

We see the magic in every child... and help make them sparkle.

Key Spring Dates:

MAY

- 1st PD Day - School Closed for Elections
- 5th Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)
- 7th Adam Bushnell in Y1 and Y2
- 8th Parent/Carer Anxiety Workshops (2.30 & 4.30pm)
- 12th - 15th Y6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
- 21st New Starter Information Evening (5pm)
- 23rd Y3 Class Assembly (9.10am)
- 23rd School Closes for Half Term Holiday

JUNE

- 2nd School re-opens for Summer 2
- 2nd-4th Y4 Multiplication Check
- 9th-12th Phonics Screening for some Y1/2 children
Scholastic Book Fair in school
- 10th Class Photographs
- 13th Finchale Celebration of Reading Day
- 16th-20th Assessment Week for Y1-5
- 17th Alice in Wonderland Production
- 20th Adam Bushnell in Reception (am)
- 20th PTA Summer Fair
- 23rd-27th DT Week: Focus on Food
- 24th Sports Day (1.30pm)
- 30th June Finchale Music Festival (TBC)

JULY

- 2nd Reserve Sports Day
- 8th Brass Concert (time TBC)
- 9th 'Meet the Teacher' event (time TBC)
- 10th PTA KS2 Prom (6-8pm)
- 14th Annual Reports to Parents/Carers
- 15th Reception Graduation Ceremony (2pm)
- 16th Y6 Leavers' Concert (2pm)
- 18th School Closes for Summer

All dates are subject to change.



Y2 & Y4 Durham Cathedral Trip

On Friday, 4th April, Year 2 and Year 4 visited **Durham Cathedral**. Y4 learned all about the **Northern Saints, pilgrimage** and why people visit Durham Cathedral today. Y2 enjoyed learning about and re-telling the story of **St. Cuthbert** as well as taking part in some craft activities. All of the children had a really fun time and were very inquisitive, asking the guides great questions! They all did a fabulous job and listened well. A very special **thank you** to our staff helpers and volunteers who came with us.



Y6 Enterprise

Y6 have been working hard in the Spring Term on an Enterprise Project. Over a series of weeks, they set up their own company, designing the logo and products, and then made **Easter wreaths** and hanging **baubles / eggs**.

They then sold their creations at **Durham Market Place on 5th April** (thank you to all of the families who helped out!) Money raised will go towards a post-SATs treat: a well-deserved reward for the resilience demonstrated!





Spotlight on Safeguarding - School Crossing

Please can I ask that all members of the school community help us in modelling pedestrian safety with our children, particularly when using the road immediately in front of our school. Our lovely 'Lollipop' lady, Mrs Royle, helps us create a safe environment for crossing the road, but it remains everyone's responsibility to ensure children arrive at school safely and know the rules of the road.

We ask that cars reduce their speed and park responsibly around school, and that pedestrians wait for Mrs Royle to indicate that you can cross before crossing in front of the sign. We also ask that no wheels are used where our zebra crossing is, in front of the school's main entrance. Please disembark from any bikes, scooters, etc. at the top of the bank and ask children to do the same. **We thank you for your help in keeping our school safe.**

Recommended Reads

Age 4-7



Sulwe

Author: Lupita Nyong'o
Illustrator: Vashti Harrison

Age 7+

Malamander

Author: Thomas Taylor



Y1 Class Assembly: Easter

We had a wonderful end to the Spring Term with a happy and vibrant 'First Easter Show' from our Year 1 children. All of the children spoke beautifully and sang a wide range of songs related to Easter. Thank you to Miss Johnstone and everyone in Year 1 for your hard work and preparation, which certainly paid off!



Wellbeing Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended the SATs & Mental Wellbeing Parent/Carer session on 7th April. We will also be hosting a family session from **Piece of Mind** with a focus on anxiety on **Thursday, 8th May** at both **2.30pm** and **4.30pm**. A member of the Family Hub team will also be present to discuss the support they can offer. We look forward to seeing you there.

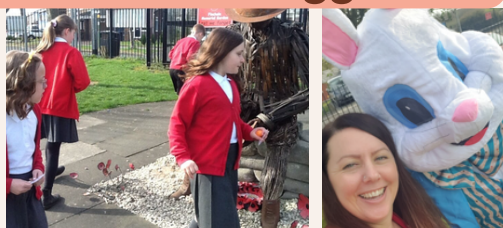
We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA, who organised an egg-zhilarating(!) egg hunt in our memorial garden. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed finding the eggs and an egg-stra special visit from the Easter bunny!

Easter Egg Competition

Well done to everyone who entered an egg into this year's competition - the standard was incredibly high with a range of creative entries!



PTA Easter Egg Hunt



Y4 Brass Concert



Year 4 showed off their musical talent in a 'brass-tounding' assembly on 8th April! They performed some much-loved tunes on their brass instruments and some they had choreographed

themselves on the glockenspiels, as well as entertaining us with their singing. A fantastic achievement, Year 4!

Musician of the Month

April's Musicians, **Kraftwerk**, are a German electronic music band known for their innovative use of synthesizers and robotic aesthetics, which paved the way for electronic music's rise.



April Attendance

Reception	99.58%
Year 1	98.85%
Year 2	95.42%
Year 3	95.28%
Year 4	98.82%
Year 5	95.26%
Year 6	95.7%
Whole School	96.95%

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Miss Ward.