent on 18<sup>th</sup> February. The Church of England theme for Lent this year is 'Draw Near: Living-giving habits for Lent' You can find out more at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/draw-near-life-giving-habits-lent>



# Children's Mental Health Week - This is My Place

This month, we celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week'. The theme this year being 'This is My Place' promoting belonging through kindness. Acts of kindness can help us feel connected, safe and valued. Along with kindness 'connect us' starter tasks, the children completed fun written tasks reminding them of how and where they belong and how they can help others enjoy that feeling of belonging. When we feel that we belong we are empowered to contribute to the world and make a real difference. For further information and free resources, you can visit:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



## Community Buzz

### Durham Learn First Aid Courses

Durham Learn are running a First Aid Awareness course for dealing with sick or injured babies/children. This course is suitable for complete beginners or for those learners who may have some first aid knowledge. There are sessions running from the Best Start Family Hubs. For more information, follow this link

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/28163/DurhamLearn-courses-for-family-life>

### Spring Festival Spectacular at the Oriental Museum

Celebrate the Year of the Horse with this special late-night at the Oriental Museum. Try fantastic crafts, sample delicious snacks, listen to stories, music and more. This year, visitors can enjoy a wonderful Lion Dance performance and family friendly lantern parade. Booking is essential and everyone is welcome. Tickets are £3 for adults / children. Children under 2 are free of charge. Tickets must be purchased in advance via [Eventbrite](#).

### Kids Go Free this February Half Term

Jump aboard and explore the beautiful North East with a discount if you arrive by bus - [Good Journey - car-free days out](#) Kids Go Free on the Bus! During the school holidays, up to 3 kids aged 11 and under can travel for FREE when accompanied by an adult with a valid ticket thanks to the Mayor's Kids Go Free initiative.

### Pilgrimage Together – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Durham Cathedral have invited us to be part of an event they are organising for a visit from the Archbishop of York. He is coming to Durham on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April and would like to walk from Finchale Priory to Durham Cathedral. They thought it would be nice if they could be accompanied by staff, pupils and parents from Blue Coat. Children would be chosen to read prayers along the route. Please contact Mrs Donaghy via Class Dojo if you would like to attend with your child.

## Please help our local residents

We would like to take this opportunity to request that parents/carers respect and consider all our local residents. Please park courteously allowing local residents to exit and enter their driveways and treat parked cars with care to avoid damage.

We would also like to remind parents not to leave their cars running as exhaust fumes can be detrimental to people's health and please refrain from sitting on walls/fences while waiting to enter the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



**Attendance matters...every school day counts!**

## February Attendance

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| Class 3M | 91.4% |
| Class 3N | 81%   |
| Class 4S | 95.1% |
| Class 4W | 96.5% |
| Class 5B | 92.7% |
| Class 5D | 92.8% |
| Class 6H | 96.4% |
| Class 6W | 91.9% |

