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## NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS/CARERS: JUNE 2025



*Paintings by pupils in Nursery*

Dear Parents/Carers,

A great last half term of the year so far. And as always, full of events and activities for our children. Please see details about some of these below plus the dates for events and activities in the last two weeks of term. We hope you can join us for many of these!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

### Ouston Art Gallery

This will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm and will have work and photos from each class/year group showcasing some of the art and design work children have completed this year. This will include work from the 'Grow Future Skills' project that Year 6 have been involved in where they have produced their own animations, an online computer game and some beautiful photos of our local community. Entrance to this event is free.

We will also have our own Art Gallery café and gift shop!

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## Sports Days



These have been brilliant as usual with children impressing us with their effort, enthusiasm and support for each other. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers and other family members joining us for these. And we had two sunny days for both which is unusual; children and staff were ready for their ice lollies at the end of each afternoon! Our PE Lead Mrs Dadswell organised everything superbly as always and was well supported by our brilliant staff team to ensure both events were a success.

Well done to the winning teams in each year group!



## Maths Cafes

These are being delivered free of charge at our school in the last week of term by Durham Learn. These sessions are an opportunity for parents/carers in Years 1 – 5 to come into school and enjoy some fun Maths activities with their child.

The cafes run as a carousel of activities, so the children with their parents/carers spend structured time at each activity. All children from the class take part, even if their parents/carers don't attend and they will be supervised by the Class Teacher and Maths Café organiser.

Parents/carers and children spend up to 10 minutes on each activity then they all move around....so by the end, everyone has taken part in each station.

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There will be a short break-time for the children outside in the middle of the session and we will provide tea/coffee/soft drinks/biscuits for parents/carers during this time. Sessions last around 2 hours.

See the dates below for your child's year group/class Maths Café and contact the school office if you are able to attend.

Year 1 (Mrs Dadswell): 14<sup>th</sup> July am

Year 1 (Mrs Spencer): 14<sup>th</sup> July pm

Year 2: 15<sup>th</sup> July am

Year 3: 15<sup>th</sup> July pm

Year 5: 16<sup>th</sup> July am

Year 4: 16<sup>th</sup> July pm

### Forest School Fortnight!

Each class (except Year 6 who have a wide range of other activities that week!) will have a Forest School session in the last week of term. Dates for these are below (weather permitting).

Your child's class teacher will remind you of this nearer the time but children should come into school that day in comfortable and practical clothing – shorts, joggers, leggings, t-shirts etc and trainers.

Year 1: 16<sup>th</sup> July afternoon

Year 2: 17<sup>th</sup> July morning

Year 3: 16<sup>th</sup> July morning

Year 4: 15<sup>th</sup> July morning

Year 5: 15<sup>th</sup> July afternoon

### Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed this I will share the results with you before the end of term.

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## Year 5 and Year 6 Ford Castle Residential



These pupils had a great residential visit straight after half term. Activities included raft building, fencing, zip wire, archery and high ropes. Behaviour and attitudes were great throughout and this was commented on by our PGL group leader. They represented our school really well and showed great enthusiasm and determination in all of the activities. A big thank you to staff who attended too for giving up time with their own families to ensure visits like this can take place.

 *The Rights of the Child, Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities.*

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## **Dates for the Diary**

**4th July:** Non-Uniform Day to help support our Summer Fair. Any items for our tombola, raffle and book stalls would be much appreciated. Please remember that any glass bottles and/or alcohol items should be handed in at the front office rather than being sent in to class with the children.

**7th July:** Transition morning. Children go to their new classrooms and meet their teacher for September. I will share an overview of classes for the next academic year with parents/carers on this date.

**10th July:** Ouston Art Gallery, 3.30pm – 5pm

**14th July:** Year 5/6 Disco, 4.45pm – 6pm

**14th July:** Maths Cafes for parents/carers and children this week (see section above)

**16th July:** EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic and Reports pm

**17th July:** Reports to Parents/Carers

**17th July:** Family Picnic and Summer Fair, 3.30pm

**18th July:** Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2pm

**18th July:** End of term

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