



## Newsletter Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope that you and your families have had a restful break.

This is a short half-term but we still have lots happening in school, including opportunities welcoming parents into school.

Please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates for the term in the attached calendar.

## Annual Parent Survey

Attached is a link to our annual parent/carer survey - please spend some time over the next week completing this as your responses and views will help us to develop and move the school forward. Results, once populated, will be published on our school website. The survey is open to responses until Sunday 3rd March.

<https://forms.gle/SPjVgJdb8MhKKgFk8>

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Important SATs Dates

**Year 2** will be completing their optional SATs in small groups throughout the month of May. These are marked by our school staff and are used to help inform the teacher's end of Key Stage One assessment.

**Year 4** will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check from Monday 3rd June - Friday 14th June.

**Year 6** SATs take place from Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May. These are externally marked and school will receive their results in early July. Results will be shared with parents within the children's annual reports.

Good attendance is extremely important throughout these time periods.

## Parent's Evenings

Parent's evenings are scheduled for the week beginning 4th March. You will receive your child's spring report by Friday 1st March and parent's evening is an opportunity to discuss progress so far, next steps and targets. Please ensure you sign up to a suitable time using the online link which will be sent via ParentPay later this week.

## Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines

Please continue to be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and **remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times**. Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that these issues are still ongoing. We need to rely on parents/carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school.

## Times Tables Rock Stars



Times Table Rock Stars is an amazing online tool to help children learn and practise their times tables. In Key Stage 2, by the end of Year 4, all children are expected to confidently know all of their tables and sit a Multiplication Tables Check.

Children from Year 2 upwards have an individual account and teachers can track how often children are logging on to their accounts. Children in Key stage 2 should be logging in and spending some time on this each week as part of their weekly homework tasks but it is very disappointing to see that very few children are practising regularly when this is such an important skill for children to have. Knowing their multiplications supports all other areas of the maths curriculum resulting in increased confidence in learning.

Please encourage your child to access and practise these regularly (even as little as 5 minutes a day), it really does make a difference.

## School Communication Pathways

Our school office is starting to become really busy in the mornings with parents passing messages on. Please remember, all non urgent messages can also be emailed through to [admin@guidepostringway.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@guidepostringway.northumberland.sch.uk). These will be picked up throughout the day. For any other communication, please use the pathways below:



### Communication Concern Pathways for Parents.

Please use these pathways so we can best respond to your query or concern.

Concern	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
If you're concerned about a friendship issue or an incident at breaktime.	Contact your child's Class Teacher via admin email address or phone call via the school office.	If unresolved, contact Assistant Headteacher via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  EYFS/ KS1 – Mrs K Smith KS2 – Mrs K Sparrow	If unresolved, contact Headteacher, Mrs Robson via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  Response time: Within 24 Hours
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Concern	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
If you're concerned about an aspect of your child's learning.	Contact your child's Class Teacher via admin email address or phone call via the school office.	If unresolved, contact Assistant Headteacher via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  EYFS/ KS1 – Mrs K Smith KS2 – Mrs K Sparrow	If unresolved, contact Headteacher, Mrs Robson via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  Response time: Within 52 Hours
	Response time: Within 72 Hours		



### Communication Concern Pathways for Parents.

Concern	Step 1	Step 2
If you're concerned about a member of staff	Contact Assistant Headteacher via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  EYFS/ KS1 – Mrs K Smith KS2 – Mrs K Sparrow	If unresolved, contact Headteacher, Mrs Robson via admin email address or phone call via the school office.  Response time: Within 24 Hours
	Response time: Within 24 Hours	
If you're concerned about the safety and welfare of a child.	Contact either of the school's safeguarding leads:  Mrs Robson – Designated safeguarding lead.  Deputy designated safeguarding leads: Mrs K Smith Mrs C Mackay Mrs K Sparrow	If you're not happy with the response, call One Call on 01870 536400
	Response time: Within 24 Hours	

## PE Uniform Reminder

We have noticed an increased number of children not wearing the correct uniform for PE days. As a reminder, this should be:

### PE Uniform

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional) or normal school jumper/cardigan
- Black trainers (as plain as possible) or suitable black footwear for outdoor PE sessions.

## Attendance

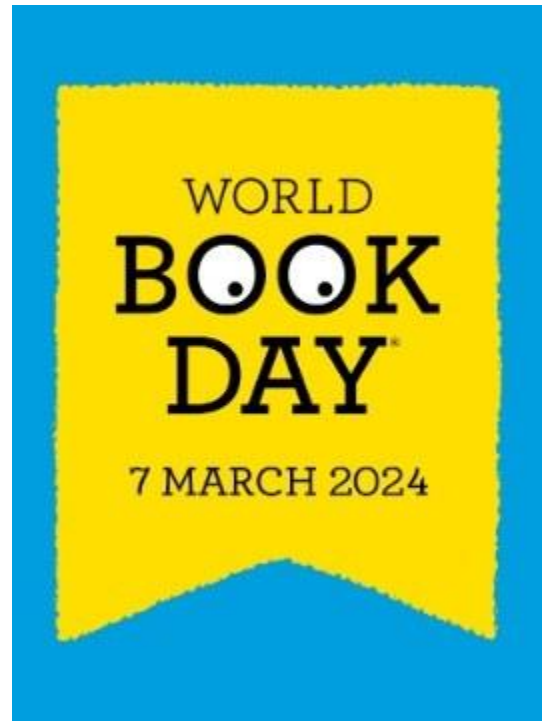
Good attendance is 97% or more. If we have concerns about your child’s attendance, we will contact you so that we can offer support and work together to make sure your child’s attendance is good. We work closely with an Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who will also work with families if there is concern about school attendance and punctuality.

What you can do to help your child?

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time—not late.
- Establish a good routine in the morning and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Try to arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school and homework.
- Attend all parents evenings and school events where possible.
- Praise and reward your child’s achievements at school. Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school—staff are here to help and will always be supportive.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance % Sept-Feb</b>
Reception	90.64%
Year 1	94.92%
Year 2	95.27%
Year 3	95.13%
Year 4	95.08%
Year 5	94.66%
Year 6	94.76%

## World Book Day



We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come into school wearing a costume of their favourite book character or other appropriate clothing.

## School Calendar for Spring 2 Term 2024

Half Term	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Children return to school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Rail Safety Workshops (KS1 and KS2)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	House winner's non-uniform - Fire House
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Year 6 Forest School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Book Fair in school this week - more details to follow
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Years 5 and 6 STEM Visit
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent's Evening (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent's Evening (All classes)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent's Evening (Nursery and Reception)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Nursery/Reception Forest School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Reception trip to White House Farm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Comic Relief
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 4 Forest School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 2 Forest School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Year 3 Forest School
WB Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Years 5/6 Parent Easter Craft session 9.30am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Nursery/ Reception Parent Easter Craft session 9.30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Years 1/2 Parent Easter Craft session 9.30am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Years 3/4 Parent Easter Craft session 9.30am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter break school closes at 3.15pm
Easter Holidays	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Children return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 and 4 Ford Castle Residential

- Year 5 Forest School - date to be confirmed.

# TERM DATES 2023/2024

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2023	
Summer 2022	Friday 21 July 2023	Tuesday 5 September 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023 *	
October Mid Term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 8 JANUARY 2024	
Christmas/New Year 23/24	Friday 22 December 2023	Tuesday 9 January 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024 *	
Spring Mid Term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
MAY DAY	MONDAY 6 MAY 2024	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024	
Summer Mid Term 2024	Thursday 23 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Tuesday 3 September 2024

# Term Dates 2024/2025



Term and Holiday dates for 2024 – 2025



## WhatsApp



WhatsApp age restriction has recently been lowered but the recommend age for using this, is age 13.

As a school we are dealing with an increasing number of incidents on a daily basis that have happened outside of school over WhatsApp. We will continue to educate children about the importance of online safety and the things that they are writing, saying or sending online but parents also have a responsibility if their child is using this site, to be monitoring this. Attached is some useful guidance for parents.

[Please use this link to access advice from Internet Matters.](#)



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<https://www.facebook.com/RingwayPrimarySchool/>

The Toby Henderson Trust

## Emotional Wellbeing for Parents of Autistic Children

Thursday 21st March 2024  
09:30am-11:00am  
Zoom

Let's make time for you! This webinar, presented by our Autism Family Support Specialists, Katherine and Kerry, gives you the opportunity to learn how to manage and improve your own emotional wellbeing.

You will learn some new coping techniques and strategies that you can use when you are feeling overwhelmed, as well as discovering ways to fit in some "realistic self-care." These tips can also be used with children and young people, as well as other family members around you.

### Book your place

If you are interested in joining, please book your place on our website: [www.ttht.co.uk](http://www.ttht.co.uk). Alternatively, you can register your interest with our team by emailing [support@ttht.co.uk](mailto:support@ttht.co.uk) or calling 0300 365 3055.



## Autism Family Drop In Sessions



Do you have a child aged 0-19 years? Come along to meet other parents for a cuppa and chat. No diagnosis needed!

Join us at:

Blyth Central Family Hub - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 1-3pm  
Haltwhistle Family Hub - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 1-3pm  
Berwick Family Hub - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10am-12pm  
Ashington Family Hub - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10am-12pm  
Prudhoe Family Hub - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 1.30-3.30pm  
Alnwick Family Hub - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 1-3pm

Facilitators - [robyn.robinson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:robyn.robinson@northumberland.gov.uk) and  
[adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)