

## Spring Term - Diary Dates 2026

These are the important diary dates for the spring term. For the events with the \*, separate letters will be sent out on Parent Mail with further details.

Other dates for trips and visitors may be booked during the term and you will be informed of these via ParentMail.

Please see the key overleaf for further details of some events.

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> January                 | School closed for Staff Training  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January                 | School reopens for spring term  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> January                | Sports Coaching starts with Year 1 and 2 – continues for 6 weeks  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> January                | Chartwells workshops for Reception to Year 4  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January                | Shakespeare tickets go on sale – relevant for Year 4 parents!   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year 3 and 4 Virtual author workshop with Swapna Haddow and Minky Stapleton   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year Reception, Year 1 and 2 Virtual author event with Frances Tosdevin and Rhian Wright  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> January                | Reception parents Early Learning Goal Meeting and Stay and Play session 2-3:15pm (children can leave with parents at the end of the session)*   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> January                | Year 4-6 Virtual author workshop with Iqbal Hussein   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                | Reception at Move with Max Sporting Festival*   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                | KS2 Swimming gala – selected children in KS2*   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year 5 and 6 Virtual author workshop with Maisie Chan   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year 4 in school Shakespeare workshop – 4pm finish*   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year 5 Netball/Cricket festival – whole class at Spennymoor Leisure centre*   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> January                | Dress Down Day – suggested donation £1  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February                | SEND Consultations - appointments available to be booked on Arbor with our SENDCo, Amy Addison*   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> February                | Basketball Cup and Shield competition – selected children in Year 5 and 6*  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> February                | Safer Internet Day (change to official day due to trips tomorrow) children will be taking part in activities linked to online safety  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February               | Year 3 trip to Hancock Museum and Hindu temple*   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February               | Year 5 trip to Hancock Museum*  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February               | Year 3 Pedestrian Road Safety Training – continues for 3 weeks*   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> February               | Year 6 SATs Parent meeting 4pm*   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February               | Kinetic Letters (our new handwriting programme) Learning Together for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 parents 2:15pm-3:15pm*  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February               | Year 5 Maths Learning Together 2:15-3:15pm*   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February               | Dress Down Day – suggested donation £1  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February               | Break up for half term holiday  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                   | School re opens for second half term  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March                   | World Book Day ***change to official date due to Year 4 Shakespeare performance*** Children are invited to come to school in story themed clothing, bedtime story clothes, or dress down and will take part in a day of activities linked with books and reading* |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March                   | Year 4 Shakespeare performance at the Gala*   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> March | British Science Week  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March                   | Parents' Evening 3:35-6pm*  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Parents' Evening 3:35-6pm*  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Year 4 First Aid training   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Dodgeball Competition - selected children in Year 5 and 6*  |

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | Rugby Cup and Shield competition – selected children in Year 5 and 6*  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | School Photograph day*   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 3 and 4 Virtual author workshop with Chante Timothy   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 4 Writing Learning Together 2:15-3:15pm*  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March | Parent Communication Meeting with Miss Gray 2:15-3:15pm*   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Comic Relief – children are invited to wear something red, or something funny and bring £1 for Comic Relief* |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March | Skipping Fun Day with Skipping School  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 1 trip to Preston Park Museum*  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 6 Maths Learning Together 2:15-3:15pm*  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | SEND Consultations - appointments available to be booked on Arbor with our SENDCo, Amy Addison*              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm*  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Year 3 trip to Lothian House Care Home*  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Dress Down Day – suggested donation £1   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March | Easter Fun Day*  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Reward Morning – bouncy castle and ice cream van in school – comfy clothes please!                           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April  | School closes for Easter break   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April | School re opens for Summer Term  |

### Key:

Learning Together – This term, Year 1, 2 and 3 will be holding a shared Learning Together session on our new Kinetic letters handwriting programme. This will start with all parents together for a short information session from staff and you will then have an opportunity to see your child take part in a handwriting activity with their class. Reception's Learning Together session will be focused on the Early Learning Goals – the criteria children are assessed against at the end of Reception; Year 4's focus will be writing and Year 5 and 6 will focus on Maths. All sessions will be set up in the same way: a short workshop for parents with the class teacher and then an opportunity to work alongside your child.

Dress Down Day – On the last Friday of every month, we aim to hold a 'Dress Down day,' some months this can't happen due to other events in school. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring £1. All money goes to the Friends of the school and helps pay for trips, meaning we don't need to add these costs onto parents.

Sporting Events – Some Sporting events are for whole classes; others are for selected pupils. This is specified by Go Well who run the Sporting festivals and competitions. Where events are competitive, trials will be held in school; where the events are focused on participation, staff will either select children based around specific criteria, ask for volunteers, or select children at random.

School Visits – For 2025/26 school trips will continue to be subsidised through the school budget and a contribution from the Friends of the School.

SEND Parent Consultations – Once a half term, there is an opportunity for any parent to book an appointment to meet with our SENDCo, Amy Addison. Your child does not need to already be on the SEND register for you to make an appointment. Amy is also in school every Wednesday and will also be attending Parents' Evenings.

Reward Morning – Each week children earn Bouncy Castle minutes for completing their homework. We then have a bouncy Castle and ice cream van in school once a term for children to enjoy. Children need to wear practical comfy clothes rather than general dress down outfits.