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Holidays

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026

****We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026****

Star of the Week

Myla - Nursery

Ivan - Reception

Grace - Year 1

Ada-Grace - Year 2

Mina - Year 3

Cian - Year 4

Macey-Grace - Year 5

Abbygail - Year 6

PD Days for 2025/26

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Great Athletes

A huge thank you to all of you who supported our Great Athletes event with Sean Gaffney and helped raise some money through gaining sponsorship. We are thrilled to announce that the grand total we raised together is £2566! This is an amazing achievement, and we were blown away by the effort and generosity of all involved. The money will go towards buying some much needed new sports equipment for the school which will benefit our children enormously so thank you once again!

Multiplication Dates— 2nd June & 8th June

Y1 Phonics— w/c 8th June

KS2 SATs 2026 Dates

Monday 11th May 2026

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Reading - 60 mins

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins

Thursday 14th May 2025

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins



Government Funded Free Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that our Breakfast Club is now free as part of a government funded initiative.

In order for us to staff the Breakfast Club accordingly parents must book a place a week in advance on ParentMail (in Accounts).

Should you need to book on last minute please contact the school office so they can add your child.

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Nursery

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead.

This week, the children have been exploring the life cycle of a chicken. They have really enjoyed building nests using natural resources and have been developing their language skills by retelling the life cycle in their own words.

We have also spent lots of time enjoying the great outdoors. The children have been climbing on the climbing frame, mixing and creating in the mud kitchen and exploring the water pump and different resources. It has been wonderful to make the most of the sunshine while supporting the development of both gross and fine motor skills.

Throughout these activities, the children have shown great curiosity, creativity and engagement, demonstrating the characteristics of effective learning as they explored, played, and thought critically.

It has been a lovely week, and we are so proud of all their enthusiasm!

We're also really pleased to share a small staff update with you. Miss Williams, who many of the children will already know from the Two-Year-Old Provision, is now joining our nursery as a teaching assistant. We're so happy to have her with us and we know the children will love seeing a familiar, friendly face!



Reception

Welcome back to Reception! We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are excited for the busy half term ahead.

We have lots of birthdays to celebrate this term, and the children have been enjoying making their own birthday cards in the writing area. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and growing confidence in writing.



Spring has truly sprung, and we are making the most of it across our classroom activities. In our creative area, the children have been exploring still life painting using watercolours, inspired by the colours and changes we see in spring.

We have also started a new book, *The Extraordinary Gardener*, which the children are already thoroughly enjoying. This will lead us into our new topic on planting, where we will be learning all about how things grow.

We're looking forward to a fun and engaging half term ahead!



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Year 1

Welcome back to the Summer term. Year 1 have been very busy this week and really gearing up towards our Phonics Test coming up. Our teachers are so impressed by our progress and we are playing so many Phonics games to get us reading more and more!

In English we started our new book 'The Secret of Black Rock.' We can't wait to find out all about Erin's adventures on her fishing boat. In Maths we're working on bigger numbers and can now add and take away up to 50.

In Science, we started our new topic on Plants. We explored different plants and flowers and found a range of spikey, jagged and smooth leaves.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have enjoyed a trip to Thornaby Library, the children spent some time looking at the books and listening to stories. In maths, the children have been learning about polygons and practising their arithmetic skills.



In writing, the class have been developing their understanding of comma use and they have begun to explore our new story The King Who Banned the Dark. With the weather warming up, PE has moved onto the field and this week the children enjoyed practising their racket and tennis ball technique.

Year 3

A big welcome back to you all, I hope you had a lovely Easter break. Year 3 have come back this week full of enthusiasm, excitement and a willingness to learn! They have rounded off their Roman History topic with a poster portraying their legacy and have been consolidating their knowledge of fractions in Maths. In PE they have been practicing their striking and fielding skills along with a school sports trip to Durham Queen's Campus to showcase these skills. The children behaved beautifully and I was incredibly proud of their performances and positive attitudes. In English they have been writing a Nature poem and making the most of some outdoor learning with the weather being nice! All in all, a busy and productive week!



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Year 4

What a week in Year 4, all the children have come back ready to learn and with a willingness to impress and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. It has been an incredibly busy week! We have been working on Decimals in Maths, continued planning for our Twisted Narrative in English, began our new topic all about our Local Area in Geography, classified and sorted organisms in Science and even went on an afternoon visit to the Library!

Children have also really been stretching themselves with their times tables, working hard on set daily tasks and we have already seen an upturn on average scores - so keep it up!

Looking forward to another productive week next week - well done!



Year 5

Year 5 has made a fantastic and enthusiastic start back after the Easter holidays, returning full of energy and excitement for the term ahead. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new class text, eagerly discussing what the lost adventure might be about and using their imagination to envision life as an unknown explorer. There has been a real buzz in the classroom as ideas have been shared, and I am very much looking forward to seeing their completed survival narratives come to life.

In Maths, we have been focusing on statistics, where the children have shown great curiosity and engagement. They collected their own data by measuring hand spans and took pride in presenting this information accurately in line graphs, developing both their analytical and presentation skills.

We have also been very fortunate to take part in an exciting fitness session with the MFC Foundation, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination, and we are all looking forward to our next session.

As we move further into the term, there is a growing sense of excitement as we begin to dive into our new topics of Ancient Greece and the Polar Regions. The children are already asking thoughtful questions and showing a keen interest, and we can't wait to see where their learning journey will take them next.



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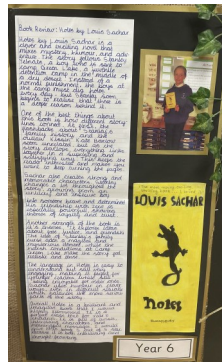
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Year 6

Year 6 have returned to school with an excellent attitude to learning, showing real determination to achieve their very best. This week, we held a 'mock' SATs week to help the children feel fully prepared and confident about what to expect. It has been wonderful to see how proud they are of the progress they're making.



We have also started our after-school SATs booster sessions, giving children the opportunity to work in small groups with teachers and focus on areas that need a little extra support—especially those tricky pie charts and percentages!

After completing our Christmas text Holes, we took time to review and reflect on it as a class before moving on to our new class text, Wonder. It has already been a big hit, and we've particularly enjoyed reading it aloud together.

We're all hoping the sunny weather arrives soon so we can take our reading outdoors and enjoy it in the fresh air.



Many Year 6 pupils have also been making the most of our breakfast club, starting their mornings with fitness activities and fun dancing—what a fantastic way to begin the day!



Major the Tortoise

The children in breakfast club enjoyed meeting a very special visitor. Major the tortoise has come to spend time at Village Primary school and received a very warm welcome from us all.



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