

Newsletter Spring 2 2025

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 half-term is a very exciting term for Ringway as it should finally see the start of our new school build - see further information below.

As always, the second half of the school year is very busy with lots happening in and out of school including opportunities welcoming parents into school.

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

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.

Parent Survey¹

Thank you in advance for your support.

¹https://forms.gle/2jMMr7KAAyvZCoFm7

Important SATs/Check Dates



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

Year 6 SATs take place from Monday 12th - Thursday 15th 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.

Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place in the two weeks from 2nd June. This is an on-screen check and school will have access to results later in the school year to allow us to identify children who may need additional support. Results will be shared with parents within the children's annual reports.

Year 1 Phonics screening check will take place WB 9th June. This assessment is carried out very informally and in the same way the children complete their half-termly RWI assessments and with the same staff. Results will be shared with parents within the children's annual reports.

Parent's Evenings



Parent's Evenings are scheduled for the week beginning 10th March. You will receive your child's spring report by Friday 7th March. 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.

Book Fair



Our Scholastic Book Fair will run after-school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week (10-12th March) in conjunction with Parent's Evening. We welcome families to visit the stall, which will be set up in the hall, after-school from 3:30 – 6:00pm each day. We advise that those interested in potentially making a purchase bring a debit or credit card as we will have QR codes available to be scanned which will take you directly to our payment page. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a link to access the catalogue of books online. School will receive a percentage of funds raised to re-invest in order to update our school libraries with more exciting books!

Appointment Cards



A quick reminder that all appointments taken during the school day must be supported with evidence such as an appointment card or text. Without this evidence we will need to record the absence as unauthorised.

PE Uniform



Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional) or school jumper.

- Black trainers (as plain as possible) or suitable black footwear for outdoor PE sessions no football boots. (Our School uniform policy does allow for plain black school trainers to be worn each day and these could also be used for PE days).
- For swimming, children need a one-piece swimming costume (sensible swim shorts for boys), a towel, a swimming hat and a pair of goggles.

Please see our School Uniform Policy here².

Children can come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Class teachers will inform you which day is your child's PE day at the start of each term.

New School



Exciting news - finally after what seems like a very long wait, our new school build will start on 7th April (you may have already noticed some of the preparation around the school perimeter for construction access). The first phase of the rebuild should take about 10 months with us being in the new building this time next year, after February half term break.

The building site will be separated from the main building by hoarding boards and we will lose use of a majority of the school field during this time. We will retain all playground areas and a section of the field and there should be very little other disruption to the daily operation of school.

We will of course communicate further information closer to the start date of construction.

²http://www.ringwayprimaryschool.co.uk/web/school_uniform_/206011

Junior Road Safety Officers

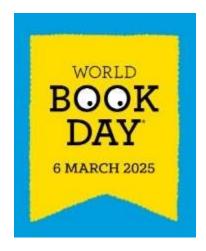


Our JRSOs are doing a fantastic job in school helping to educate all chidren about keeping safe around roads and traffic. Just before the holidays they were brave enough to host an assembly about road safety to the whole school and they set an optional task for children to take part in over the half term break to create a road safety poster to display in and around school. If children have been able to complete this task, these will be collected in and the JRSOs will be giving out prizes in this week's assembly.

Please help support our JRSOs by also talking to your children about keeping safe on roads and remember the yellow lines outside of school 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.

World Book Day



We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to come into school wearing a costume of their favourite book character or other appropriate clothing and will be taking part in World Book Day activities throughout the day.

Northumberland Early Help



Early Help is offered everyday by communities, volunteers, charities, children centres, Early Help family workers schools and universal and tiered health services.

Early Help is about working with children, young people and their families who would like support. No one ever "has to have" Early Help. Early Help is there to support families at the right time, by the right person and in the right way. It is a consent-based service which involves the whole family and their Networks to come up with solutions to any difficulties or challenges experienced at the time. There is a Early Help leaflet online, click here if you would like to read it³.

³https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Child-Families/Families/Earlyhelp/EH-Leaflet.pdf

In Northumberland there is a way to request a co-ordination team look at what support your child might be able to access – you can refer to this service if your children does not have an allocated worker (Social Worker or Early Help Family Worker) by filling in this form⁴.

You can also access support from your local Early Help Team for more information Early Help Local Support, to find them click here⁵.

If you would want more information click here⁶.

School Calendar for Spring 2 Term 2025

Monday 3 rd March	Children return to school	
Tuesday 4 th March	Reception Vision Screening	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 7 th March	Spring Reports to parents	
Friday 7 th March	House Winners Non-Uniform Day	
Friday 7 th March	Year 6 Forest School	
WB Monday 10 th March	Book Fair in School	
Monday 10 th March	Parent's Evening (All classes except Year 1)	
Tuesday 11 th March	Parent's Evening (All classes)	
Wednesday 12 th March	Parent's Evening (Year 1 only)	
Friday 14 th March	Year 5 Forest School	
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	
Friday 21st March	Year 4 Forest School	
Friday 28 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Visit to Centre for Life	
Friday 28 th March	Year 1 Forest School	
Monday 31st March	Easter Egg Competition/ Easter Raffle	
Monday 31st March	Ford Castle (Y3 & Yr 4) Parent Information meeting	
	3.15pm	
Friday 4 th April	Year 2 Forest School	
Monday 7 th April	Nursery/ Reception Easter coffee Morning 9.30am	
Tuesday 8 th April	Year 5/Year 6 Easter coffee Morning 9.30am	
Wednesday 9 th April	Year 1/ Year 2 Easter coffee Morning 9.30am	
Thursday 10 th April	Year 3/ Year 4 Easter coffee Morning 9.30am	
Friday 11 th April	Nursery/Reception Forest School	
Friday 11 th April	Year 3 Forest School	
Friday 11 th April	School finishes for Easter break at 3.15pm	

⁴https://form.northumberland.gov.uk/form/auto/multi agency ref form

⁵https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Family/Childcare/Sure-Start-children-s-centres-in-Northumberland.aspx

⁶https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Family/Support.aspx

Monday 28 th April	Return to school		
Wednesday 30 th April -Fri 2 nd	Year 3 and 4 Residential to Ford Castle		
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Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed		
Friday 9th May	Non-uniform day – Donation for Summer Fayre		
Monday 12 th -Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs		
Thursday 22 nd May	Summer Fayre 3.15PM		
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for Half Term Break at 3.15pm		
Monday 2 nd June	Teacher Training Day		
WB Monday 2 nd and 9 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check		
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 1 and 2 Movie night		
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 3 and 4 Movie night		
Thursday 5 th June	Year 5 and 6 Movie night		
WB Monday 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening check		
Tuesday 10 th June	Year 6 - Online Safety Workshop - Communicating		
	with people online		
Thursday 19 th June	Summer Parties/Disco		
Friday 20 th June	Summer themed non-uniform day		
Monday 23 rd June	Sponsor Week		
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition Morning/Day		
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th July	Year 6 Residential to London		
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Prom		
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2.30pm		
Tuesday 15 th July	Nursery Graduation		
Tuesday 15 th July	Junior Duke Celebration Event		
Friday 18 th July	School finishes for Summer Break at 1.30pm		
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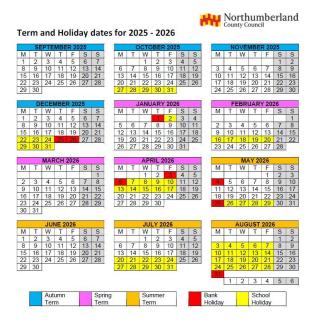
Summer Term Forest School dates TBC.

TERM DATES 2024/2025

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2024/2025

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024	
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Tuesday 3 September 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 NOVEMBER 2024	
October Mid Term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Tuesday 5 November 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 6 JANUARY 2024	
Christmas/New Year 24/25	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025 * This falls within the holiday	
Spring Mid Term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
MAY DAY	MONDAY 5 MAY 2025	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 nd JUNE 2025	
Summer Mid Term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025

TERM DATES 2025/2026



WhatsApp



Useful Parent Guide for Whatsapp⁷

⁷https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/