



23rd May 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Armstrong

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Clark

What a fantastic and full week it's been in school! Our Year 6 pupils have begun preparing for their end of term presentation, and Class 7 had a brilliant time on their trip to the School of Computing at Newcastle University – a great opportunity to explore technology in action. We also enjoyed our Summer PTFA Disco, which was a huge success – a big thank you to our amazing staff and volunteers for making it happen! And if that wasn't enough, we've also had our class photographs taken this week – phew! There's still lots to look forward to next half term. For now, enjoy a well-deserved break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd June**.

Class	EYFS1	EYFS2	EYFS3	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 9
Attendance	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Link for our [Term Dates](#)

To download our full attendance policy please follow this link - [Benedict Biscop Policies](#)



Strider is Coming to School!

We're excited to let you know that on **Tuesday 3rd June**, at school pick-up time, we'll be welcoming a very special guest to our school – **Strider**, the mascot for **Living Streets Sunderland!**

Strider will be joining us at the **front gate** (off the school field) to help promote the benefits of walking to school.

Children and families will have the opportunity to meet Strider and even take a photo with him!

Living Streets is a UK charity working to encourage more families to walk to school as part of a healthier, happier lifestyle. Their campaign highlights how walking—even part of the way—can help reduce traffic, improve wellbeing, support children's independence, and contribute to a cleaner environment.

We hope you'll join us for this exciting visit and help us support the message that **every step counts!**

Safeguarding Leads at Benedict Biscop

Mrs Armstrong	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Clark	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Thompson	LGB Safeguarding Lead

For further safeguarding information please click [here](#)

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF ...

Sonnie in Class 1

A big well done to Sonnie who has worked incredibly hard on his phonics this week! His teachers are so proud of his fantastic effort and determination – keep it up, Sonnie!



Have You Downloaded the Arbor App Yet?

We'll soon be using the **Arbor app** as our main way to communicate with parents and carers.

This means that **text messages and key updates will be sent directly through the app**, making it quicker and easier for you to stay connected with school news and information.

A huge thank you to those parents who have already downloaded it – we really appreciate your support in helping us make this transition as smooth as possible!

If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a moment to download the app.

Let's stay connected – we're looking forward to making communication easier and more efficient for everyone!

Please click [here](#) for more information.

PLEASE PARK AROUND SCHOOL WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS AND NOT ON THE PAVEMENTS

See Sunderland City Council's leaflet - [Think before you park!](#)



EYFS Stay & Play Sessions

TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

An opportunity for you to spend time in the provision with your child, exploring their learning environment & looking through their journal together.

Only one adult per child to ensure that everyone can be accommodated safely.

NURSERY - 9:45am to 11:15am

RECEPTION - 1:45pm to 3:15pm

We look forward to welcoming you

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM QUALIFYING FINALS

The girls competed in Finals Night of the 7-a-side football tournament on Thursday.

The girls played fantastic and came 3rd in the tournament. Well done everyone! And well done Mrs Clark too!



Thorney Close TFC Family Hub - Half Term Events

Sunderland Family Hubs - at the core of every Family Hub network is a great [Start for Life](#) for babies, from conception through to 2 years old. Support is also available to families of children aged up to 19, or to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged up to 25.



Please click on the link to find the [Thorney Close Family Hub half term timetable](#)

To find out more about family hubs please click on the link below;

[Together for children family hubs](#)



SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Our **Sports Day** will be taking place on **Tuesday 17th June** (for pupils in Class 1 to Class 9), weather permitting!

We are looking forward to a fun and active day for all our pupils and would love to welcome our families to come and support the children!

- **Key Stage 1** Sports Day will take place **in the morning**, with gates opening at approximately **9:15am**.
- **Key Stage 2** Sports Day will be held **in the afternoon**, with gates opening at approximately **1:15pm**.
 - EYFS pupils will take part in their own sports day at an in school only event TBC

Each event is expected to last no more than one hour.

We kindly ask that all **mobile phones are turned off** and that **no photographs are taken** during the event for safeguarding reasons. Please do not be offended if staff need to remind anyone of this on the day.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS AND PARK RESPONSIBLY

HOUSE POINTS

Cuthbert	2384
Aidan	1705
Bede	2000
Caedmon	2165



SUNCREAM

Please ensure that all children have sun protection in the warm weather - apply sunscreen before school and ensure children have sun

Useful Information

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With God all things are possible

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Active Sunderland

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND HALF TERM EVENTS

Active Sunderland will be hosting 2 FREE Family Fun

Days during May half term, here's where to find them:

Wednesday 28th May

At Ford Football Hub Keelman's Ln, South Hylton, Sunderland SR4 0RW

Friday 30th May

At Downhill Football Hub Kingsway Rd, Sunderland SR5 4BB

Both sessions are free to attend and no booking is necessary, just simply turn up and enjoy the fun between 10:00am-3:00pm. We will have multiple providers delivering different activities such as: Clubbercise, Boxersice, Dodgeball, Cross fit, HIIT training (High Intensity Interval Training), Basketball, Rugby ... and more!

As well as multiple information stalls on Health and wellbeing. We have providers such as NHS Oral Health community team, Everyone Active, Links for Life, Financial Inclusion and information around Active Sunderland.

Hope to see you there!

Class 7 Visit to The School of computing

Class 7 visited The School of Computing at Newcastle

University on Wednesday, they took part in a workshop where they had the opportunity to put their coding knowledge and skills into practise by programming robots!



Date for you Diary

Advance notice of our annual BBFest date

On Friday 4th July (PM)



Jeehaw

Further details will follow soon, this is a whole school event to which parents & wider families are all invited.

This year with a Country Music theme!



A MESSAGE FROM TYNE & WEAR FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service is urging parents and carers in Sunderland to help tackle a rise in deliberate fires across the area. Station Manager Shaun Makin, of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue said: *"With the warm and dry weather we've been enjoying recently, our firefighters have been dealing with a number of fires across the wider Sunderland area."*



"Setting fires might seem like harmless fun, but they can quickly get out of control. A small grass fire can spread rapidly, becoming much larger and more dangerous."

"If you set a fire, you are putting your own life and the lives of others - including our firefighters - at risk. Deliberate fires damage the environment and tie up emergency services who could be responding to real emergencies."

"We're working closely with the Local Authority and Northumbria Police to reduce anti-social behaviour and deliberate fire setting in this area."

We ask all parents to please speak to their children about the dangers of setting fires. If you have any information about deliberate fires in your area, you can contact FireStoppers anonymously on 0800 169 5558 or visit firestoppersreport.co.uk.

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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS IN 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd June	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June	EYFS Stay & Play sessions (AM - Nursery, PM - Reception)
Friday 6th June	PTFA Meeting in school @ 9:45am
Monday 9th June	Class 1 (Year1) Pupil led Worship @ 9am
Monday 9th June	Nursery welcome meeting for September 2025 new starters @ 4pm
Tuesday 10th June	Y6 Leavers Service @ Durham Cathedral (pupils only - letter to follow)
Tuesday 10th June	EYFS Fire fun night (bookings only) starts at 3:30pm
Tuesday 17th June	SPORTS DAY (KS1 gates open @ 9:15am) (KS2 gates open @ 1:15pm)
Tuesday 17th June	EYFS Fire fun night (bookings only) starts at 3:30pm
Wednesday 18th June	Y5/Y6 Swimming Gala (further details to follow)
Friday 27th June	Pupil Parliament coffee morning in school (more information to follow)
Friday 4th July	BB Fest (PM) more information will follow
Monday 7th July	Whole school transition day

WEEKLY REGULARS W/C 2nd June 2025

	AM	PM	After School
MON	Class 6 (Y4) Swimming KS2 Keyboard Lessons	Class 9 (Y6) PE Class 1 (Y1) PE KS2 Drum Lessons	Lego Club (4:25pm Finish) Karate (4:30pm Finish) KS2 Girls Football (4:30pm Finish) Puzzle Club (4:30pm Finish) Creative Challenge Club (4:30pm Finish) (Club collection from back gate)
TUE	KS2 Guitar Lessons	Class 2 (Y1/2) PE Class 7 (Y5) PE	Outdoor Adventures (4:25pm Finish) Netball Club (In school 4:30pm Finish) (Club collection from back gate)
WED		Class 4(Y3) PE Class 6 (Y4) PE	KS2 Boys football (4:30pm finish) (Club collection via school office)
THUR		Class 3 (Y2) PE Class 5 (Y3) PE	KS1 Football (4:25pm finish) Performing Arts (4:30pm finish) (Club collection from back gate)
FRI	9am Community Worship in the school hall		