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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope the children are enjoying their first few days of the holidays! To bring our school year to a close, we would like to share news about end of term events and other important information.

We look forward to welcoming our children back on **Wednesday 2nd September** and wish our fantastic Year 6 all the best for their start at secondary school – we know they will continue to shine there.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer!

Mrs Lavelle and Mrs Wise, Head Teachers (Mrs Wise Mon – Tues/Mrs Lavelle Wed – Fri)

Friday Fundraisers



We had two brilliant Fundraisers at the end of term, organised by pupils in Year 4 and 5. Between them they raised £50 for Cancer Research and £19 for Childline (NSPCC). Their fundraisers included 'Guess what Toy is Under the Blanket', indoor darts and hand-made bracelet sales. They were a great success! Well done to these pupils and thank you to everyone who participated.

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Brass Band



We had a great celebration event on the last Friday with our annual Brass Band performance as part of Durham Brass 2026. We were all up dancing to various well known hits and were very impressed by these talented musicians.

Art Gallery



We enjoyed a lovely Art Gallery evening on the 10th July when art work by all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 was on display. We also had a Gallery gift shop and café. Many thanks to all parents/carers and pupils who visited our Gallery – we were all very impressed by the work on display

 **unicef** *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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Summer Fair and Family Picnic

The weather was kind to us and everyone really enjoyed this lovely annual event. Activities included Hook a Duck, tombolas, a book stall, penalty shoot out, a gifts stall, raffle, the Golden Bucket and a refreshments stall. There were some very impressive picnics too!

A big thank you to every one who joined us on the day and contributed items. Together we raised £1208 which is fantastic and will contribute towards arts and sports activities next year.

Class Attendance



For July the overall attendance figure for the school was 95.3%. Thank you so much for your support with school attendance.

Attendance in each class for July was as follows:

Mrs Spencer's Class: 92.6%

Mrs Downs' Class: 94.5%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 94%

Mrs Turner's Class: 94%

Mrs Baum's Class: 97%

Miss Stebbings Class: 93%

Mr Walsh's Class: 98.4%

Miss Allen's Class: 94.1%

Mr Storrar's Class: 95.4%

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Mr Walsh's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners this month and will keep the bear in their new Year 5 class with Miss Allen until the end of September!



The Rights of the Child, Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

House Team Winners

Well done to the Green Team who were our overall team winners for the year. They enjoyed an ice lolly or ice cream on the last day to celebrate their win!

End of year totals were:

Green: 68

Yellow: 63

Blue: 62

Red: 46

Support During the Holidays

If you or your family require support during the holidays when school is closed, relating to keeping children/young people safe or Early Help support, please use the service below:

First Contact:

If you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare who lives in County Durham, call First Contact on 03000 267 979. First Contact brings together children's services staff with partners such as Durham Constabulary and health services.

First Contact is open from 8.30am until 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday and from 8.30am until 4.30pm on a Friday.

In an emergency situation, call on the number above - they have a duty officer working outside of opening hours who will take your call.

See this link for further details: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact>

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