



Newsletter 14th November 2025



Dear parents/carers

As the colder, darker days approach, please make sure children come to school dressed warmly and prepared for wet weather—waterproof coats, wellies, and suitable clothing are essential.

For safety, all children must be collected promptly from after-school clubs and Tea Club, especially as evenings get darker. This arrangement will continue until at least February half term.

Looking ahead to Christmas, we have lots of festive activities planned! Please check the upcoming dates and reminders.

Kind regards,
Mrs Foster
Head of School

Bring a bottle for the fair!

As our Christmas Fair approaches, we still need bottle donations to make the event a success.

To help, we're holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 21st November. In exchange for wearing non-school uniform, please bring along a bottle donation.

Suggested items include:

- ◆ Toiletries (Shampoo, Bubble Bath, etc.)
- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ Fizzy Pop
- ◆ Sauces & Condiments



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to our Christmas Fair Tuesday 2nd December and enjoy a festive day filled with fun! There will be lots of stalls to browse, perfect for finding gifts and treats.

We are still accepting donations to make this event extra special, Suggested items:

- ◆ Gift Sets
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ Toys & Soft Toys
- ◆ Cakes (please bring these on the day)

In every newsletter we will celebrate staff who have gone above and beyond to support the staff, pupils and wider school community.

This week our staff shout out goes to our

Apprentice Admin staff Miss Cossey and our nursery Apprentices Miss Glover and Miss Storr.

We are delighted to congratulate

Our Apprentices

on successfully completing their programs. They have been a fantastic asset to the Bowburn Family and have worked incredibly hard in their roles within the school. Well done—we are so proud of your achievements!



Household Support Fund – Winter Vouchers

Families with children on Income Assessed Free School Meals will receive electronic vouchers by mid-December.

Please make sure school has your current email and phone number.

If your child is not currently eligible, you can apply through our new online portal.

- Decisions are usually made same day.
- Each child needs their own application (siblings don't qualify automatically).
- **Apply by the end of November** – applications cannot be backdated.

MCT DURHAM PARENT CARER FORUM'S VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE & CHATS 2025.

ARE YOU A PARENT CARER LIVING IN THE DURHAM LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA?

MAKE A CUPPA & HAVE A CHAT. ASK QUESTIONS, GET INFO & GET SUPPORT. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A PRIZE WINNING QUIZ & OTHER ACTIVITIES.

JOIN US ON -
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER @ 7pm or
THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER @ 10am.

The link to register to receive the zoom link can be accessed via the QR code below or via our website mctdurham.co.uk



SUGAR BOWL

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS LINE DANCING

AT BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE,
DURHAM RD, BOWBURN,
CO. DURHAM, DH6 5AT

**EVERY MONDAY,
6.00-6.45PM**

STARTS 27TH OCTOBER

Start your line-dancing journey from step 1 with The Sugar Bowl
£4pp - Pay OTD

Followed by beginners class at 7pm & rolling social at 8pm.

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Fun-filled holiday clubs for every child!

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Running for over 20 years
EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
OPEN 8:30AM - 4PM
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BALLERZ

BALLERZ CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMPS

Monday 22nd December 3v3 Tournament

Tuesday 23rd December Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 2nd January Show off your new boots & Kit day

@ NEW FERENS PARK STADIUM, DH1 1GG
8:30am - 4:00PM

BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA QR CODE
www.bookwithens.com/simplysport
07956312322



CHRISTMAS ADVENTURES

EVERY WEEKEND
NOV 28 - DEC 24

SNOW TUBING, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, ELF HUNT, MARSHMALLOW TOASTING AND MORE!

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN FOR AGES 4+!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Whickham Thorns
www.whickhamthorns/bookactivities@whickhamthorns.co.uk



MCT CARERS RIGHTS DAY ZOOM

For Parents / Carers of a young person 0-25 with an additional need in the Durham Local Authority area.

Join MCT Durham County Carers Support.

SENDIASS for a chat, information & support

Information, advice & signposting in a friendly, non judgemental environment.

Thursday 20th November 25

7pm-8pm

Zoom

The registration hyperlink to receive the zoom link is via the QR code or the events section of our website.



ARTventurers

Squidge, splash, paint, explore, sing, dance!

Classes, events and parties in the Durham area!

Contact Lisa: lisa@artventurers.co.uk or call/text/whatsapp 07360592573

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2025-27 SEASONS

A chance to rub shoulders with superstars.

Our incredible Flagbearer Initiative is BACK for SAFC's Premier League return.

Give your students the experience of a lifetime with AK Teaching's Flagbearer Initiative. In partnership with Sunderland AFC.

More than 1200 children have now benefited from this money-can't-buy opportunity and the scheme is back and better than ever. Give your children the chance to rub shoulders with globe sporting superstars as Sunderland embark on their Premier League campaign at the Stadium of Light.

The two-year extension of our partnership is the signing of the summer. Take advantage for your school today.

Check out more:

- AK Teaching Sunderland
- @AKTeachingLTD
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- AK Teaching Limited



Christmas Build A Cuddly Workshop

£22.50 per child

Suitable for ages 4 years +

Gingersnap, Rudolph, Snowball, Elfie

Friday 12th December 4.30-5.30pm

Betty Bee's Coffee Shop

*Designs subject to availability & at least 1 parent/carer to remain on site at all times

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Holiday	Last day	Teacher Training Days school closed to children	Date re-opens for children
Christmas Holidays	Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026	Tuesday 6th January 2026
February Half term	Friday 20th February 2026		Monday 2nd March 2026
Easter Half term	Thursday 2nd April 2026		Monday 20th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026		Tuesday 5th May 2026
May Half Term	Friday 22nd May 2026		Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Half Term	Friday 17th July 2026	Monday 20th July 2026	

Dates your Diary 2024-2025

Date	Time	Event	Year	What Do I Need?
Fri 21st Nov	All Day	Non uniform Day	Whole School	Please bring Bottle Donations
Tue 25th Nov	2:00pm-3:00pm	Rock Steady Concert	Parents	Parents/Carers Welcome
Tue 25th Nov	9am-11.30am	Hardwick Park	Reception	Christmas Themed outdoor workshop
Wed 26th Nov	26th—28th Nov	Robinwood	YR6	More information to follow on class Dojo
Mon 1st Dec	All Day	Flu Vaccine	Whole School	
Tue 2nd Dec	2:30pm-4pm	Christmas Fair	Whole School	Parents/Carers Welcome
Wed 3rd Dec	9.30am—11.00am	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play	Nursery	Parents/Carers Welcome
Thurs 4th Dec	2.30pm—3.00pm	Class Assembly	YR4	Parents/Carers Welcome
Fri 5th Dec	11:00am-2:00pm	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Christmas Dinner in School Hall
Mon 8th Dec	1.30pm-3.00pm	Christmas Party	YR3	More information to follow
Tue 9th Dec	2:00pm-2:30pm	Nativity Play	Reception	Parents/Carers Welcome
Thur 11th Dec	1:30pm—3:30pm	Christmas Party	YR6	More information to follow
Fri 12th Dec	2:30pm-3:00pm	Christmas Nativity	YR1/YR2	Parents/Carers Welcome
Mon 15th Dec	1:00pm-3:00pm	Choir performance @ Bowburn Care Home	KS1	More information to follow
Mon 15th Dec	1.00pm-3.00pm	Christmas Party	YR4	
Tue 16th Dec	10.30am-11am	Christmas Carol Service @Christ the king church	YR3 & YR4	Parents/Carers Welcome to attend
Tue 16th Dec	1:00pm-2:30pm	Christmas Party	Reception	More information to follow
Tue 16th Dec	2.00pm—3.00pm	Christmas Carol Service @Christ the king church	YR5 & YR6	Parents/Carers Welcome to attend
Wed 17th Dec	9:15am—9:45am 1:30pm— 2:45pm	Panto	Whole School	
Thur 18th Dec	9.30am-11.00am	Christmas Party	Nursery	More information to follow
Thur 18th Dec	2:00pm-3:00pm	Christmas Party	YR1 & YR2	More information to follow
Fri 19th Dec	1.00pm—3.00pm	Christmas Party	YR5	More information to follow