



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September 2025

Rights of the Fortnight

Over the next few weeks to begin the academic year, we will be focusing on **Article 28 – A Right to Education**. Article 28 says that all children across the world have the right to access primary education for free and speaks of the importance of children being treated with dignity within their school setting.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week back in school after the holidays and have enjoyed welcoming both our new Nursery and Reception pupils as well as pupils who've joined us in other year groups across the school. The children have settled in beautifully and we're very proud of them. We have a busy half-term ahead so please ensure that you have access to the Compass App and that you make a note of the key dates at the end of this newsletter. We will also regularly update our social media pages and our website: www.rosastreet.durham.school.uk.

School Uniform

Please see the below reminder of our school uniform policy. This can also be found on the school website. Children are expected to wear full school uniform with **plain black** school shoes. We would also ask that children bring in a pair of labelled wellies within the next two weeks of term so that they can access our outdoor areas. The only jewellery permitted is a plain watch (not a smart watch) and a small pair of studs (please note children must be able to remove these for PE sessions).

School Uniform

- Navy jumper/cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Blue/white polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/tailored shorts
- Blue/white checked school dresses can be worn during warmer months
- Plain black shoes/winter boots
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PE Uniform

- Black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- White t-shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Black plimsolls for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- PE bag

Healthy Packed Lunches and Breaktime Snacks As a school we want to promote a healthy well-balanced diet for children and our packed lunch policy is attached to this newsletter so that parents have clear guidance on what complies with the nutritional standards set out by the government. This information is also available on our school website. Most children also require a breaktime snack to keep them going throughout the day. In Key Stage 1 children receive a





daily snack for free and may not require an additional snack but for children in Key Stage 2 we would ask that snacks are limited to the list below:

- Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.
- A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Yoghurt
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes (without chocolate topping) and small pitta breads.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps during breaktime.

Birthdays

To celebrate children's birthdays children can come into school on their birthday in their own clothes. If your child's birthday falls in a school holiday then they are welcome to choose a day either before or after the holiday where they can do this.



Breakfast Club Helpers As we have a very popular Breakfast Club, we are looking for parents and carers who could help out with Breakfast Club from 8 – 8:45 on a regular basis. This would include making toast, serving the children and general tidying of the hall at the end. Please see the office if you think you have the time to spare to help us.



Colour Run

On **Tuesday 16th September 2025** we will be organising a colour run around the school field for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. This is always a fabulous event which the children absolutely love. On this day could all children please come into school wearing a white t shirt and OLD clothes, as they will come home covered in colourful paint! If there are any issues with clothing for that day, please let the office know.

Reading meetings for parents (Rec, Y1 and Y2) - Thursday 18th September at 4:30 pm We continue to use 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' as our chosen phonics scheme this year and are keen to share the contents of the programme with parents to enable you to most effectively support your child. More information for parents can be found at:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



We will be sharing information with Reception parents as part of the Big Welcome on **Friday 26th September**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, then please contact either Miss Davison or Miss Bufton who can arrange an alternative time.

Peppa Pig Open Day for New Starters 2026 – Saturday 27th September 10.00am – 12.00pm

We are inviting prospective children and their parents to our school so that they can look around our nursery and classes, meet Peppa Pig, complete a treasure hunt, have fun on a bouncy castle and enjoy some tasty refreshments. If you know anyone

who is looking for a school place in the next few years, then please ask them to come along.

Reception Big Welcome – Friday 26th September 2025 at 2pm

We are inviting our parents into Reception class so that they can see how their child accesses the areas and get to know a bit more about how children learn in Reception. This will be a lovely opportunity to spend time with your child in their school environment and talk to the team within Reception. the final build!



Helping Hands

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 8th September at 3.30pm in school, everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda for this can be found on our Facebook page. If anyone is interested in standing for a position on the committee, this needs to be done in writing by Friday 5th September to our email address:

helpinghands.rosastreet@hotmail.com. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support this year, we could not have achieved everything that we have without you. We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you all next year.



Free After-School Clubs – 3.15 – 4.15pm - Clubs will start week beginning **8th September 2025** and continue until **Friday 17th October**- no clubs will run during the last week before half term. We are delighted to be able to offer a range of after school clubs this half term to pupils as teachers and teaching assistants have offered their time to enrich the curriculum. The clubs we will be offering are for pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 this half term (Reception pupils will be invited to join clubs once they have settled in after Oct half term). The clubs on offer are:

Recorder Club with **Miss Metcalfe** on a Monday Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 only.

Drawing Club with **Miss Bissell** on a **Thursday**

Movie Club with **Miss Bennett** on a **Thursday** Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 only.

Dance Club with **Mr Broadhurst and an external coach** on a **Wednesday**

Places will need to be limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis but if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place this half term, there will be further opportunities with different clubs available, next half term. The clubs will be free of charge. We will try to ensure fair access for all children over the school year. Please complete the form on the app to request a place for your child and we will confirm if they are successful in gaining a place next week.

Lunch Menu

Please see our weekly menus. We will be starting week 2 from Monday 8th September 2025.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognaise	Roast Pork, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
Non-Meat Option	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Plain Omelette and Coleslaw	Cauliflower and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Quorn Sausage in a Finger Bun
Lighter Option	Jacket Potato and Cheese & Coleslaw	Ham Salad sandwich	Cheese Panini with beans on the side	Tuna mayonnaise sandwich	Jacket Potato and Baked Beans
Accompaniments	Creamed Potatoes Carrots Mixed Veg	Crusty Bread Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Roast Potato Carrots Green Beans	Wholegrain Rice New Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Ketchup Chips Garden Peas Beans
Additional items	Available daily; a selection of Fresh Salad/ Additional Bread				
Traditional Dessert Look out for fruit-based desserts 50/50	Jelly & Fruit 50/50	Marble Sponge and Custard	Chocolate Crispy and Milk	Orange Cupcake and Orange Wedges 50/50	Chocolate Crunch
Cold Option	Available daily: Fresh Fruit selection and a variety of yogurt pots and fresh drinking water				

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Big Brunch (Pork Sausage) Bacon Rasher	Minced Beef and Yorkshire Pudding	Roast Chicken Fillet and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fish Fingers
Non-Meat Option	Vegie Brunch (Quorn Sausage and egg)	Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Cheese pasta	Margarita Pizza	Quorn and Veg Stir fry
Lighter Option	Jacket Potato and Beans	Tuna mayonnaise sandwich	Cheese and Tomato Panini	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham sandwich
Accompaniments	Potato Wedges Baked Beans ½ Tomato	Creamed Potatoes Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Garlic Bread Cauliflower Green beans	Chips Garden Peas Sweetcorn
Additional items	Available daily; a selection of Fresh Salad/ Additional Bread				
Traditional Dessert Look out for fruit-based desserts 50/50	Jelly and Fruit 50/50	Chocolate Crunch and Custard	Shortcake & Fruit 50/50	Lemon Cake and Custard	Chocolate Cookie
Cold Option	Available daily: Fresh Fruit selection and a variety of yogurt pots and fresh drinking water				

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Minced Beef Pie	Beef Burger In a Bun With Salad	Roast Pork, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy	Beef Chilli	Fish Fingers
Non-Meat Option	Broccoli Pasta Bake	Veggie Burger In a Bun With Salad	Plain Omelette	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wheel	Quorn nuggets
Lighter Option	Jacket Potato and Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham & Cheese sandwich	Tuna Melt Panini	Cheese sandwich	Jacket Potato and Baked Beans
Accompaniments	Creamed Potatoes Crusty Bread Cabbage Carrots	Ketchup Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Ketchup	Roast Potatoes, cauliflower & broccoli	Wholegrain Rice Boiled Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Ketchup Chips Garden Peas Baked beans
Additional items	Available daily; a selection of Fresh Salad/ Additional Bread				
Traditional Dessert Look out for fruit-based desserts 50/50	Orange/Lemon Sponge and Custard	Marble Sponge and Custard	Flapjack and Sultanas 50/50	Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Vanilla Crunch & Fruit 50/50
Cold Option	Available daily: Fresh Fruit selection and a variety of yogurt pots and fresh drinking water				

Dates for your Diary

Please see a list of our Summer Term dates and school holiday dates below. Whilst we make every effort not to change dates, this can sometimes be unavoidable. In such instances we will aim to give as much notice as possible. Please check class curriculum newsletters for additional class information.

Holiday	School Closes	School Re-opens
Autumn Half Term 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 3rd November 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026
February half-term 2026	Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 2nd March 2026
Easter 2026	Wednesday 1st April 2026	Monday 20th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1st May 2026	Tuesday 5th May 2026
May half-term 2026	Thursday 21st May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Key Events - Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 16 th September 2025	Colour Run – Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 18 th September 2025	Phonics meeting for Year 1 and Year 2 parents 4:30pm.
Friday 26 th September 2025	Reception Class Big Welcome 2pm-3pm
Saturday 27 th September 2025	Peppa Pig Open Morning 10am-12pm
WC 29 th September 2025	Halloween costume donations accepted in school
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Pizza Party Lunch (details to follow)
WC 6 th October 2025	Halloween Costume Sale 3:15pm each day

Wednesday 15th October 2025	Harvest Festival 9:00am and 2:00pm
Friday 17th October 2025	Show Racism the Red Card Day- Children wear red for the day.
Monday 20th- Friday 24th October 2025	Year 5 and 6 Grinton Residential
Thursday 23rd October 2025	Halloween Disco 3:30pm- 4:45pm Reception, Y1 and Y2. 5:00pm-6:30pm Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.
Friday 24th October 2025	Break Up for Half Term
Half Term: Friday 24th October 2025 – Monday 3rd November 2025	
Monday 3rd November 2025	Children return to school.
Tuesday 4th – Tuesday 11th November 2025	Book Fair in school 3:30pm-4:15pm daily.
Sunday 9th November 2025	Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph
Monday 10th November - Friday 14th November 2025	Parent Evening Week
Friday 14th November 2025	Children in Need- children to wear something spotty.
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Flu Immunisations (Reception-Year 6)
Friday 28th November 2025	Christmas Fair in school 3:30pm- 5:00pm
Friday 28th November - Friday 5th December 2025	Helping Hands Christmas gift and calendar orders to be placed.
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Nursery (9:00am and 1:00pm) and Reception (2pm) Christmas Crafts Year 3 and 4 Christmas Crafts 2pm
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Crafts 2pm
Thursday 4th December 2025	Gala Theatre Trip – Whole School
Friday 5th December 2025	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Crafts 2pm
Tuesday 10th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Concert AM Children 10:00am PM Children 1:30pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Christmas Performances 2:00pm and 5:30pm
Thursday 11th December 2025	Christmas Performances 9:00am and 2:00pm
Friday 12th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day - Whole School
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Party 9:00am- 11:30am Reception Christmas Party PM
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Year 1/2 Christmas Party PM
Thursday 18th December 2025	Year 3/4 Christmas Party PM
Friday 19th December 2025	Year 5/6 Christmas Party PM
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