



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. The remainder of the summer term is a very busy one. We have lots of exciting activities planned for both pupils and parents/carers. Please check the calendar on the back of this newsletter and put some dates in your diary.

This year has been another busy with lots to celebrate! Initial data shows some fantastic progress across the school in lots of different subjects and classes. Lots to celebrate very soon!

Mr Brown

Staffing

Following a rigorous interview process I am delighted to inform you that Mr Haynes has been offered the post as our new Deputy Headteacher from September 2026.

We are still completing the recruitment process for some other staffing changes in September – watch this space for updates!

Transition

On Tuesday 30th June, pupils will spend part of the morning in their new classes for September. They will be able to meet their new class teacher to help them prepare for this transition. We will share an updated list of classes and staffing next week.

Year 6 SATS

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils during their end of Key Stage tests last half term. We were really proud with their dedication to trying their best to 'believe, achieve and soar with pride'.

Results will not be released for a few weeks but we know that will have done themselves and the school proud.

Enjoy your final few weeks of primary school Year 6 – I am very excited for the leavers play and assembly!

Summer Reading Events

Book Fair – Date TBC

This year we are running our summer book fair a little differently. We want to be able to offer all our children a wide range of books at affordable prices. We have therefore decided to run it ourselves.

Weather permitting, we are going to be running it on the school playground, at the end of the school day. There will be a wide range of books on offer for everyone with 100% of the profits going back into school to support future events for the children. Watch this space for a confirmed date (weather pending).

Summer Book'nic – Date TBC

This year we are planning another summer book'nic at the park. We plan to run this event later this half term and a date will be set based on the weather forecast. We will provide more information once a date has been set but we know lots of you have been asking about this wonderful event!

Behaviour at drop off/collection

It has come to my attention that there has been an increase in the use of foul and abusive language at the main gate. Although not directed towards pupils or staff, please be mindful of the number of pupils around at this time.

This also goes for an increased amount of smoking close to the school gates. Can I ask that you please stand away from the main gates if you choose to smoke/vape at drop off/collection time.

I have been really proud of the increased links we have developed with our parents and carers over the last 2 years and know that we will continue to work together to give our pupils the best start in life.



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Have you moved home, changed your phone number recently? Please make sure we hold the correct contact details for you or any of the emergency contacts you have given us for your child.

Summer time!

With the sun shining and summer on its way, can we please remind children to ensure that they are wearing weather appropriate uniform and clothing. The good old British weather can be unpredictable so please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.

When the sun is shining, please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and Slip, Slap, Slop on some suncream before school!



Year 5 Ambassadors @ The Big Debate

Our Year 5 Ambassadors have not had as many opportunities this year that they would normally receive to support the local community. Unfortunately, Glenys, our community champion, has been unwell and so this has limited the work they can do. However, they have been invited by Durham Youth Council to take part in this years 'Big Debate'. They are excited at the opportunity to debate topics such:

"Should the government have the power to ban all social media and online gaming for everyone under 16 to protect their mental health?"

"Is it ethical to keep animals as pets, or should we stop breeding animals for human companionship and let them live wild?"

Keep watching Class Dojo for an update on how they get on!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June

Wednesday 24th June

Friday 26th June

Tuesday 30th June

Friday 3rd July

Monday 6th July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Friday 10th July

Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

RSHCE Parents Information Workshop

Year 5/6 Alternative Sports Festival

Year 2 Church visits

Year 5 Ambassadors @ The Big Debate

Whole School DT Picnic

Whole School Transition

Year 6 Transition to Ferryhill School

EYFS Stay & Play

School Council @ Parliament

Parent/Carer Story & Craft event

Sports Day

Reception @ Durham

Reception Parent Workshop

Year 6 Leavers Play

Reception Graduation

Summer Fayre

Year 6 Leavers BBQ

Whole School surprise event

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**School closes for summer at 15.15 on Friday 17th July 2026.
School will reopen at 08:45 on Thursday 3rd September 2026.**

Summer Fayre

With the sun shining and summer on its way, what better way to end the term than with a summer fayre. After the success of our Christmas Fayre, we are planning to make this year's event bigger and better. If you have any donations for a tombola, raffle please bring them into the school office.

If you are having a clear out, we are also looking for donations of toys, books, games etc. Please bring them into the school office. We have lots of exciting stalls planned and look forward to seeing you there!

