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### Upcoming events

#### Monday 27th February

Y3 swimming pm

After school Football 3.15-4.15pm

#### Tuesday 28th February

Proposed NEU Strike Day (all classes, except Reception, not in)

#### Wednesday 1st March

Guitar Club lunchtime

Family Learning in Church Hall

1.00-3.00pm

KS2 Tag Rugby CANCELLED

First Holy Communion Session 5 in

Church 3.30-4.30pm

Parents' Evening A

#### Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Choir lunchtime

School Council lunchtime

KS2 Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm

#### Friday 3rd March

Lost property table out 3.00pm

Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm

#### Sunday 5th March

First Holy Communion Special

Liturgy 11.00am

#### Monday 6th March

Photographer in school

Y4 swimming pm

After school Football 3.15-4.15pm

#### Tuesday 7th March

Reception Class Liturgy in school hall 9.00am

Digital maths/homework club lunchtime

Little Movers after school club CANCELLED

Y6 SATS Booster CANCELLED

Parents' Evening B

#### Wednesday 8th March

Family Learning in Church Hall

1.00-3.00pm

KS2 Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm

#### Thursday 9th March

Reception Multisport Festival am, Temple Park

Choir lunchtime

### Dear Parents and Carers

And the half term goes like that! It's been another busy one, and I hope the [bulletin](#) shared yesterday gives you a flavour of the amount of work and energy that goes into our school! You will get a chance to look at some of the great work that your children are producing in our next round of Parents' Evenings.

### Kindness Matters

Our final day of the 30-day Kindness Matters Challenge is on Monday 27th February. We are asking pupils to bring their completed Kindness Journals into school on Wednesday 1st March, where we can share some of the actions of our wonderful pupils. This will lead into our Kindness Matters week, where we have lots planned. Invites to parents will be shared in the first week after half term, but it will be an amazing week!

We also introduced a 'Kindness Award' in our celebration assemblies, with the nominated pupil having the opportunity to wear their 'Kindness heart' badge in school, showing how they are a shining light of kindness.

### World Book Day

Information regarding World Book Day is below.

### Proposed NEU Strike Day

Information regarding the next proposed NEU strike day was shared yesterday. An update will be shared on Monday 27th February.

### Wear Red for CHUF Day

Thank you for all the amazing donations to the CHUF charity. Children and staff wore red today and an amazing £510 was raised. Thank you so much.

### School Council Cake Morning for the earthquake victims, Friday 10th March

Our School Council have been discussing the horrendous situation in Turkey and Syria, and would like to offer some aid. They are holding a Cake and Biscuit Morning on Friday, 10th March. They will be sharing more information on this after half term, but pencil the date in your diaries!

### Football Raffle

We have a signed John Terry (ex England and Chelsea captain) football boot on our raffle site. The boot comes framed and with a certificate of authenticity. Go to [link](#) to be in with a chance of winning this, as well as raising money for our science resources.

### Head Lice

Unfortunately, we have had a number of cases of headlice in one of our classes. Can I kindly request that children with long hair wear it tied up, which will help prevent the spread of head lice. Thank you.

### School Meals

After half term the school meals menu will be on week 3 and there will be a special menu for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. [Link](#)

School Council lunchtime  
KS2 Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm

**Friday 10th March**

School Council Cake Morning for  
the earthquake victims  
9.00-10.00am  
Nursery Stay and Play sessions  
11.00-11.45am and 2.30-3.10pm  
Girls Football CV league pm,  
Hebburn Comp  
Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm

**Dates for next half term**

All dates for next half term are below. Any changes to these dates will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

Take care,  
Mr P Craig  
Headteacher



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Head Teacher: Mr. P. Craig  
Friday 17 February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is that time of year again when we celebrate our love of books for 'World Book Day'! We will be celebrating in school on **Thursday 2nd March**.

#WorldBookDay

You do NOT need to bring in any money for this event. ALL children usually receive a book token on World Book Day. However, this year, we have already worked with WHSmith in Newcastle to swap the tokens for books. Therefore, your child will receive a book to take home.

This year our theme is **'We love books and kindness matters'**

***We will be celebrating in school by doing some of these activities...***

- Fancy dress can be a fictional or non-fictional character\*
- Design a classroom door to re-create the cover of your class book.
- Big Book Swap – bring in a book from home that you have finished reading (in good condition) and swap it for another book.
- Peer reading sessions – the children will be reading with other children in school
- Teacher swap – teachers bring in their favourite book to read to a different class.
- Design a book cover and create a book review of your favourite book. The best ones will be displayed in our school library.

After such successful Amazon Wish Lists in the past, we have decided to run this again in accordance with our World Book Day theme of **'We love books and kindness matters'**. Please use this link to help support our school and help maintain the wide variety of books in our school library if you can.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3UI2BTH4WIMSW?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3UI2BTH4WIMSW?ref_=wl_share)

**Community Book Exchange** - If your child does not have any books at home which they would like to use as part of the 'book swap' then please feel free to use our replenished 'Community Book Exchange' box outside of the Y1/2 doors.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bertram  
(Literacy Lead)

February	Monday 27th February	Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunch every Monday)
		<b>Y3 Swimming until 27th March pm</b>
		Football club 3.15-4.15pm
		<b>First Holy Communion Parents Meeting 7.00pm</b>
	Tuesday 28th February	Proposed NEU Strike Action day
March	Wednesday 1st March	Guitar club lunchtimes
		<b>Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm</b>
		<b>First Holy Communion Session 5 in Church 3.30-4.30pm</b>
		Parents' Evening <b>A</b>
	Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
		School Council lunchtimes
		Choir lunchtimes
		Gymnastics club 3.15-4.15pm
	Friday 3rd March	Lost property table out 3.00pm
		Girls' Football 3.15-4.15pm
	Sunday 5th March	<b>First Holy Communion Special Liturgy</b>
	Monday 6th March	Photographer in school
	Tuesday 7th March	<b>Reception Class Liturgy in school hall 9.00am</b>
		RE Ambassadors lunchtimes
		Digital maths/homework club lunchtimes
		Parents' Evening <b>B</b>
	Wednesday 8th March	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
		Tag Rugby 3.15-4.30pm
	Thursday 9th March	<b>Reception Multisport Festival am, Temple Park</b>
	Friday 10th March	School Council Cake Morning for the earthquake victims 9.00-10.00am (details to follow)
Nursery Stay and Play sessions 11.00-11.45am and 2.30-3.10pm		
Girls Football CV league pm, Hebburn CompL		
Sunday 12th March	<b>First Holy Communion Special Liturgy</b>	
Monday 13th March	'Kindness Matters' Week (Details to follow)	
	Kindness Matters Liturgy for parents led by Y6 9.10am	
Tuesday 14th March	Rock Kidz in school (Details to follow)	

Wednesday 15th March	Proposed NEU Strike Action day
	Y5/6 Inter Counties Swimming Gala (8 pupils) 12.30 - 3.30pm (arrival from midday for changing)
	<b>First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm</b>
Thursday 16th March	Proposed NEU Strike Action day
	<b>First Holy Communion Parents Meeting 7.00pm</b>
Friday 17th March	'Kindness Matters' Super Learning Day (Details to follow)
Monday 20th March	<b>Y2 visit to West Boldon Lodge all day</b>
	Family Maths games after school (Details to follow)
Tuesday 21st March	<b>Y4 Music Festival rehearsal am</b>
	Football Gidney League 3.30pm
	<b>Y4 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm</b>
Wednesday 22nd March	<b>Y1 Music Festival rehearsal am</b>
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	<b>Y1 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm</b>
Thursday 23rd March	<b>Y5 Class Mass in Church 9.15am</b>
Friday 24th March	Movie Night
Monday 27th March	<b>Y6 Heights &amp; Weights in school</b>
Tuesday 28th March	Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 29th March	Girls Football CV League pm at Temple Park
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	<b>First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm</b>
Thursday 30th March	Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby League am
	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 31st March	Stations of the Cross service in Church 9.15am
	End of term
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April Easter break Pupils return on Monday 17th April	