

Friday 11th April 2025

Dear parents/ carers,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support, we hope all children have enjoyed the Easter celebrations in school and they all should be bringing home an Easter egg before the end of term!

There has been so much happening this half term including:

- Y5 have been on residential to RobinWood
- Y1/2 have been to Beamish
- Reception have been to Whitehouse Farm
- We've been lucky enough to have lots of ducklings hatching in school
- Peter Rabbit breakfasts
- Easter discos and
- 60 KS2 pupils are attending the Newcastle Eagles match.

We've also loved having the opportunity to invite you into school to share our D&T learning in Y3/4 and Easter crafts in EYFS and KS1- thank you for supporting these events.

We also wanted to say a huge well done to our Y6 pupils who have their SATS after Easter, they've been working so hard and the resilience and determination they've shown has been amazing: well done Y6! I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all of team Y5/6 Mrs Robson, Miss Henaghan, Miss Laskey and Mr Birmingham for giving up so much of their time to run boosters before and after school, to build children's confidence further. We really appreciate this!

After Easter we also have lots to look forward to; including bubble football for Y5/6 and we have found a company that can support us with a foam party on the field (at the children's request) so we're currently organising plans for that in addition to the Colour Run! #TEAM Shanklea.

Thank you to Charlie's grandma, Grandma Donna, for your magnificent support with our Easter fundraising.

A massive thank you to all parents/ carers who also picked Shanklea for the ASDA points. You raised a phenomenal £857.46. Thank you! This will go towards more playground equipment for the children throughout school.

**As part of this newsletter, we've tried to give parents as much notice as possible for whole school events (see dates below) that will take place in the summer term where you may need to book time off work, but there will be another newsletter coming out before half term with further dates for your diary.**

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 28th April.



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### **Warmer weather**

#### **Sun tan lotion**

Now the weather is getting warmer. If you'd like your child to top up their sun tan lotion throughout the day please put in a small named sun tan bottle. Please remind children they can't share with other children due to allergies.

#### **Caps/ hats**

Children are encouraged to bring caps/ hats into school for when they're playing outside in the sun. Please name these. If anything does get lost, lost property is at the main entrance to school every Friday morning.

#### **Summer dresses**

Our dress code for summer dresses is the gingham colour (red) for all year groups please (dresses must be an appropriate length, just above the knee. Mini skirts or tight skirts are not acceptable).

**Shorts for boys or girls:** In the summer months, all children can wear shorts as long as they are an adequate length (just above the knee). **No cycling shorts please.**

**Please remember any leggings for PE or school should be without brands or labels and should be plain black (no Adidas or Nike logos please).**

### **Safeguarding updates**

In school all staff have been undertaking PREVENT awareness training. PREVENT training covers training on the threat of terrorism and extremism in the UK and how to support people who may be susceptible to radicalisation. If you would like to find out more or undertake the training, please follow the link below: [Prevent duty training: Learn how to support people susceptible to radicalisation | Prevent duty training \(support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk\)](https://support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk).

If you feel you need to report anything, please contact a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or the Police.

**The DSLs in school are:** Mrs Ritson, Ms Brown, Mrs Crowther, Miss Laskey and Miss Henaghan



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### **Fond farewells**

Mrs. Laughton has decided to leave Shanklea Primary School at the end of this term. After working with Mrs Laughton for over two years now as Assistant Headteacher, I know she has made a lasting impact on both our pupils and staff with her unwavering dedication to education. She has touched the lives of many, and we are truly grateful for the years of hard work and passion she has put into her role. While we are sad to see her go, we understand her decision to explore new career opportunities, and we wish her the very best in all her future endeavours. Mrs. Laughton will be greatly missed by all of us. Make sure you come back and see us Mrs Laughton, you'll always be part of # TEAM Shanklea .

### **Staffing updates**

Miss Henaghan is getting married over the Easter holidays and will return as Mrs Reynolds. We all hope you have an amazing day with friends and family.

As Mrs Laughton is leaving, Mrs Morris (Miss Wilkie) will take over her class as class teacher after Easter. Mrs Morris has already worked in Reception regularly, and throughout school since she came to Shanklea in November so she knows the children well and has a love of all things Early Years!

### **Dates for your diaries**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Further Information</b>
Y1	Phonics Screening workshop for parents	Led by Mrs Downes Tuesday 29th April 3.30pm	Meeting will be in Mrs Downes' classroom. Resources will be shared on Dojo and email if you are unable to attend. Please come to the main office.
YR5/6	Mini Police Visit - Parking Patrol	Wednesday 30th April 3.00pm- 3.25pm	Mrs Valentine will send out further information.
All	School closed for Polling day	Thursday 1st May 2025	
All	School closed - Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025	
Nursery/Reception	VE day - 80th anniversary	Wednesday 7th May 2025	Separate letters will be sent. Parents will be invited.
KS1 and KS2	VE day - 80th	Thursday 8th May	Separate letters will be sent.



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Year Group	Activity	When	Further Information
	anniversary	2025	Parents will be invited to attend.
Y6 SATS Week	Y6 will be undertaking their SATS	Starting Monday 12th May 2025	SATS breakfasts during this week from 8.15 am .Y6 to come to the main office. Monday-Thursday toast offered and Friday sausage sandwiches.
YR6	Ice cream treat	Friday 16th May 2025	Celebration for end of SATS
Whole school	Children's Cancer Run	Sunday 18th May 2025	If you'd like to sign up, please see link below: <a href="https://www.childrenscancernorth.org.uk">Children's Cancer Run Newcastle - Children's Cancer North</a> ( <a href="https://www.childrenscancernorth.org.uk">childrenscancernorth.org.uk</a> )
YR3/4	Aim Higher writing day with Seth Burkett	Monday 19th May 2025	Focus is writing for a group of Y3/4 pupils.
YR6	Visit to Flamingo Land	Thursday 22nd May 2025	Payment and consent to be provided via the School Gateway
All	Non uniform day	Friday 23rd May 2025	

All	Teacher Training Day	Monday 2nd June 2025	School will be closed to pupils on this day.
YR5/6	Beamish Residential	Tuesday 3rd June - Wednesday 4th June 2025	Further information sent out shortly.
Reception	Reception - September intake meeting	Wednesday 11th June 2024	5pm, please come to the main school entrance.



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Y1-Y6	Sports Day	Thursday 12th June	Further information and times to follow. AM should be KS1(Y1/2) and LKS2 (Y4/4) PM UKS2 (Y5/6)
Reception - YR6	SEND Parents Evening	Monday 16th June	Booking information to follow
Nursery	New Nursery intake meeting	Wednesday 16th June 3:30pm	Intake meeting for all new Nursery children starting Nursery in September 2025.
YR6	CLV Play day	Tuesday 17th June 2025	Parents will be sent information nearer the time. This is for a small group who play instruments.
YR5/6	Mini Police safety visit	Wednesday 18th June 2025	
Y6	SEND transition to high school CLV	Wednesday 18th and 19th June	School will organise this.
YR5/6	Virtual visit linked to WW2	Monday 23rd June 2025	
Squirrels	New Squirrels intake meeting	Monday 23rd June 3:40pm	Intake meeting for all new Squirrels children starting Squirrels in September 2025
YR6	Transition Assembly	Tuesday 24th June 2025	School will organise this.
All	Non school uniform day	Friday 27th June	Donations towards our Summer Fair tombola or raffle would be greatly appreciated.
Reception - Y6	Reports to be sent to parents	Friday 27th June	
Reception	Sports Day	Thursday 27th June	9:15am further information to follow.
Pre-school (Nursery and 2's)	Teddy bears picnic/ Sports Day	Wednesday 2nd July 9.15am	More information to follow.





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Y6	Full transition day at CLV	Thursday 3rd July	Children go straight to CLV.
All	Transition day for all	Thursday 3rd July 2025	As we did last year, we will be running a number of transition days in school so children feel ready and prepared for September. We will send out other dates after half term.
Y6	PE transition day at CLV	Friday 4th July	School will organise this.
Whole school	Colour Run and Summer Fair	Monday 7th July after school.	Further details to follow
YR4	Robinwood Residential	Wednesday 9th July - Friday 11th July 2025	

Y1 - Y6	Super Soaker Day (all year groups)	Thursday 17th July	Children can bring in a towel, change of clothes and a super soaker. We will provide water balloons.
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To allow the children to celebrate the end of term and to avoid any confusion on the last day. All children can come to school in non uniform on Friday 18th July 2024.



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**Training Days, Bank Holidays and School Holidays for 2025/2026:**

**Monday 1st September 2025 - Training Day**

**Friday 24th October 2025- Training Day**

**Monday 5th January 2026 - Training Day**

**Monday 1st June 2026 - Training Day**

We've attached the link below to Northumberland County Council's Website and also sent this information as an attachment. [Term and Holiday dates for 2024 to 2025 \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/term-and-holiday-dates-for-2024-to-2025)