22nd May 2026

Sports Week

Despite the mixed weather we have had a fantastic Sports Week - we have thrown javelins, ran, and 'wanged wellies' to list only a few of the events. Please visit the Facebook page to see more photos of our week.

The week started superbly with a Year 2-6 carousel of events. The sun shone and parents and family members soaked up the atmosphere from the hillside. They witnessed a full range of sporting activities, with many children excelling at the challenges set. A big shout out goes to Nico; what a keeper! Thank you, I did enjoy a rest this year from the 300 penalties taken.

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind on Tuesday for KS2 Sports Day, and we will confirm the new arrangements for you all in due course.

On Wednesday the Year 6 pupils made us very proud as they led the Fun afternoon for KS1, and they were fantastic when helping and supporting the younger children. To finish off the week Years One to Six took part in the Saltwell Park Fun Run. A huge thank you to parents who came along to support their children at the events this week. Finally, we hope that parents and children have a wonderful half term holiday.

What's happening after half term

Monday 1st June	Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Incoming Reception parents meeting 5pm**
Tuesday 2nd June	Reception PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school) Athletics Team Training (after school) **pm – Year 5 Lawn Bowls Festival**
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) **Year 3 Trip – Durham University oriental Museum**
Thursday 4th June	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Year 1/2 Parents meeting 5pm** **am – Y3/4 Quadkids Indoor Athletics Competition**
Friday 5th June	KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
22/05/26	Break up for half term	
Half term Holiday		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
w/b 01/06/26	Learning plan review week	tbc
04/06/26	Rec and Y1 parents meeting	5pm
w/b 08/06/26	KS1 Phonics check week	
w/b 15/6/26	Diversity Week	
15/06/26	Class photographs day	
19/6/26	Non uniform Day	
22/6/26	SEND Coffee Morning	
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
02/07/26	Y1 and Year 2 Washington Wetlands	
08/07/26	New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning	09:15
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
09/07/26	Reception trip Tynemouth Aquarium	
10/07/26	**South Shields leavers trip**	
13/07/26	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
14/07/26	Reception summer picnic	pm
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

Curricula enrichment activities throughout the year		
Year group	Destination	Date
R	Northern Stage Theatre	11/12/25
	Tynemouth Aquarium	9/07/26
	Trip to the library	tbc
1 /2	Centre for Life	05/11/25
	Washington Wetlands	2/07/26
	Church and Library	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
3	Panto	11/12/25
	Laing Art Gallery – Sketching	21/01/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Jewish Community local walk	tbc
	Durham University Oriental Museum– Egypt	03/06/26
4	Sunderland winter Gardens Geography Trip	21/10/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Jarrow Hall – history trip	20/04/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
5	Panto	11/12/25
	Shipcote Art Gallery – in school workshop	tbc
	Centre for life – Science Day	27/01/26
	Shipcote Art Gallery – Art (awaiting booking window to open)	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
6	Lockerbie Manor residential	26-28/11/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Field work enquiry	tbc
	Trip to South Shields – Leaver's celebration	10/07/26

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
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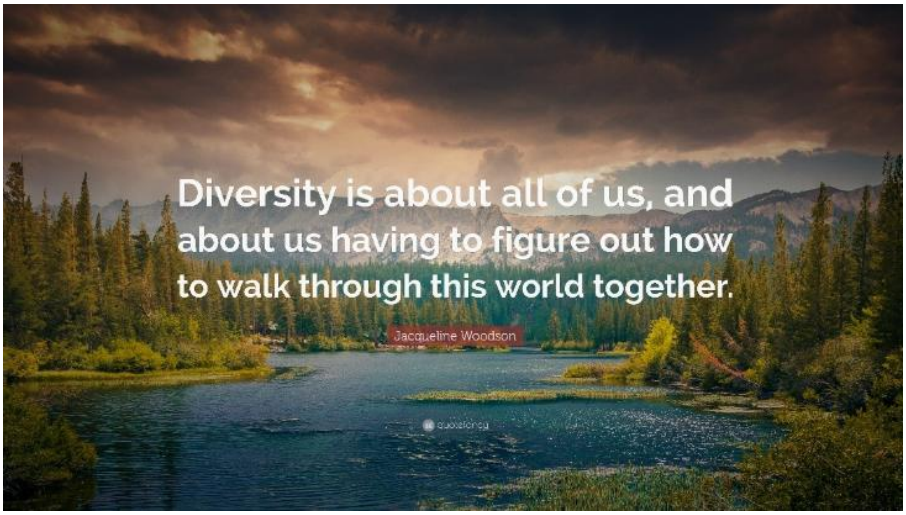
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/25 – 23/10/25 03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1 Spring 2	06/01/26 - 20/02/26 02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1 Summer 2	20/04/26 – 22/05/26 01/06/26 – 16/07/26
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/25 24/10/25 05/01/26 04/05/26 – bank holiday 17/07/26 - occasional day



Diversity Week

During our Diversity week beginning 15th June we will be focussing on Buddhism, Chinese Culture & Meditation/Relaxation. The children will be learning about Buddhism and taking part in activities such as Forest bathing and Sound baths. On Friday 19th June the children should come into school wearing old clothes (t-shirts, leggings, joggers) as we will all be working outdoors on Friday afternoon to improve, garden, tidy and clean our outdoor spaces.

Donations for outdoor play

Many thanks to parents who donated items for our continued development of outdoor play. The school councillors have taken a lead in developing this with Mrs Cassin and made some super suggestions for the yard areas. Friends of Oakfield have supported school previously to purchase equipment for the KS1 yard and are now sourcing new equipment for the KS2 yard.

Tempest Photography Consent Summer term 2026

Tempest Photography will be in school to take class photographs on Monday 15th June 26 and we are seeking consent for this. Please complete the Parental Consent on Arbor Parent Portal to advise if you consent or decline for your child to have their photo taken by Monday 8th June. Without consent your child will not be included in the class photo

Staff Update

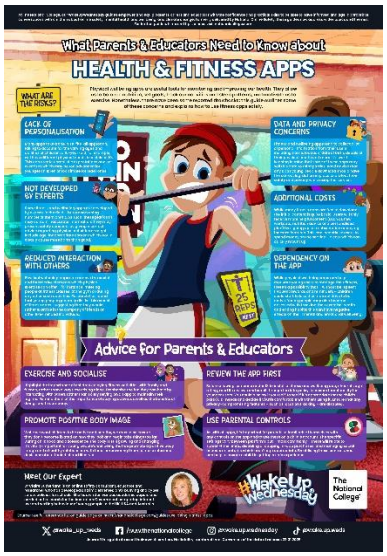
Miss Edmundson is starting her maternity leave today and we look forward to hearing news of her new arrival.

Star points total per week	
	Summer 1
R	3’180
1	1’844
2	2’521
3	1’867
4	1’522
5	1’771
6	5’376

Safeguarding

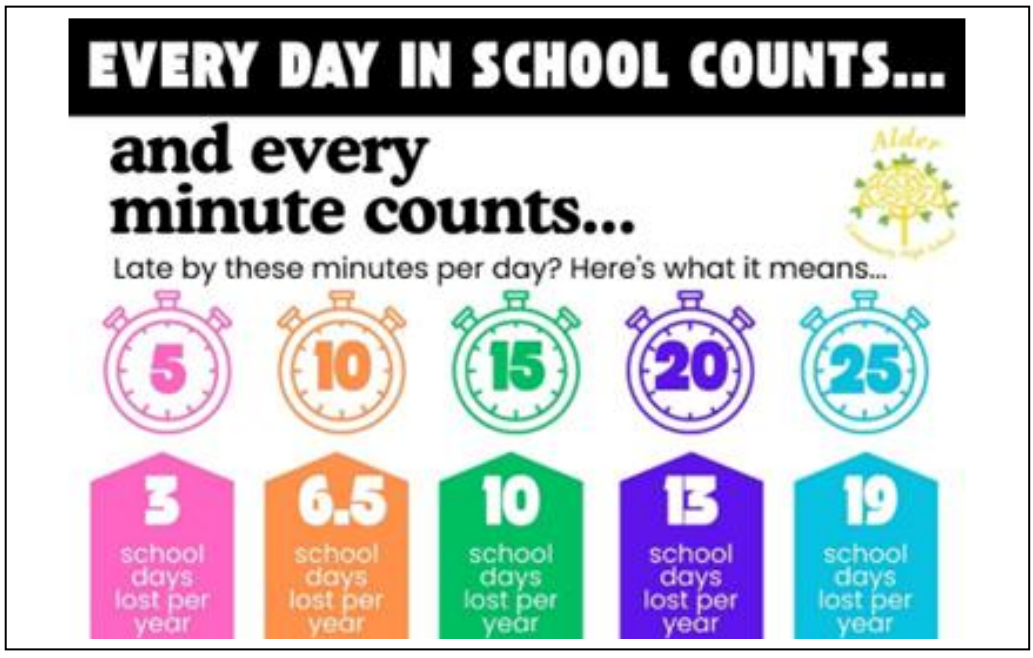
Over time, more and more fitness apps have been finding their way into circulation. Usually free to download – at least initially – these apps claim to offer helpful advice and assistance in routine management to those looking to lead a healthier lifestyle.

While these platforms can be useful, they do present several safety concerns. These issues become more significant when we consider that children and young people can use these apps to stay active – whether out of concern for their own health or for reasons of body image. Our guide breaks down the risks of health and fitness apps and offers expert advice on how to address these concerns to safeguard younger users.



School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Summer 1	
	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	95.8	0.47
Infant Overall	95.5	0.66
6	98.6	0.69
5	95.9	0.72
4	94.8	0.22
3	94.1	0.24
2	96.7	0.44
1	93.0	0.85
R	96.1	0.74

Thank you all for a fantastic term. We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st June 2026.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head