

Summer term already—how ever did that happen? Planning in summer term dates that include events like Sports Day and a Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, after a 2 year hiatus, is most welcome! This year's summer calendar also includes a Platinum Jubilee, of course, and while our planning for this is beginning to take shape, there will be more on this to follow shortly. Meanwhile, do take a good look at dates listed at the end of this month's newsletter - it's just great seeing the diary filling up again. Don't forget we also display our diary dates on the school website too. Depending on your perspective, you might consider the return of statutory testing in some primary year groups a rather less welcome return to the school calendar, but the Department for Education is keen that schools across England resume the usual suite of testing this term. These will take place as follows:

Who ?	What?	When?
Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs	Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May
Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs	Across the month of May
Year 1	Phonics Check	Week Commencing Monday 6th June
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Week Commencing Monday 6th June

Here's to a successful new term ahead!

With best wishes

Kerrie Hood

Head Teacher

### School Lunch Menu Change: **Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th May**

Issues with food delivery on Monday 2nd May has necessitated a new menu for school meals next week, as follows:

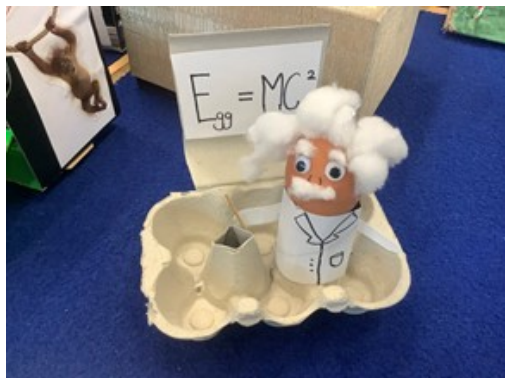
Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Sausage and Mash with Seasonal Veg	Pasta Bolognese and Garlic Bread	Fish and Chips with Beans or Peas
Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Veggie Korma, Rice and Naan Bread	Mexican Bean Chilli	Quiche with Potato Wedges
Homemade Biscuit, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit	Flapjacks, Cheese and Crackers or Fresh Fruit	Cupcakes, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit

### PTA News

Our thanks to our PTA Committee who ably raised **£186** in the recent Easter Tombola. Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed by buying tickets. Next, our PTA committee will be holding their spring raffle with many lovely prizes to be won. More news to follow

# Paste Egg Bonanza!

We absolutely LOVED the paste eggs that were submitted for the Paste Egg competition before Easter. Wow! It was clear that so much time and effort had gone into these—thank you! Mrs Armstrong and Miss Robson, our esteemed judges, really had their work cut out for them in selecting the winners. You can see the array of egg-cellent (sorry!) eggs on our website; this is just a small selection.



Go to: [Paste Egg Gallery | Fellside Community Primary School](https://fellsideprimary.co.uk)  
([fellsideprimary.co.uk](https://fellsideprimary.co.uk))  
for more photographs



## VEX National Championships, Telford—24th and 25th April



Having qualified via local heats, our Year 6 Roboteers ventured to Telford last week-end to take part in the VEX National Championships. A two day competition, our teams did incredibly well by getting through to the Primary Finals, both teams finishing in the top 5! What is even more amazing is that most of these children only started to learn robotics within the last 3-4 months! Happily, all are really keen to keep this new found interest up when they transfer

### Robot Girl Squad

to their new secondary schools in September. Speaking of continuing in secondary school, we were delighted to hear that x4 of our 'Class of 2019' Year 6 pupils (and runners up at VEX Nationals that year) are STILL robotics! They too were taking part in Nationals again this year, albeit no longer representing Fellside, of course. It is great to know they are still as motivated as ever!

We're already growing teams of successors to take over the robotics helm when our current teams leave us in July, and we look forward to seeing them in action as they learn and progress. Meanwhile huge congratulations to our 2022 teams—we are proud of their achievements!

Thanks to parents who accompanied their children to Telford, and to coach, Michael Nelson. A big shout out to the Reece Foundation who kindly sponsored our teams too.

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### Team VEXcellence



More photos  
on our web-  
site

## Good to be Green Behaviour Awards

**Congratulations to the 170 children across school (Reception to Year 6) who were awarded their 'Good to be Green' behaviour certificate for exemplary conduct and behaviour across the spring term. These children remained 'on green' (linked to our behaviour policy) every single school day between January 5th and April 8th. Well done, children—and thank you!**



### Extra Curricular Provision

We aim to keep our school website up to date with as much accurate information as possible, including that outlining our after-school club provision.

[SCHOOL CLUBS: Our Extra-Curricular Provision | Fellside Community Primary School \(fellsideprimary.co.uk\)](http://fellsideprimary.co.uk)

Club Activity	Frequency and Timings	Operating this term, weekly on the following dates
Athletics Trials (KS2)	3.20pm-5.00pm	Thursday 5th May to Thursday 26th May (4 weeks) PLUS Thursday 9th June to Thursday 30th June for those selected to compete in event at Gateshead Stadium
Hockey (KS2)	3.20pm-5.00pm	Tuesday 26th April to Tuesday 26th April (5 weeks)
Techytots (Y1/2)	7.45am-8.45am	Tuesday 26th April to Tuesday 5th July (10 weeks)
Robotics (Y3/4)	3.15pm-4.15pm	Tuesday 10th May to Tuesday 28th June (7 weeks)
Game Karate (Y1/2)	7.45am-8.45am	Wednesday 27th April to Wednesday 6th July (10 weeks) Gradings Wed 13th July
Little Kickers (Y1/2)	3.15pm-4.20pm	Thursday 28th April to Thursday 7th July (10 weeks)
Karate (KS2)	7.45am-8.45am	Thursday 28th April to Thursday 7th July (10 weeks) Gradings Wednesday 13th July
Little Rugby (Reception)	3.15pm-4.20pm	Friday 29th April to Friday 8th July (excludes Friday 1st July – 9 weeks)
KS2 Hockey at Whickham School	5.00pm—6.30pm	Friday 22nd April to Friday 24th June (9 weeks)

## Times Table Challenge

Our Times Table Challenge is well-embedded at Fellside, with a progressive structure that spans all year groups. To be 'on track' children will be about to commence their 'gold' learning in the summer term ahead. Congratulations to the many children who earned their silver certificate before Easter.

TIMES TABLE CHALLENGE Programme Overview				
	BRONZE AUTUMN TERM	SILVER SPRING TERM	GOLD SUMMER TERM	PLATINUM SUMMER TERM (Extension)
RECEPTION	Count reliably from one to ten	Count reliably from one to twenty	Count reliably from one to twenty and say which number is one more or one less than a given number	Count reliably in multiples of 2 (to 24) and in multiples of 10 (to 120)
YEAR 1	Count reliably from one to twenty and say which number is one more or one less than a given number	Count reliably in multiples of 2 (to 24) and in multiples of 10 (to 120)	Count reliably in multiples of 2 (to 24), multiples of 10 (to 120) and multiples of 5 to 60.	Reliably chant the x2 and x10 times table (to 12 x 2 and 12 x 10 respectively)
YEAR 2	Count reliably in multiples of 2 (to 24), multiples of 10 (to 120) and multiples of 5 to 60	Reliably chant the x2 and x10 times table (to 12 x 2 and 12 x 10 respectively)	Reliably chant the x5 times table (to 12 x 5) and reliably count in multiples of 3 to 36	Reliably chant the x3 table (to 12 x 3)
YEAR 3	Reliably chant the x2, x5 and x10 times tables (to 12 x 2, 12 x 5 and 12 x 10 respectively)	Reliably chant the x3 and x4 times tables (to 12 x 3 and 12 x 4 respectively)	Reliably chant the x8 times table (to 12 x 8 respectively)	Reliably chant the x6, x7 and x9 times tables (to 12 x 6, 12 x 7 and 12 x 9 respectively)
YEAR 4	Reliably chant the x3, x4 and x8 times tables (to 12 x 3, 12 x 4 and 12 x 8 respectively)	Reliably chant the x6, x7 and x9 times tables (to 12 x 6, 12 x 7 and 12 x 9 respectively)	Reliably chant the x11 and x12 times tables (to 12 x 11 and 12 x 12 respectively)	Instantly recall number facts, at random, for all times tables from x2 to x12 inclusive.
YEAR 5	Reliably chant the x11 and x12 times tables (to 12 x 11 and 12 x 12 respectively)	Instantly recall number facts, at random, for all times tables from x2 to x12 inclusive <i>and</i> know all prime numbers to 50	Reliably count in and instantly recall square numbers to 12 squared.	Reliably count in and instantly recall cube numbers to 12 cubed.
YEAR 6	Instantly recall number facts, at random, for all times tables from x2 to x12 inclusive <i>and</i> know all prime numbers to 50	Know all prime numbers to 100 and reliably count in and instantly recall square numbers to 12 squared	Reliably count in and instantly recall cube numbers to 12 cubed	Instantly recall facts at random from all times tables (to 12 x 12), prime, square and cube numbers.  <b>Please contact your child's class teacher if you require further information on this.</b>



## Assembly Themes this Term

**British Values**

**Eid al Fitr**

**The Royal Family - what is the job of the monarchy?**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee - remarkable events in her reign**

**World Oceans Day**

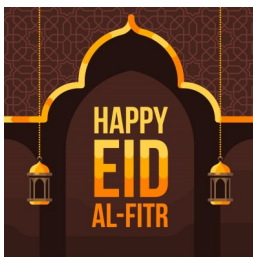
**Healthy Eating Week**

**World Refugee Day - What is a refugee? Where are they around the world and what is being done to help them?**

**School Sports Week**

**Summer Safety**

**Moving On—Preparing for Transition (new school year ahead)**



## SMSC: Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Our plans for how we might mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Fellside are taking shape and an announcement will follow soon!



### School Appearance

Please help us to maintain standards in appearance for school by adhering to the following:

- Long hair tied back in a pony tail or plait
- No nail varnish please
- Ties to be worn every day

**Your cooperation is appreciated.**

### Whickham School

Year 6 parents whose children will move to Whickham School for Year 7 in September may be interested to see the Y6 transition pages of their school website accessed via the following link:

[Welcome Year 6 | Whickham School](#)



We are prepping for the Platinum Jubilee and looking for some help with the supply of **red, white and blue** pom poms. These need to be a reasonable size (something the size of a medium apple would be perfect) with enough of a woollen loop to hang them from. Wool would be the perfect material as we want to use them outside, so they have to have some resilience and durability.

### How to Make a Perfect Pom Pom—online guidance and tutorials

[How to Make a PERFECT POM POM Every Time - YouTube](#)

[The Secret to Making the Perfect Pom Pom - YouTube](#)

[How to Make Pom Poms \[DIY Easy Method\] - Gathered](#)

[How to Make Yarn Pom-Poms \(thesprucecrafts.com\)](#)



All pom poms to be in school by 27th May please—last day of this half

## Nursery Update from Miss Hawley

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and got some rest! We did need it after our trip to Hall Hill Farm! The children were so incredibly behaved and did our whole school proud! We bottle fed lamb and goats, held chicks, rabbits and guinea pigs, fed sheep and goats, saw the pigs, piglets and the donkeys, did endless amounts of walking, and even went on a very bumpy tractor ride. It was a great day.

We are non-stop here in Nursery and so it continues in the summer term ahead. This half term, we are going mad about minibeasts! We're learning all about them.... different types, what they look like, what they might eat, where they live, anything you can possibly imagine! I'm talking spiders, worms, bugs, creepy crawlies... the lot! We're very excited about the world of the minibeasts!

Don't forget that £5 half termly donations are due in again if you haven't already sent it in. This helps us do all the wonderful, fun things we can in Nursery, such as baking cakes and making playdough, and much more. Also, it would be wonderful if we could have any spare egg boxes you might have for an upcoming project!

## Jubilee Picnic - Friday 10th June

Mrs Hopper, our lovely school cook, will prepare a summer picnic lieu of the usual school lunch on Friday 10th June. This must be pre-ordered and a form will be sent home with children for this shortly. On the menu:

- Ham, cheese, tuna mayo or egg mayo sandwich
- Sausage roll/veggie sausage roll
- Crisps
- Jubilee biscuit and a mini Victoria sponge cake
- Juice/water



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**Our Governing Body : All members of our governing body can be contacted via the school office**

Mrs Louise Levy	Chair of Governors	Mrs Leonie Ducker	Co-opted Governor
Mr Ryan Gibson	Vice Chair of Governors	Mrs TD Petrie	Associated Governor
Mrs Kerrie Hood	Head Teacher		
Mrs Ruth Thornber	Staff Governor		
Mr Michael Lamb	Parent Governor		
Mr Jeff Bowe	LA Appointed Governor		
Mr Rob Caffrey	Co-opted Governor		
Mrs Kirsty Smith	Co-opted Governor		
Mrs Karen Tann	Co-opted Governor		
Ms Lucy Philipson	Co-opted Governor		
Mrs Helen Kelt	Co-opted Governor		



## Sports News



**Related website post:**

[Tyne and Wear Champions! | Fellside Community Primary School \(fellsideprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.fellsideprimary.co.uk/news/tyne-and-wear-champions/)

Our Year 5 and 6 Football team represented the Whickham Cluster at the Gateshead Finals in Ryton on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April and finished in a remarkable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done!

Two of our Year 5 and 6 Hockey teams qualified through to regional finals in North Shields on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Following a wonderful afternoon of hockey, our 'B' team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place with our 'A' team winning the competition and crowned **Tyne and Wear Champions**. Well done to both teams.

Congratulations and thanks to our respective coaches, Mrs Storey and Miss Knox.



## Summer Term Diary Dates

Year 6 SAT Breakfast Clubs  
Parents Evenings  
May Bank Holiday  
Year 6 SATs  
Dance Workshop (Reception and Year 1)  
Cricket@ The Glebe (Year 6)  
Fun Run at Saltwell Park (Year 6)  
Jubilee Celebrations (dress in red, white and blue)  
Half Term Holiday  
Year 1 Phonics Check Week\*  
Visit to Vindolanda  
Queen's Jubilee Picnic  
Dance Festival, Sage Gateshead (Year 3)  
**Occasional Day: school closed**  
Visit to Washington Wetlands (Reception)  
International Café Event (hosted by Year 6)  
Year 6 Transition Days (Whickham School/Emmanuel)  
Visit to St Mary's Lighthouse (Year 1)  
**Additional closure day (in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday)**  
Nursery Toddle and Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Cricket @ The Glebe (Year 3)  
Sports Day (Reception to Year 6)  
Nursery Sports Days  
Meet the Teacher Transition Day  
Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Day Year 6  
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
Last day of school year

### Save the Date



### Sports Day!

**It's been too long!**  
**Monday 11th July**  
**1.30pm**

#### School Closures:

Monday 2nd May  
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June  
Monday 20th June  
Friday 1st July

Tues 26th April and 3rd May  
wc Monday 28th March and wc Monday 4th April  
Monday 2nd May  
Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May\*  
Tuesday 19th May\*  
Tuesday 23rd May\*  
Friday 27th May\*  
Friday 27th May\*  
Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June  
Week commencing Monday 6th June\*  
Thursday 9th June\*  
Friday 10th June\*  
Tuesday 15th June\*  
**Monday 20th June**  
Wednesday 22nd June\*  
Wednesday 22nd June\*  
Tuesday 28th June and Wednesday 29th June  
Wednesday 29th June\*  
**Friday 1st July\*\***  
Wednesday 6th July \*  
Wednesday 6th July\*  
Monday 11th July  
Monday 11th July (am and pm)  
Monday 18th July  
Monday 18th July\*  
Thursday 21st July (evening)\*  
Friday 22nd July

### Save the Date



### International Café

**Wednesday 22nd June from 3.30pm**  
**Hosted by Year 6**

May Day Bank Holiday  
Half Term Week  
Occasional Day  
Extra day in lieu of Jubilee\*\*

\*More information to follow

\*\*Closure on 1st July is due to the fact that the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls during May half term.