



ETHERLEY LANE NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



Welcome back to all of our children and families!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer - it has been so wonderful this week to welcome the children back into school and nursery and of course to welcome our new starters who have joined us across school and nursery.

As always, the children have brought the magic back into the building which makes Etherley Lane Federation the special place that it is.

All children are settling well into their new classes. If there's is anything we can do to support your child or family, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WE ARE ETHERLEY LANE and we are looking forward to working closely together to ensure the very best for your child.

If you need anything you can contact our school office on 01388 603105 where your call will be answered by Nicola or Sarah who will be more than happy to help in any way.

PE Days

PE Days for all classes are listed below;

Monday	Class 1 - Miss Walker (Reception) Class 6 – Miss Hepple (Year 5)
Tuesday	Class 4 – Mrs Nattrass/Mrs Wakes (Year 3) Class 5 – Mrs Summerson (Year 4)
Wednesday	Class 2 – Mrs Burkill/Mrs Jeavons (Year 1) Class 3 – Miss Jones (Year 2)
Thursday	Class 1 – Miss Walker (Reception) Class 7 – Mr Soulsby (Year 6) Nursery



Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6

Year 6 – Swimming will take place weekly but on different days as listed below;

Tues 16/09, 30/09, 14/10, 11/11, 25/11, 09/12

Mon 22/09, 06/10, 20/10, 03/11, 17/11, 01/12

Year 5 – Swimming each Monday up until Christmas

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that 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 must be booked online via parentpay prior to attending.

School Days

School gates open at 8.40am and will close at 9.05am.

Please can children bring a coat and water bottle to school each day.

School Uniform

Can we 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 anything is lost in school.

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.

Since we have returned to school, we have received a high number of complaints from local 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.

School Holiday Dates

Please see below upcoming holiday dates and training days when school & nursery will be closed.

Term	Closing Date (at 3.15pm)	School Reopens
Autumn half-term 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Staff Training Day	Thursday 4 th December 2025	Monday 8 th December 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Spring half-term 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day 2026	Friday 1 st May 2026	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Summer half-term 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026

Dates for the Diary

Please find below some important dates for your diary for Autumn term.

16th September – Year 5 Handball Festival

2nd October – ‘Out of this World’ Lunch Day – Themed Lunch provided by Chartwells
Week Commencing 13th October – Parent Consultations (Further information to be provided at a later date)

20th October – Year 3 Kurling & Boccia Festival

22nd October – Spooky Disco (KS1 4pm-5pm, KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm)

24th October – School & nursery close for half term holidays at 3.15pm

3rd November – School & nursery reopens

10th November – School Photographer

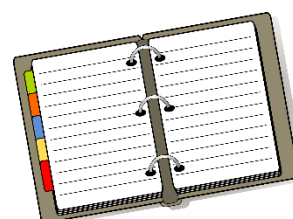
14th November – Children in Need

24th November – Reception Gymnastics Festival

1st December – Christmas Jumper Swap Opens

5th December – School & nursery are closed for staff training

8th December – Nursery attending local Pantomime



9th December – Whole school attending local Pantomime

10th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

17th December – Butterwick Reindeer Run

18th December – Christmas Disco

19th December – School & nursery close for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

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

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.



If you need anything at all please contact Sarah or Nicola in the office on 01388 603105 or email them at etherleylane@durhamlearning.net where they will be happy to help.

Thank you