



ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



Welcome back to our Summer Term!

Our Summer Term is always a busy one and we have so many exciting activities planned. We hope parents and carers will be able to join us for Sports Day and our Summer Fair, details of which are included in our newsletter.

This is the final term at Etherley Lane Primary School for our Year 6 pupils and we will be very sad to see them go but wish them all the luck for their upcoming SATs and their transitions to secondary school.

We are also busy preparing to welcome our new reception starters and their families to introduce them to our lovely school.

If you need anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Mrs K A Lee

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs began again in school this week with a variety of activities – Forest School, craft club, reading club and Ipad club. All places have been allocated and if your child does not have a place but requested a club, they are on our reserve list and will be contacted if a space becomes available.



Breakfast Club

School offers breakfast club which runs each day from 8.00am until 8.45am. Children can be dropped off at the main entrance of school and can choose from a variety of options for breakfast. They will also have the opportunity to take part in different activities, for example sports, biscuit decorating, colouring competitions ran by our breakfast club supervisors. Breakfast club costs £3.00 per child which is payable on parentpay. Sessions can be booked online via parentpay.

School Holiday Dates

Term	Closing Date (at 3.15pm)	School Reopens
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Autumn half-term 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026
Spring half-term 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026

School Days

Please can we ask children bring a hat and water bottle to school each day. If it is going to be warm, please can we ask you apply suncream to your child before they come into school.



School Uniform

Can we ask that children do not wear makeup or false nails for school. We would also like to remind parents jewellery is not to worn in school, excluding a small single stud earring which must be removed or covered for taking part in sports activities.

Can we also remind all parents and carers to include your child's name in any clothing they may have in school to ensure we can return it if it was lost in school.

Personal Information

If you change address, telephone number, a change in emergency contact or any other personal details, please remember to contact the school office by calling 01388 603105 or emailing us at etherleylane@durhamlearning.net so we can ensure your child's records are up to date.

Car Parking



Please can we remind parents & carers to be respectful and mindful when parking near school, to not block any driveways or access for local residents and to leave enough room if parking on the side of a road to leave access for emergency services.

Recently we have received a high number of complaints from residents and the local police with regards to parking close to school, on Lindsay Street, Clarence Gardens and Etherley Lane. We would encourage parents and carers to walk to school with children where possible to help avoid congestion. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

Dates for the Diary

Please find below some important dates for your diary for Summer Term

12th to 15th May – Year 6 SATs

16th May – Year 4 trip to Beamish

26th May – 2nd June – Half Term Holidays. We return to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

13th June – Colour Run

18th to 20th June – Year 6 Residential trip to Ford Castle

23rd to 24th June – Year 5 Taster at King James

23rd June – Y6 Rounders at Bishop Auckland College

25th June – Year 5 Taster at St Johns

26th to 27th June – Year 5 Taster at Bishop Barrington

30th June – Cricket Session for whole school

2nd July – Reception trip to South Shields

3rd July – Year 5 Ultimate Fribee

4th July – Sports Day

7th July – Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm

9th to 11th July – Year 6 Transition

14th July – Summer Fair

16th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Year 5 Rocksteady Concert

17th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

18th July – Break up for school



Year 6

With SATs coming up next week we are offering a SATs breakfast to all our Year 6 pupils. Children can come to main reception from 8am and have breakfast with their classmates. This is free of charge and you do not need to book.



Our upcoming residential trip is due for payment in full. Please can you pay via Parentpay if you haven't already. We will be arranging a meeting after May half-term holidays for parents and carers to come in and discuss the trip and answer any questions you may have. We will send details out closer to the time.

Nursery

We have a fantastic nursery at Etherley Lane Federation and we have a fantastic outdoor space. We currently have places available at nursery for 2's and 3's for Summer Term and from September onwards.

If you are interested in a nursery place or know someone who could be, please ask them to contact Nicola or Sarah in the office to book a visit to come and see what our nursery has to offer.



We will continue to update parents and carers about any further upcoming events or information by text, Parentpay emails and facebook.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Nicola or Sarah the school office.

Thank you