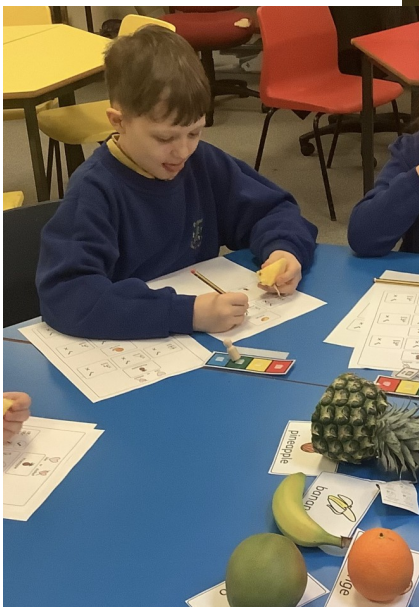
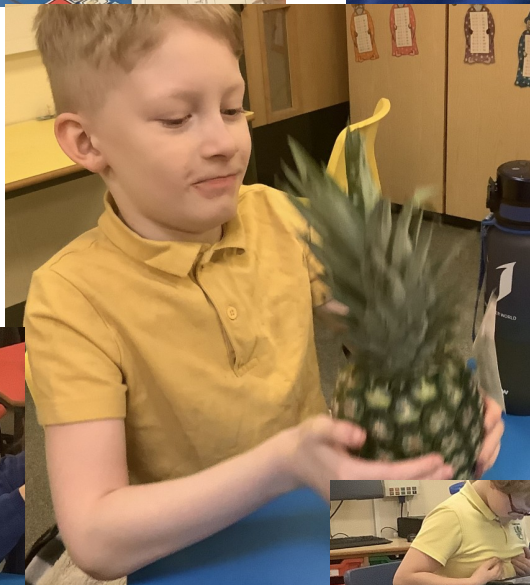
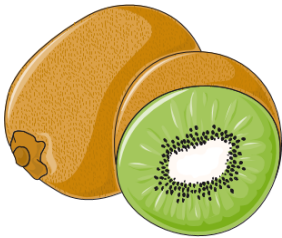


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Green 1

In Green 1 this week we have taste tested different fruits. Such as pineapple and mango! We are learning to express our likes and dislikes when trying new foods— can you tell by our faces which fruits we liked and didn't like?





Julia Waterhouse—Financial Inclusion Support Officer.

Please find below the details for our lovely FISO, Julia. You can reach out to her via email or phone if you have any queries at all on any finance/benefits/signposting. This is all free support.



Are you missing out on Universal Credit?

Universal Credit can be paid to working and non working families

By claiming Free School Meals this could save you £490 per year per child

ALL families in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals from September 2026

There will no longer be an earnings threshold if working and claiming Universal Credit

Contact your FISO for a FREE confidential welfare benefit check
FISO@durham.gov.uk

Absence Policy

Just a polite reminder that if your child is absent from school you must call the school office on **01388 459721** to let us know the reason for this— be it illness, medical appointment or a bad night's sleep!



Enrichment

Aqua Splash festival

This week some pupils had the opportunity to take part in an 'Aqua Splash Festival' at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. They enjoyed relay races with pool noodles, cones, and foot-balls as well as diving underwater for toys and collecting fish in nets. They also enjoyed time on the slides and in the waves. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn water confidence and water safety. It also improves their physical fitness and mental health and wellbeing.





School holidays- 2025/2026 Academic Year.

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens for Teaching Purposes
Autumn Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas 2025 (2 weeks)	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring Half-Term 2026 (1 week)	Friday 20 February 2026	Monday 2 March 2026
Easter 2026 (2 weeks 1 day)	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May Bank Holiday 2026 (1 day)	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer Half-Term 2026 (1 week)	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	TBA

Dates for your Diary 2026.

- ◇ **Sibling Support Group Starts– Wednesday 4th February (3.45-4.45pm)**
- ◇ **Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)– Tuesday 17th February.**
- ◇ **Chinese New Year Celebrations– Thursday 19th February.**
- ◇ **Dance Festival (in-school event)- Friday 20th February.**
- ◇ **Break up for February Half Term– Friday 20th February.**
- ◇ **Return to School– Monday 2nd March.**

