

Easter Newsletter

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Happy Easter

The second-half of the Spring term has gone by in a flash –less than five weeks since February half-term, however, it has been a really positive and busy time in school. Over the half-term we have celebrated World Book Day, Red Nose Day (£301.51 pounds raised!) and spent some time learning about Down Syndrome as part of World Down Syndrome day. On Friday last week we joined in with other schools throughout the Stockton area to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease. You may have seen the orange and purple balloons decorating the school site. As a whole school we had a special collective worship where we learnt about the impact MND has on peoples lives and then, as year groups and classes, we took part in a walk around the school site with the challenge of walking enough laps to make up a

mile. Although the main aim of the day was to raise awareness of this disease, we also raised £266.69 for this charity, thank you for everyone's kindness and generosity.



Easter is always a very special time of year at our school. Week by week the number of Easter eggs that have been donated has steadily grown and this week will see the annual Easter raffle! Towards the end of the week each class will have also taken part in an Easter Egg Hunt. As a Church school revisiting the Easter Story is important and I would like to thank Year 5 pupils for retelling this to us at St Marks Church on Wednesday.



Summer Term Dates

Please take time to read through the dates for the summer term. This year we have moved the Summer Sports days earlier. Rather than them taking place in late July, we are hoping to hold them (along with colour runs) on the week before half-term. The reason being is that we hope to avoid date clashes with High School transition days for our Year 6 pupils. As always, these rely on good weather –fingers crossed. Secondly, for those families in Year 6 the leavers performance of Joseph will be held on Wednesday 24th June with two performances at 2pm and 5.00pm. Again this is try and avoid date clashes with High School transition.

Collective Worship

The theme for this half-term is:

Holy Week and Easter

We have looked the events that happened at Easter and reflected on what that means for Christians throughout the world

Attendance

Attendance at school very important and to further support this the school will be working with an Education Welfare Officer, to work with pupils and families where attendance is a concern. This primarily means attendance of 90% or less.

After the Easter holiday, the Family Support Worker will work with school to identify families and pupils and look to support with improving attendance. Please can I also stress that holidays should not be taken during term time. These are rarely authorised and nearly always result in a fine.



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Upcoming dates at school

22.4.2026 Upper KS2 Joseph Theatre trip

28.04.2026 Y3/4 Quad Kids 12:30-14:30

4.5.2026 Bank Holiday Monday

5.5.2026 School Clubs to start (information to be shared after the Easter Break)

5.5.26 Swimming for Class 6 –2 week block

11.5.26 YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2026 –ALL YEAR SIX PUPILS

Monday, May 11: English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (Paper 1 & 2)

Tuesday, May 12: English Reading (Paper 1)

Wednesday, May 13: Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic & Paper 2: Reasoning)

Thursday, May 14: Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)

14.5.2026 Y6 End of SAT Park visit

Sports Days + Colour runs

19.5.26 -Lower Key Stage 2 (Class 4,5 and 6) 1.15-2.30pm followed by Colour Run @ 2.30pm

20.5.26 -EYFS Nursery am 9.30-10am. Nursery pm and Reception 1.45-2.30pm followed by Colour Run @ 2.30pm for Reception children

21.5.26 Upper Key Stage 2 (Class 7,8 and 9) 1.15 -2.30pm followed by Colour Run @ 2.30pm

22.5.26 Key Stage 1(Class 1,2 and 3) 1.15 -2.30pm followed by Colour Run @2.30pm

25.5.2026 Half-term Week

Reserve dates for Sports days and Colours runs in event of poor weather: Week beginning 1.6.2026 –details shared if needed

1.6.2026 Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check week –all Year 4 pupils

4.06.2026 Active Literacy Trail Class 1 12:30-14:30

8.6.26-12.6.26 Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week –all Year 1 pupils

10.6.2026 **Year 6 leavers event at Oakbridge CofE Primarys School, Northallerton**

15.6.2026 Last week for School clubs

24.6.2026 **Year Six performance of Joseph for parents and carers** @ 2pm and 5pm

23.6.26 Y5 Dodgeball –team event- 12.00 -2.30pm

30/06/2026 Y5/6 Cricket –team event- 9.00 - 3.00pm

29.6.26 Reception New starters meeting @ 6pm – 6.45pmin the school hall for parents and carers of Children that will be joining Reception in September

9.7.2026 End of year school reports to parents and carers

10.7.2026 **PTA Summer Fayre** 3.30-5.30pm

15.7.26 Year Six Leavers Service at Church 2pm

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Family Hub Support at School

Want to know what support is available for you and your family from Thornaby Family Hub?

Want to find out what support is available at home, with SEND, with Attendance?

Emma from Thornaby Family Hub will be attending **Thornaby C of E** each Tuesday morning during the next half term, starting **Tuesday 21st April**. She is available to meet parents and carers from **8:45am** and will be in school until **9:45am**. Emma is here to speak to families about Family Hub services and to offer signposting and support where possible


Family Hubs Drop-in

The Family Hubs team will be in school

 **every Tuesday**

this half term

 **from 8.45am until 9.45am**

 Speak to us about your local Family Hub
and the support available for you!

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Terms Dates 2025/26 and 2026/27

Easter holiday is: Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026

Summer term 2026 Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026

Mayday is MONDAY 4th May 2026

Half-term is: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday 2026 is Monday 20th July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September

Autumn term 2026

The Autumn term is Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December

Half-term is: Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October (**PLEASE NOTE FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER IS A TRAINING DAY**)

Christmas holidays are: Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 2027 (**PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 4th JANUARY IS A TRAINING DAY**)

Spring term 2027

The Spring term is: Tuesday 5th January to Thursday March 25th 2027

Half-term is: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Easter holiday is: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer term 2027 Monday 12th April to Tuesday 20th July 2027

Half-term is: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Summer holiday 2027 is Wednesday 21st July 2027

