



Etherley Lane Nursery and Primary School Federation



Autumn Term 26/27 Newsletter



A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families as we begin another exciting academic year at Etherley Lane Nursery & Primary School Federation. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had the opportunity to relax, recharge and make special memories with family and friends.

We are delighted to see our school and nursery filled with smiling faces once again and are looking forward to a year full of learning, achievement and new opportunities. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new children and families who have joined our school and nursery recently. We are thrilled to have you with us as part of the Etherley Lane family.

If you need anything or have any questions, 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

Please find below PE days for 2026/2027.

We ask that on these days children come to school in their PE kit.

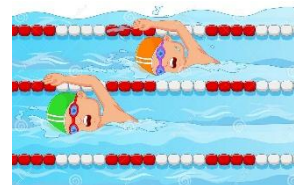
Monday	Class 1 - Miss Adams (Reception) Class 2 - Mrs Burkill (Year 1) Class 3 - Mrs Clark (Year 2) Nursery - Miss Salter
Tuesday	Class 5 - Mrs Natrass (Year 4)
Wednesday	Class 4 - Miss Hepple (Year 3) Class 6M - Mrs Mooney (Year 5) Class 6S - Mrs Summerson (Year 5)
Thursday	Class 7 - Mr Soulsby (Year 6)



Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6

Please find below swimming lesson information.

We ask that on these days children come to school with their swimming kit which includes swimming costume/shorts, towel, swimming cap.



Monday	Class 6S - Mrs Summerson (Year 5)
Tuesday	Class 7 - Mr Soulsby (Year 6)
Wednesday	Nursery (You will be contacted directly if this includes your child)

Breakfast Clubs

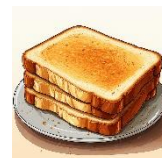


School offers a free breakfast club which runs daily from 8.00am until 8.40am.

Children can be dropped off at the main entrance of school on Clarence Gardens 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, etc which are run by our breakfast club supervisors.

Breakfast club sessions must be booked via Arbor for each day that your child attends.

Nursery has a paid breakfast club which runs from 8.00am until 8.45am and can be booked and paid for via the Arbor app.



Paid After-School Club

This year school has introduced paid wrap around care sessions which run daily from 3.15pm until 6.00pm. After school club runs different activities each night and also provide a light snack for children who attend.

Sessions can be booked until 5.30pm via Arbor and the session prices are included for the timeslots available. Please book your child's sessions on Arbor. If you need to book until 6.00pm this must be booked directly with the school office.

Nursery offer paid wrap around care until 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Please book your child's sessions via the Arbor app.



School Days

School gates on Lindsey Street and Park Gate open at 8.40am and close at 9.00am. Lindsey Street and Park Gate gates will re-open at 3.15pm at the end of the school day.

Please can we ask that 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 or nursery to ensure we can return it if anything is lost.



We also have a stock of pre-loved uniform for school and nursery that you are welcome to take for free. This pre-loved uniform is kept in the front of school's main entrance.

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. This includes at drop off and collection from breakfast and after-school clubs.

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.

Open Evening for Nursery & Reception 2027



We are holding an open evening for children due to start Reception in September 2027 and for children from the age of 2, who are due to start nursery. These open evenings will be held at our school and nursery on Thursday 24th September from 4.00pm till 5.30pm. If you need any further information or would like to attend, please contact the school office.



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 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Staff Training Day	Thursday 26 th November 2026	Monday 30 th November 2026
Christmas 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Monday 4 th January 2027
Spring half-term 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Easter 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day 2027	Friday 30 th April 2027	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Summer half-term 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer 2027	Friday 16 th July 2027	

Dates for the Diary

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

11th September - Flu Immunisations in school

24th September - Open evening for nursery and reception 2027 from 4.00pm till 5.30pm

21st October - School Spooky Disco

23rd October - School & nursery close for half term holidays at 3.15pm

2nd November - School & nursery reopen

9th November - School Photographer

13th November - Children in Need (more information will be sent closer to the date)

27th November - School & nursery are closed for staff training

1st December - Christmas Jumper Swap Opens

4th December - Pantomime in School for school and nursery pupils (Please note this event is for pupils only and parents cannot attend)

8th December - Christmas Performance

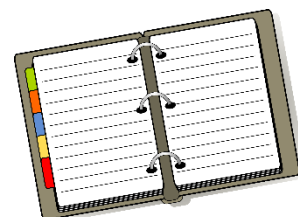
9th December - Christmas Performance

16th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

18th December - Christmas Disco

18th December - School & nursery close for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

4th January - School and nursery re-open



We are currently planning some school trips for this term and will continue to update parents and carers about this and any further upcoming events or information by email 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 come to our open evening or 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 for your continued support.