



Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Welcome back and happy new year to you all, wishing you all a happy and healthy 2024. It is lovely to see the children back in school this week excited to share their experiences of what they have been doing over the festive period and eager to be back with their peers, learning in their classrooms. As always at this time of year, it is relatively quiet in school - please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates for the term in the attached calendar.

Thank you

Please Label ALL School Uniform

Please remember to label all parts of your child's uniform. This makes it a lot easier and quicker to find any lost items.

Lateness

School starts for all children at 8.45am, classroom doors close at 8.50am with registers closing at 8.50am.

Last half term, there was an increased number of children arriving very late for school - if a child is late more than 30 minutes this is marked as an absence and effects the child's attendance record. If the child becomes a persistent absentee, even through lateness, this will trigger EWO (Education Welfare Officer) involvement.

Reminder, If your child is absent, as per school policy, you must inform the school office either by telephone, voicemail or via email by 9.30am on each day of absence.

Appointments During the School Day.

Where possible, all appointments should be made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, please make the appointment as late as possible in the school day. Children should not be leaving school to attend appointments for other family members - proof of any appointments must be presented to the school office when requesting leave for any appointment (this includes any family member). Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence.

PE Uniform

Class PE days may have changed this half-term, please ensure you keep up to date via Class Dojo. Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform. As per our [School Uniform Policy](#), this must be a **plain** white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain black trainers. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan.

Update from the School Rebuilding Division, Department for Education

We recognise that the delays to progressing the new school building for Ringway Primary School is frustrating for all parties involved. We are currently working through some technicalities with the contractor. However, we hope to submit a planning application early in the new year and get into contract before the summer to start work on site soon after. We would like to reassure you that the department remains committed to providing Ringway Primary School with a new school building and we will continue to work with our partners to achieve this.

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.

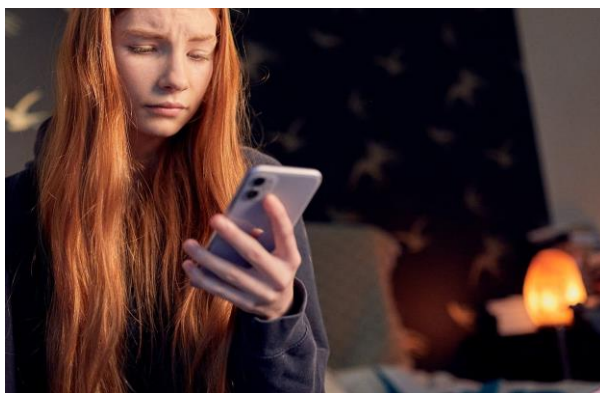
Last term, there were posts being uploaded and shared onto social media sites by members of the public of the cars stopping on the yellow lines.



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.

All children in school 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.



Online Safety.

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow [this](#) link for online safety guides from the NSPCC.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is more than just free school meals. The Pupil Premium entitles your child to free school meals (worth over £400 a year) and in addition provides school with crucial funding (up to an additional £1,320 per eligible student). It is essential that, if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium, you apply for free school meals (even if they are an infant who already receives free school meals or if you have no intention of taking up free school meals). This ensures that both your child and others in school are able to benefit from the additional funding the Pupil Premium generates.

Families who qualify for free school meals are also supported with vouchers for food/clothing throughout each school holiday period.

Application form: [Northumberland County Council](#)

School Calendar for Spring 1 Term 2024

Please take note

of any relevant dates for your child - we do try to send reminders but this isn't always possible.

Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Children return to school
Friday 12 th January 2024	House winners non-uniform
Friday 12 th January 2024	Year 6 Forest school
Tuesday 16 th January 2024	Northern Gas Hydrogen workshop Years 5 and 6
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Height and weights - Reception and Year 6
Friday 19 th January 2024	Nursery/ Reception Forest school
Friday 26 th January 2024	Year 4 Forest school
Friday 2 nd February 2024	Year 3 Forest school
Monday 5 th February 2024	Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Safer Internet day
Friday 9 th February 2024	Year 2 Forest school
Monday 12 th February 2024	Assessment week in school
Monday 12 th February 2024	Year 6 Parent SATs meeting 2.45pm
Thursday 15 th February 2024	Valentines disco/parties
Friday 16 th February 2024	Year 1 Forest school
Friday 16 th February 2024	School finishes for half-term break at 3.15pm
Half Term	
Monday 26 th February 2024	Children return to school
Friday 1 st March 2024	Rail Safety Workshops (KS1 and KS2)
Friday 1 st March 2024	House winners non-uniform
Monday 4 th March 2024	School Book Fair
Monday 4 th March 2024	Years 5 and 6 STEM Visit
Monday 4 th March 2024	Parent's Evening (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Parent's Evening (All classes)
Wednesday 6 th March 2024	Parent's Evening (Nursery and Reception)
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief
WB Monday 18 th March	Easter Egg Competition
Monday 25 th March 2024	Years 5/6 Parent Easter Craft session am
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Nursery/ Reception Parent Easter Craft session am
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Years 1/2 Parent Easter Craft session am
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Years 3/4 Parent Easter Craft session am
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Easter break 3.15pm
Easter Holidays	

- Year 5 Forest School – date to be confirmed.

Holiday And 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

Holiday And Term Dates 2024/2025



Term and Holiday dates for 2024 – 2025

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JUNE 2025 (21 DAYS)							JULY 2025 (14 DAYS)							AUGUST 2025						
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	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term		Bank Holiday		School Holiday
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