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September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week. They all look so smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for your support.

You will have seen that the scaffolding is still up, there are still some minor 'snagging' jobs to complete next week and then hopefully the scaffolding will be taken down.

Elder Class, Year 6, will be swimming every Friday afternoon this term. Please would you avoid parking in the turning circle on Friday afternoons to allow the swimming bus to drop the children off at the end of the school day and to get turned around, Thank you.

Healthy snacks

This School year new food standards have been introduced by the government to ensure that school dinners are as healthy as possible. To promote healthy choices, we are only allowing children to have healthy snacks at breaktimes, for example a piece of fruit, no crisps, sweets or chocolate please.

A polite reminder that school is a **nut free site**. Please don't send your child into school with snacks containing nuts as we may have pupils on site with nut allergies. School staff have completed allergy training.

Coats

Please will you make sure that your child brings a coat to school every day, as being an OPAL school we try to get the children outside in all but the most extreme weather conditions.

Parent Governor Wanted

We have a vacancy for a parent governor who will uphold the values and ethos of the school and have an opportunity to make a positive impact on children's education and school life. Time wise this involves attending at least two after school full governing body and committee meetings a term.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to come into school for a chat about what is involved by Friday 18th September 2026.



Data Collection

We have discovered that some of the phone numbers on children's information sheets are out of date. We are sending a copy of the data you have provided us with home for you to check that we have your latest mobile numbers, home address...

Please will you return the sheet putting a tick on the front if nothing has changed or with any updates clearly marked. Please login to your Arbor account to 'consent' or 'decline' permissions for Facebook and School photos. If you require a login to Arbor, please contact the School Office. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

School Places for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 3

If you would like a place in our School Nursery children can join us the term after their third birthday. If your child will be three in September and you would like them to come here application forms are available from the School Office.

If your child is in our Nursery or attends another setting and you would like them to join our Reception Class in September you must apply for a school place, Applications are open now.

Please apply online via the [Durham County Council School Admissions](#) page or phone Durham County Council at 03000 265 896 to request a paper application form if you cannot apply online.

Parents of Year 6 children you must apply for a Secondary School place by the end of October. You can apply online - Durham County Council Secondary School Places or can phone School Admissions 03000 265896 for a paper copy.

If you need any additional support with applying for a school place please contact the School office.

Attendance

You may have seen on the news that schools are being set attendance targets. Data shows that children's absences can have a negative impact on their learning. Holidays in term time may result in a fine. We have attached the list of school holidays and teacher training days, when the school will be closed for teaching purposes, for your information.

We've also attached a list of key dates for your information. More information about events will be sent out nearer the time.

Yours sincerely
S Cornforth
Miss S Cornforth



Diary Dates

18th September – Colour Run – information and a sponsor form attached

2nd Oct – Harvest Festival

14th October – Y5 trip Space themed to Life Science Centre

15th October – NSPCC Workshops for Y2, Y5 and Y6

16th October – School Photos

13th November – Children in Need Day (non-uniform)

16th November – Parents Evening

18th – 20th November - Boggle Hole residential for Upper KS2 children

24th November – Flu vaccinations

27th November – School closed for teaching PD Day

4th December – Christmas Fair 1:30-3pm

8th December- Choir singing at seniors Christmas party

9th December – Christmas production 10:30am and 1:30pm

10th December – EYFS and KS1 trip to Hall Hill Farm

11th December – Pantomime KS2 – Rapunzel at the Gala

15th December – EYFS Christmas Party

16th December – Y4,5 & 6 Christmas Party

17th December – Y1,2 and 3 Christmas Party

18th December – Last day of term





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SHERBURN PRIMARY - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026-27

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2026	Monday 20 th July 2026	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Autumn half-term 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Christmas 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Spring half-term 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Easter 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day 2027	Friday 30 th April 2027	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Summer half-term 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Summer 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027	

INSET DAYS (School closed for pupils):

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



COLOUR RUN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to announce that our Colour Run is back!

On Friday 18th September, children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in our fantastic Colour Run on the school field.

What is the Colour Run?

Get ready for a colour explosion course! Children can run, walk, dance or hop their way to the finish line. It's all about having fun and enjoying the experience- not speed. As they make their way around the course, they will be showered with vibrant, colourful powder, creating a fantastic rainbow of fun.

A sponsored event

Our Colour Run is a sponsored event, and we would love the children to collect sponsorship money from family and friends.

All money raised will go to our school fund and our school council will help us spend it. The money could be used to purchase new equipment, resources, and to fund whole school activities and treats - projects that will benefit children across the school.

Every contribution, will make a difference and help the School Council turn the children's ideas into actions.

What should the children wear?

Children can come into school wearing their clothes for the Colour Run. Once they have completed the run, they will be able to change back into their school uniform.

We recommend:

- Comfy sports clothes - a white t-shirt is best for creating a full rainbow effect, but any old t-shirt will do.
- Old shoes/trainers - please don't send them in their best footwear.
- Sunglasses/goggles are recommended to help protect the eyes from the powder.
- Please remember that although the colour powder should wash out, we cannot guarantee that it won't stain clothing.

Please send children in clothes that they don't mind getting colourful!

We can't wait to see children running, dancing, hopping and laughing their way through the Colour Run.

We've attached a sponsor form - any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please could sponsor money be sent into school by Friday 25th September.

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