

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Summer Term 1 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

### Friday Letter 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

### Year 4 Trip – Hindu Temple

Year 4 visited the Hindu Temple in Newcastle on Wednesday. Sandeep explained how they worship at the temple and who is significant to them. They watched the morning 'Arti' which is a Hindu ritual that involved waving a lit lamp in front of an image of a God or Honoured Person. The children really enjoyed this, 'once in a lifetime' (quote from a child) experience and asked lots of interesting questions! Well done Year 4!

### Attendance – The League and attendance update

**0 points if attendance is below 96%**

**1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%**

**2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%**

**3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%**

Well done Year 4 you got a maximum of 3 points this week and are really trying hard to be in school every day. It looks like your attendance is most definitely on the rise – keep it up! Lots of things going round at the minute but remember how important attendance is and how this can affect your child's education if they have days off when they could be in school.

As always, if you need to speak to school about your child's attendance and punctuality, please don't hesitate to contact us: we are happy to help!

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	78.5% -
Reception	0	89.4% -
Year 1	1	87.7% -
Year 2	0	92.3% -
Year 3	0	94.8% -
Year 4	4	99.2% +
Year 5	3	93.8% -
Year 6	0	92.7% +

Have a lovely, long weekend everyone – bring on the sun (fingers crossed the forecast changes slightly).

Yours sincerely,



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Dates for the Diary (as they stand) – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Summer Term 1 2024 – 6 week half term	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip – Bowes Railway <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 26.04.24</b>
	Year 1 Trip – Church Visit <b>Text sent to parents.</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Durham Cricket Event (in school) <b>Letter issued 03.05.24</b>
	Listening to your child read – Reception parents. <b>Information for this event has been shared by Miss Roberts.</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Tennis Taster <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 03.05.24</b>
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week <b>Breakfast Club will be available (free of charge) for any of the Year 6 children who want to attend Monday – Thursday of this week.</b> <b>Letter issued re Breakfast Club 02.05.24.</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Lawn Bowls Festival <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 03.05.24</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Durham Cricket Event (in school)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	TOP Sportsability Multi Sport Festival <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 03.05.24</b>
	Year 6 <b>END OF SATS</b> Celebration PM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Count Down Cricket <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 Health & Wellbeing @ National Trust Gibside <b>C</b> <b>Further details to follow.</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
	Year 4 Multiplication Check Test Parent/Carer Meeting <b>Further details to follow.</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Phonics Screening Parent/Carer Meeting <b>Further details to follow.</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Summer Term 2 2024 – 7 week half term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school after Half Term
	Year 6 Trip – Discovery Museum – Circuits <b>C</b> <b>Further details to follow.</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - run by Active Future



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Parent/Carer Kingswood Residential Meeting <b>3:30 – 4pm</b> <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>9 – 10 am</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3/4 Quadkids Athletics <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5/6 Girls Countdown Cricket <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Phonics Screening Checks (KS1)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Leavers Photos Rescheduled from 21 <sup>st</sup> May. Children <b>MUST</b> be in full uniform.
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Residential – Kingswood
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Workshop - Durham University (in school)
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Trip – Discovery Museum – Light <b>C</b> <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>9 – 10 am</b>
	Year 3/4 Countdown Cricket <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Occasional Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Attendance League Celebration <b>Further details to follow.</b>
	Parent/Carer Consultations (in person) <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
	Class Swap – meet the teacher/s
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Water Fight Day <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Durham Cricket Event (in school) *
	Shine Awards <b>Further details to follow.</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly <b>1:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Break up for Summer



# MAY HALF TERM DISABILITY CRICKET CAMPS



10am - 12pm



**Open to all disabilities.**

**Coached by qualified ECB coaches**



**30th May : Silksworth CC**



**31st May : Burnhope CC**

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