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June 26th 2026

NURSERY and RECEPTION

This week Nursery and Reception had a fantastic time at our Tree Party. The children explored the secret garden and we celebrated the trees. The children all gave thanks to the trees and we recognised how important trees are to our world.

Here are some of the things the children thanked the trees for:

Thank you for being a bird house- Agalisai

Thank you!-Jaziel

Thank you for making paper.- Lennox

Thank you for being a house for the birds and the owl.-Nancy





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YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about 'Changing me' in PSHE. The children have learnt about how we grow and change. Now the children are coming to the end of their PSHE lessons we are learning about changes in life and how to accept change. We talked about all of the fun learning we have had this year from making fruit salad to running races at sports day. The children have been learning about Year 2 and the changes that will happen.

The children recognised things that will stay the same:

- Our friends in our class
- Our school
- Our uniform and PE kit
- Our RWI groups and reading
- Our lessons. We will still do Maths, Writing, Science and Geography.

We talked about how Year 2 will change some things but that change is good and exciting just like moving to Year 1!



YEAR 2

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Street Games session on Monday, where they had the opportunity to develop their teamwork, coordination and communication skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout, supporting one another and showing excellent sportsmanship.



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YEAR 3

The children in Year 3 enjoyed a brilliant 'Street Games' session this week, as Michael taught the children a range of, easy-to-set-up games for outside of school. From capture the flag to hide and seek, these games allowed the children to practice and demonstrate skills such as resilience and collaboration as they aimed to win for their team.





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YEAR 4

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Oriental Museum, where they immersed themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. The day began with the children stepping into the role of archaeologists, examining a variety of authentic Egyptian artefacts and learning about their historical significance. As they explored the museum, the children discovered interesting facts about Egyptian fashion, diet and writing, gaining a deeper understanding of everyday life in Ancient Egypt. In the afternoon, they brought history to life through drama, acting out the mummification process and taking on the roles of Egyptian gods to decide whether a pharaoh would enter the afterlife or be devoured by the fearsome goddess Ammit. The trip concluded with a visit to see a real Egyptian mummy, where the children learned about her importance and what her remains can tell us about the past.

"The Egyptians used to put sand in their bread. It helped to grind it down quickly." - **Olivia**

"The Egyptians kept the heart inside the body because they believed it was the most important" - **Cody**





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YEAR 5

The children in Year 5 enjoyed a thrilling 'Street Games' session this week, as a PE coach took them through a range of simple, easy-to-set-up games for outside of school. From capture the flag to hide and seek, these games allowed the children to practice and demonstrate skills such as resilience and collaboration as they aimed to win for their team.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 took part in a fantastic Street Games session, where they enjoyed a range of fun and energetic activities such as capture the flag. The children developed important skills such as teamwork, communication, coordination and resilience while taking part in a variety of challenges and games. They encouraged each other throughout and had so much fun!





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Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day! Our pupils showed incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. From obstacle courses to relays, every child gave their best effort and should be extremely proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to all of our pupils, staff and families for their support and encouragement. It was wonderful to see so many people cheering on our children and celebrating their achievements.

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our winning house team!





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Durham Youth Council Big Debate

On Wednesday, three of our Year 5 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend Durham Youth Council's annual *Big Debate*. Held inside the historic Council Chambers at County Hall, our pupils became part of local history as the very last group of young people to debate in the chamber before the building closes permanently next month. The students blew everyone away with their public speaking skills, debating massive modern issues including the ethics of AI, social media bans, and school uniform reform. They even took part in a live Q&A with local Cabinet Councillors.

During the event, Makayla Harwood, Member of Youth Parliament for County Durham, gave an inspiring speech to the students, telling them:

"You are part of history today. This building might be coming down next year, but the skills you learn today and the memories you make here will last a lifetime. Change doesn't start when you turn 18. It starts right now, in this room, with your voices."

We are incredibly proud of how articulately and confidently they represented our school!





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Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.3%	93.4%	95.1%	95.4%	96.8%	93.9%	94.1%	93.7%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y1** and **Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Agalisai Tary Amalraajan

Reception: Lilly Milner

Year 1: Abigail Parshad

Year 2: Amelia Young

Year 3: Maisie Johnson

Year 4: Riley Walker

Year 5: Ellie Zand

Year 6: Tyler Lowley



Perfect Presentation

Reception: Anna Sinaj

Year 1: Luciana Grace

Year 2: Ella-Rose Edmundson

Year 3: Freya Hedley

Year 4: Cody Salkeld

Year 5: Lexus Mendy

Year 6: Grace Zand





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Reader of the Month

Reception: Scott Bailey

Year 1: Laura Bere

Year 2: Amelia-Rose McDonald

Year 3: Crystal Salkeld

Year 4: Zara Hillson

Year 5: Lexus Mendy

Year 6: Joe Morris



Mathematician of the Month

Reception: Lilly Rose Milner

Year 1: Michelle Henderson

Year 2: Theo Johnson

Year 3: Albert Prasal

Year 4: Scarlett Nixon

Year 5: Orryn Bloomfield-Bell

Year 6: Alfie Fawthrop

Author of the Month

Reception: Anna Sinaj

Year 1: Gracie-Mae Milner

Year 2: Grayson Iveson

Year 3: Susan Wisniewski

Year 4: Cody Salkeld

Year 5: Ruby Straughan

Year 6: Josh Kirkpatrick





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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 29th June	Year of Reading- June event - 'Booknic'
Monday 29th June– Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 2nd July	Year 2 Souter Lighthouse Trip
Wednesday 1st July 10:30 – 11:30	Early Years Stay and Play
Monday 6th July 3:00-3:30	Uniform Swap Shop
Wednesday 8th July	Athletics Festival
Wednesday 8th July 5:00-6:00	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 10th July 2:30	Summer Fayre
Friday 17th July	Break Up for Summer
Wednesday 2nd September	Back to school