



March 2026 Newsletter

April has crept upon me - apologies for this slightly late March newsletter!

While Spring 2, on paper, is a short half term we still manage to pack it full of fun! Here are a few photos of some of the whole-school events the children (and staff and parents) have enjoyed this month: Spring disco; World Book Day; reading cafes; book swap; Easter tomobola; egg decorating and our Easter egg hunt.

What a month!



**Big shout out to
 The Friends for making
 some of these events
 possible.**



SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that from 20th April 2026, Durham County Council are increasing the price of school meals from £2.95 to £3.08 for children in Years 3 to 6 and from £3.54 to £3.70 for children in Pre-School.

Another change to be aware of regarding school meal payments is being brought about in an attempt to address some debt issues we have in school. We are bringing the procedure for paying for school meals in line with those for paying for wraparound provision: accounts on Arbor will have to be in credit to be able to order a school meal.

Over the Easter holiday, please go onto Arbor and select either packed lunch or school dinner preferences. In order to select school dinner, your account will need to be in credit for the amount of school dinners you are selecting. For example, if your child is in Year 4 and you select school dinner Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the first week back, your account will need to be in credit £9.24.

If these preferences are not made and therefore school dinners are not ordered and paid for, we will check to see if your child has a packed lunch in school. If they have not, you will be contacted by a member of the office team requesting that you top up your account in order for a school dinner to be ordered and provided or bring your child a packed lunch. If accounts are not topped up by 10:30 AM, your child will be given a sandwich from the kitchen and you will be charged for the price of a school dinner.

The last thing we want is for this to effect the children so please ensure that meal preferences are completed and accounts are in credit.

That just leaves me to say - Happy Easter! I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term on Monday 20th April 2026.

PARENTS' EVENING

I am delighted to say that this term's parents' evenings have been our best attended yet! I hope you found the opportunity to view your child's work and meet with your child's class teacher beneficial. It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week.

Thank you for your support.

PARENT GOVERNOR

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor. All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, further information has been sent in an email.

ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE

It is no surprise to any of us that social media and online content can pose significant risks to children - which can include negative effects on mental health, cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content, addiction and anger... to name but a few.

Please click on the links below to some very current documents and support which I'm sure all parents and carers will find informative - and possibly, worrying. Often during holiday periods, children spend longer accessing social media and other online content so these documents are definitely worth bearing in mind.

[Online Safety: New Guidance for Families](#)

[20 Apps Parents and Carers Need To Know](#)



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