



Friday 8 September 2023



Welcome to the new school year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. It's lovely to see the children coming to school looking smart in their uniform. It is important that this continues so children develop respect, but also, how we dress impacts on behaviour and attitude, as it supports a calm learning environment in school.

Earrings and Jewellery

Please remove ALL earrings before your child gets to school. If your child has had their ears pierced recently, school will allow a small stud, to be covered when in school, but only for the first 2 weeks of term. Hopefully this will allow sufficient time for the piercing to heal.

From **Monday, 18 September**, earrings will not be allowed in school.

Homework and Reading Books

We are currently focusing on daytime routines with children in their new classes, so homework will start in the week beginning 18th September 2023.

Apply for a secondary school place—**deadline 31 October 2023**

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 your child will start Year 7 at a secondary school in September 2024.

You **must** apply for a school place as there is no automatic transfer from primary school to secondary school.

The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024 is midnight on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Apply for a primary school place—**deadline 15 January 2024**

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 will be eligible to start in reception year. Even if your child is currently in our nursery, you still need to apply for a place in the Reception class.

Applications for primary and secondary places should be made directly to Durham County Council using their Parent Portal

Cool Milk

Children under the age of 5 receive a free portion of milk at school each day. Children over the age of 5 can receive milk at a subsidised price from our milk provider, Cool Milk. To register and pay for your child to receive milk at school, visit www.coolmilk.com

PE timetable

	AM	PM	Muga
Monday		Y6	Y4
Tuesday		Y3 Y3/4	Y5
Wednesday	nursery	Nursery Y1	Y6
Thursday	Rec Y6 swim- ming	Y2	Y3 Y3/4
Friday	Y4 Y6 swimming	Y5	

PE KIT

Children are asked to continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

PE uniform is now:

Plain white T shirt (can have school logo)

Burgundy shorts

Plain black jogging bottoms or school tracksuit.

School Term Dates 2023/24

September 2023 (20 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023 (20 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
						1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	16	17	18	19	20	21
	23	24	25	26	27	28
	30	31				

November 2023 (19 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30		

December 2023 (13 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30
						31

January 2024 (21 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

February 2024 (16 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29		

March 2024 (20 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30
						31

April 2024 (12 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30				

May 2024 (17 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024 (20 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29
						30

July 2024 (17 days)

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

August 2024

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27	28	29	30	31

■ Bank Holiday
■ School Holiday
■ Training Day