

NEWSLETTER
Week ending 10th April 2025



Breakfast Club from Monday 28th April 2025

After the Easter holidays, children from Reception to Year 6 can access breakfast club free from 8:15am – 8:45am. Your child must be in the building by 8:30am to receive a breakfast. If you need to drop your child off and do not want to wait for the gates to open, please drop off at the main office. Anyone who accesses breakfast Club from 7:45am will pay a reduced cost of £2 – you will still need to book on via ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM FROM TUESDAY 6th MAY 2025

Activity clubs from Tuesday 6th May 2025, consent letters to follow during the first week back:

Monday	Year 5 & 6	Performance Club (starts Monday 19 th May)
Monday	Selected children	Phonics Club (until Tuesday 20 th May)
Monday	Class 5	Sensory Play
Tuesday	Year 1 & 2	Pop Dance
Tuesday	All year 6 to attend please	SATS Booster (until Tuesday 6 th May)
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6	Art Club
Wednesday	Voted by children	School Council (lunchtime)
Thursday	Nursery & Reception	Sports with Mr Stabler
Thursday	Year 5	Maths Booster (starts Thursday 22 nd May)
Friday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Football (outdoor)
Friday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Pop Dance

Mrs Minton's ASC from Monday 28th April 2025 are as follows:

Monday: Pokemon and Disney club

Tuesday: Summer fun

Wednesday: Dodgeball

Thursday: Drama

Friday: Free Play

KEEPING US UP TO DATE

If you move house, change your phone number or need to update us regarding anything about your child, please contact the main school office.

SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of letters, newsletters, menus, and forms are available in the entrance of the school office. If you need a copy of a letter, please call in and take one.

NATIONAL OFFER DAY

Parents will learn the outcome of applications for school places on the following dates:

National offer day for Primary schools: 16th April 2025

Deadline to lodge an appeal for Primary schools: 15th May 2025

If you applied online, your child's allocation will be available to view on the Local Authority website. If requested during the application process, you will also be sent an allocation email. Allocation letters will be posted second class to parents/guardians who did not apply online.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

School may be eligible to receive further income to support the education of our children in school. In order for school to access this money, known as Pupil Premium, we need to know the eligibility of our parents and carers. With this in mind, we would like to ask all parents and carers for their help in checking eligibility but also within the last six years.

Your child may be eligible if you access any of the following:

- Looked after by the Local Authority for at least one day in the last year (e.g. foster care)
- Adopted from care
- Left care through Special Guardianship
- Subject to a Child Arrangement Order
- In receipt of Disability Living Allowance

Your child may also be eligible if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Earn less than £16190 per annum and are in receipt of Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

To apply, please go to the address below. This should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

[Free School Meals - Information - apply | HBC Online \(hartlepool.gov.uk\)](https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Free%20School%20Meals%20apply)
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ATTENDANCE

Being in school is the best way for children to learn and reach their potential. Time in school is important to your child's achievement, well-being and wider development. We have had some great feedback about attendance certificates. Children are keen to achieve these for their class or year group, which is having a positive impact on attendance. Please ask your child about these. Please remember gates open at 8.40am with lessons starting at 8.45am. Gates close at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, they will receive a late mark.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10 th April 2025	Easter service in Church – 9.30am
Thursday 10 th April 2025	Last day in School
Friday 11 th April 2025	PD Day - school is closed to children
Wednesday 16 th April 2025	National offer day for Primary School places
Monday 28 th April 2025	School re-opens
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Silent Disco - Smile Day
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Class 2 – Captain Cooks Museum
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 12 th May 2025 – Thursday 15 th May 2025	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Activity clubs start this week
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Year 6 Team Building at Summerhill
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day – school closes for Whitsun
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Multiplications Check Week
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	PD Days - school is closed to children
Wednesday 4 th June 2025	School re-opens
Monday 9 th June 2025	School Nurse drop-in session - 8.45am to 9.45am
Monday 9 th June 2025	Year 6 puberty refresher - School Nurse
Monday 9 th June 2025	Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	Year 6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral – letter to follow
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Class 5 worship- parents and carers welcome- 9am
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Sports Day Class 1 - 12:45pm – 1:15pm
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Sports Day Class 2, 3, 4 - 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Friday 20 th June 2025	Feast Church Service 9.30am – St John the Baptist – parents and carers welcome
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Year 6 leavers photographs at 9.30am
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Class 2 worship – parents and carers welcome – 9am
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Class 3 worship – parents and carers welcome – 9am
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Early Years Graduation 9.15am – parents and carers welcome
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Church Service – 9.30am
Friday 11 th July 2025	Celebration Worship - 2.45pm - parents and carers welcome
Friday 11 th July 2025	Activity clubs finish
Monday 14 th July to Thursday 17 th July 2025	Transition week for Hartlepool schools
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Service in School – parents and carers welcome – 9am
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last day – school closes for summer holidays

SAFEGUARDING

Every Wednesday we share advice on Facebook for parents and carers for keeping children safe online. Please go to our website for further support for online safety advice and information at <https://greathamceprimary.org.uk/>

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Nicola Dunn, Sarah Richardson, Chloe Inman and Gillian Minton. If you have a concern about a child, please contact school and speak to a DSL.

STAFF CAR PARK

For health and safety reasons, please be advised that cutting across the main car park to gain entry to the main office is not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation.

COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

Every family should have received a welcome email containing a username and password to access the online portal. This portal will allow you to add attendance notes to report a child's absence; pay for school dinners and trips, access school news and events and book parent consultations. If you have not received an email, please contact the school office immediately as it is vital that everyone has access to this portal.