

Autumn Term - Diary Dates 2026

These are the important diary dates for the autumn term. For the events with the *, separate information will be sent closer to the time.

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

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

4 th September	Peer Mediator Training for selected Year 5 pupils
8 th September	Football Coaching starts for Year 3 and 4 and continues for 6 weeks
8 th September	Headteacher from Whitworth Park Secondary school visiting Year 6
11 th September	Year 6 start swimming – continues for this half term
11 th September	Peer Mediator training – selected children in Year 5
15 th September	Year 6 Sports Festival at Sedgefield Community College*
15 th September	Virtual Author workshop with Olaf Falafel for Year 4 and 5
16 th September	Year 6 Whitworth transition visit*
16 th September	Football league starts at Whitworth and continues for 4 weeks – selected children in Year 5 and 6*
18 th September	Gladiators Experience – whole school*
18 th September	Virtual author workshop for Reception and Year 1 with Rachel Bright and Jim Field
23 rd September	Flu Vaccinations* - permission via direct NHS email
23 rd September	Year 2 and Year 3 Phonics & Reading Learning Together 2:15-3:15pm*
24 th September	Year 4 trip to Jarrow Hall*
25 th September	Girls' Football Festival at Chilton Academy – selected girls in Year 5*
25 th September	Dress Down Day – suggested donation £1.
25 th September	Year 4 Bikeability*
25 th September	Year 1 trip to Fire Station*
29 th September	Chartwells workshops for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4
30 th September	Chartwells workshop for Year 5 and 6
30 th September	Reception Phonics meeting and Stay and Play 2pm*
2 nd October	Cross Country competition – Ferryhill School - selected children in KS2*
2 nd October	Macmillan Coffee afternoon – change from official date*
5 th October	Year 1 Phonics Learning Together 2:15pm*
7 th October	Virtual author event with Kate Pankhurst for Year 2 and Year 3
12 th October	School Photograph Day*
13 th October	Year 6 trip to Life Centre*
14 th October	Year 3 trip to Binchester Roman Fort*
14 th October	Year 6 Virtual Author workshop with Rob Biddulph
14 th October	SEND consultations – appointments can be booked on Arbor to meet with our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) Amy Addison
15 th October	Year 4 Times Tables Learning Together 2:15pm-3:15pm*
16 th October	Year 1 church visit*
16 th October	Football Cup and Shield Competition – selected children in Year 5/6*
19 th October	Halloween Discos: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 3:30-4:30pm; Years 3-6 4:45pm-6pm*
21 st October	Harvest Festivals 9:10am and 2:30pm*
22 nd October	Break up for half term holiday
23 rd October	School closed for staff training
2 nd November	School re opens for second half term

3 rd , 4 th and 5 th November	Open evenings for Reception 2027 new starters 3:45-4:45pm
5 th November	Year 5 and 6 Reading Learning Together 2:15pm-3:15pm*
6 th November	Year 5 start swimming – continues for this half term
9 th November	Year 5 trip to the Auckland Project*
9 th November	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm*
10 th November	Year 5 Sports Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre*
10 th November	Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm*
11 th November	Year 4 trip to Durham Cathedral*
13 th November	Children in Need*
13 th November	Sports Hall Athletics competition – selected children in Year 5 and 6*
19 th November	Netball League Week 1 – selected children in Year 5 and 6 (on for 3 weeks)*
27 th November	Dress Down Day – suggested donation £1.
1 st December	Year 4 trip to Lothian House Care Home*
4 th December	Reception and Year 1 making Christingles with Reverend Barbara
8 th December	Year 2 Sports Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre*
9 th December	Reception and Year 1 at The Gift Christmas show at Glow Church*
9 th December	SEND consultations – appointments can be booked on Arbor to meet with our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) Amy Addison*
10 th December	Rewards morning – bouncy castle and ice cream van in school – comfy clothes please!
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to come to school in Christmas themed clothing and bring in a donation of £2 for Save the Children*
14 th December	Blaze Pods Day – whole school
15 th December	Christmas Production 1 – afternoon performance 2pm start*
16 th December	Christmas Production 2 – morning performance 9:30am start*
16 th December	Christmas Production 3 – afternoon performance 2pm start*
17 th December	Christmas Movie Day
18 th December	Christmas Carol Service 9:10am and 2:30pm
18 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
4 th January	School closed for staff training
5 th January	School re opens for Spring Term

Key:

Learning Together – This term, the majority of our Learning Together sessions will be in Phonics/Reading, but Year 4's will be on Times Tables in preparation for the Times Table check in June. 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.

School Visits – For 2026/27 school trips will continue to be subsidised through the school budget and a contribution from the Friends of the School, however with prices rising, we may also need to ask for a contribution from parents.

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.