# Evergreen Primary School

"Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve"

## NEWSLETTER – 17.7.2026

### Thank You for Another Great Year

As we reach the end of the school year, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support. Working together makes a real difference, and we really value our positive relationships with families.

It has been a busy and successful year, with pupils making excellent progress in many areas. This includes developing communication, independence and confidence, as well as academic achievement, friendships, resilience and new experiences. Whatever their starting point, every child has much to be proud of.

It has been a pleasure to see our children enjoy learning in so many ways—whether in the classroom, at Forest School, on visits, through sport, music and enrichment activities, or by achieving the next step in their journey. These moments make Evergreen such a special place.

September marks an exciting new chapter as we open our new site in Newton Aycliffe. This important development will allow us to extend the Evergreen ethos and provide high-quality specialist education to more children and families in our community.

There will also be changes to our leadership team. From September, Mrs Claire Onions and Mrs Lisa Laverick will take up new roles as Deputy Headteachers. Their experience and commitment will help us continue to build on the school's strengths.

Many of you will know that I will be retiring at the end of December after many happy years at Evergreen. I am delighted that Mrs Faye James has been appointed Headteacher from January. She knows the school exceptionally well, shares its values and has played a key role in its development. I am confident that Evergreen will continue to thrive under her leadership.

To our Year 6 pupils, thank you for your contribution to school life. We wish you every success in the next stage of your education.

I would also like to thank our staff for their professionalism, care and dedication. Their commitment ensures every child is supported and encouraged to succeed.

Finally, thank you again to all our families. It has been a privilege to work with you and share in your children's achievements. I hope you have a lovely summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, including our new families.

Have a wonderful summer.

**Judith Benson**
Headteacher

Our wonderful Year 6 leavers.
We wish you all of the very best at your new schools. You will be missed!

# summer FUN in the SUN

We have had such a fun-filled, jam-packed end to the school year these past couple of weeks. Just take a look at everything we have been up to!

## GOLDEN WELLY

This week sees Daeman and Lily win the Golden Welly OPAL award!
Daeman for always sharing and taking turns and Lily for recognising her friend was upset and patting his back saying “Ssh ssh” to comfort him.

# Parent's Information Board

Parents Eve' Tuesday

Coming up:
Trip - Monday
Awards assembly

Don't forget... Important news!

We have lots of information about events and offers available in the Summer Holidays this year.

Spennymoor are holding a free Party in the Park event for any music lovers!

There is also a Summer Holiday Club on offer at St Johns Sixth Form + College for all Primary aged children.

They have limited free spaces that can be redeemed with the Fun&Food vouchers.

Family Hubs
NHS
FUN & FOOD
Department for Education
Animals About Town
Thursday 30 July 2026
10.00am to 2.00pm
Come and meet the animals.
Who?
School age children
Where?
Best Start Family Hub
Newton Aycliffe
And...
lunch is provided!
Fun and Food places book through the QR code shared by your school.
Non Fun and Food places please call 03000 261111 to book.
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Family Hubs
NHS
FUN & FOOD
Department for Education
Animals About Town
Fun Day
Friday 14 August 2026
10.00am to 2.00pm
Come and meet the animals.
Who?
School age children
Where?
Best Start Family Hub
Tudhoe
And...
lunch is provided!
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Family Hubs
Durham County Council
NHS

Family Hubs
NHS
Knight School Adventures and Crafts
Auckland Castle
Bowling Green
Market Place
Bishop Auckland
Monday
17 August 2026
10.00am to 2.00pm
School aged children welcome.
Lunch will be provided.
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Mini Beasts
with
Steve's Animal Ark
Friday 24 July 2026
10.00am to 2.00pm
Come and join us for a morning of minibeasts with Steve followed by an afternoon of crafts and outdoor games.
Who?
School age children
Where?
Best Start Family Hub
Ferryhill
And...
lunch is provided!
To book a Fun and Food place use the QR code shared by school.
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**Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/familyhubs](www.durham.gov.uk/familyhubs) to find out what else is available at your local Family Hub.**

A reminder that DADLG run an exclusive use SEND session at Kosmic Kingdom every Monday 5.30-7.00pm.

£5 per child.

# Enrichment

**Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic...**

The children in Orange Class enjoyed another visit to the Baptist Church on Westfield Road this Monday.
The children had time to relax in the sunshine, pop lots of bubbles and play games with the teddy bears we found hiding in the church garden.
We decorated cakes and also had the opportunity to share a mini picnic during our lovely community visit over the morning session.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## School holidays for the 2026/2027 academic year

| Holiday | Closing Date | Date Re-opens for Teaching Purposes |
|---|---|---|
| Summer 2026 (6 weeks 1 day) | Friday 17th July 2026 | Thursday 3rd September 2026 |
| Autumn Half-Term 2026 (1 week) | Friday 23rd October 2026 | Monday 2nd November 2026 |
| Christmas 2026 (2 weeks) | Friday 18th December 2026 | Wednesday 6th January 2027 |
| Spring Half-Term 2027 (1 week) | Friday 12th February 2027 | Monday 22nd February 2027 |
| Easter 2027 (2 weeks 1 day) | Wednesday 24th March2027 | Monday 12th April 2027 |
| May Bank Holiday 2027 (1 day) | Friday 30th April 2027 | Tuesday 4th May 2027 |
| Summer Half-Term 2027 (1 week) | Friday 28th May 2027 | Monday 7th June 2027 |
| Summer 2027 | Wednesday 21st July 2027 | Friday 3rd September (To Be Confirmed) |

**PD Days are as follows- children are NOT in school these days**:
Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 | Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January 2027 | Thursday 25th March 2027

## Dates for your Diary 2026.

- **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR:**

*Thursday 3rd September*