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16/10/26

Dear Parents/Carers

If your child has any allergies please can you let school know. It is essential that we are aware if any substance could cause your child to become unwell, even if it is simply a rash.

Please can I ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school gates. This applies to both sides of the road. They are there to keep our children safe from any vehicles that drive past.

Tea Time Club:

The next event is on Friday 23rd October – come along to **Slime and Such Night!**

Don't forget to book on with the school office so you can enjoy all the fun.

Tempest Photos:

Have you ordered your child's school **individual** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 25th October 2026**. If you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk

Choir:

The first rehearsal for our school choir is on Monday 19th October. We will meet in Miss Joyce's classroom.

Robinwood 2027:

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 should have received a letter with information about next year's trip to Robinwood. I am holding an information evening on Tuesday 20th October after school so you can find out more about the trip and ask any further questions you may have.

Book Fair:

The Book Fair will be arriving in school next week! Books will be on sale after school each day in the hall so this is a great opportunity to get some early Christmas presents in. Please can you use a card to purchase the books. Each book sold earns a little bit of money for school which we can then spend on books for our library.



Eden Camp:

On Tuesday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Eden Camp. The children spent the day exploring all 22 huts, discovering what life was like during World War II through a range of interactive exhibits and activities. One of the highlights of the day was experiencing what the Blitz was like in Hut 5, which brought history to life in a memorable way. The children also enjoyed trying out the different Anderson shelters and, of course, singing along with the much-loved Vera Lynn puppet! There was great excitement as they explored the site and learned more about this important period in history. The weather stayed dry throughout the day, allowing everyone to make the most of the adventure playground and outdoor exhibits. The children were fascinated by the impressive collection of military vehicles and equipment, including torpedoes, trucks and tanks. It was a wonderful day!

Welcome Service:

We had a lovely Welcome Service on Tuesday. Thank you very much to Reverend Emily for leading the service and to Mr Langdale for handing out our special welcome books. This service provides us with an opportunity to welcome all our new pupils who have joined us over the last year.

New Build:

You will have noticed a portakabin that has appeared in the car park over the road from school. This belongs to the contractors who are soon to start work on our new school. Over time another cabin will appear there too.

During our half term holidays the contractors will start work on putting a new classroom on our school field in the same place as where the gazebo currently stands. This will take approximately 6 weeks to install and will affect how we enter school. Therefore Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils will enter and exit school via the main entrance of school. The other classrooms can be accessed as normal. More details will follow next week.

Winter Health (Kirklees information) :

As we move into the colder months, you and your children may be susceptible to the usual winter bugs and viruses. Winter bugs and viruses are usually mild but can sometimes become more serious particularly in younger children or if an infection spreads to a vulnerable person.

Here are some tips to help keep everyone healthy this winter!

Teach your child how to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes. Good hygiene habits are important defences against infections. Teach your child how to wash their hands properly and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.

Support your child's school or nursery by keeping them off when needed. This will depend on the type of infection and how it is spread. If your child has mild respiratory symptoms, like a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough but are otherwise well, they can continue to attend their school or nursery. If your child has a tummy bug with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, keep them off for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

[When to keep your child off school](#)

Check your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

It's never too late for children to catch up on their vaccines. Vaccination is the best defence against severe illness.

[Find out more about childhood vaccines, catch up clinics and why they are important](#)

[Influenza \(Flu\) vaccine factsheet – Information for patients, parents and carers - GOV.UK](#)

[Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)



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Upcoming events:

Event	Date	Who is invited?	Where will it take place?
School Book Fair	19/10/26 – 23/10/26	Whole school	School
Flu vaccines	20/10/26	Reception to year 6	School
School Discos £4 per child. Please pay on Arbor	22/10/26 3pm - 4pm: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 4.15pm – 5.15pm: Years 3 - 6	Whole school	School hall
Last day of the half term	23/10/26		

Coffee Morning:

Coffee mornings are held in the Children's Centre on Tuesdays and will be run by Miss Alderson. Everyone is welcome so after you have dropped off your children pop in for a drink and a chat. Coffee morning runs until 10am.

After School Clubs for this half term:

DAY	CLUB	Year groups
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Reception to Year 6
Thursday	Football	Reception to Year 6



Training Days for this year

30 th November 2026
4 th January 2027
22 nd February 2027
4 th May 2027

Yours sincerely

Miss J. Barker