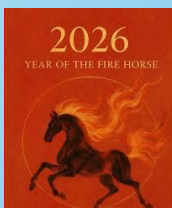


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Yellow 1

Chinese New Year - Year of the Fire Horse

Yellow 1 have been taking part in lots of different activities to celebrate Chinese New Year this week. We had a lot of fun cooking and tasting some different foods, learning a dragon dance, playing music and exploring sensory activities. Kung Hei Fat Choi!



✦ IGNITE FESTIVAL Friday 20th–Sunday 22nd February ✦

We are incredibly proud to share that some of our children have created some fantastic works of art that will form part of the light installations at this new - and free - event: IGNITE this year.

Some of the wonderful drawings created by pupils have been transformed into illuminated Mitre Hats, which will be showcased during a **special parade taking place at 6:00pm on Friday 20th February.**

📍 **Families wishing to take part in the parade should arrive at the Arrivals Court of Auckland Palace no later than 5:30pm. To ensure everything runs smoothly, hats will be distributed randomly before the parade begins. Each hat showcases a child's creativity, and together they will create a spectacular display of colour and light.**

Please wrap up warm and come along to be part of this special community celebration!





Kids Go Free on the Bus!

During school holidays, up to 3 children (aged 11 and under) can travel FREE when accompanied by an adult with a valid ticket - thanks to the Mayor's Kids Go Free initiative.

Hop on and explore the North East!

northeast-ca.gov.uk/bus

kids go free!

Between 14 February and 1 March 2026

B BUSES

Up to three kids aged 11 and under travel free when accompanied by a customer with a valid adult ticket.*

*For full terms and conditions please visit: northeast-ca.gov.uk/bus
Proof of child's age may be required

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Kim McGuinness North East Mayor

Free Leisure Activities!

Durham County Council Leisure Centres are also offering free swimming, soft play and TAG Active at a selection of Leisure Centres this February half term. Book online to secure your spot!

Free Activities

FREE activities for kids and families

Packed with energy, laughter and plenty of ways to play. Jump into the action with TAG Active, make a splash in the pool, or let little ones burn off energy in soft play.

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🎉 **FREE Half Term Fun for Families & Children!** 🎉
This February half term, enjoy free activities for children and families at selected leisure centres. No screens, no boredom - just active, energetic fun to keep everyone moving.

🏊 **FREE Swimming (U18s)**
📅 Sat 21 Feb – Sun 1 March
Includes general swim, fun sessions, seaside & Splashability*
Register and collect your thrive card at your local leisure centre.

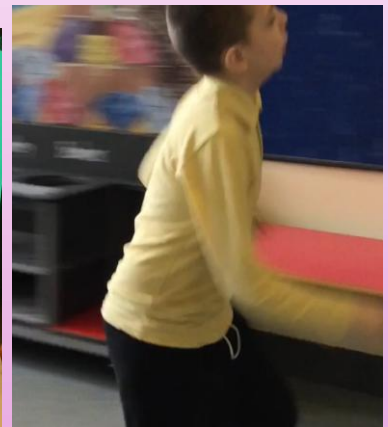
🏃 **FREE TAG Active**
📅 Sat 21 Feb – Fri 27 Feb
📍 The Louisa Centre

🧸 **FREE Soft Play**
📅 Mon 23 Feb – Fri 27 Feb
📍 Abbey, Peterlee, Spennymoor, Teesdale, Chester-le-Street & The Louisa Centre

👉 **Online booking required**
*Carers must book online and show proof. Bands & socks not included.

WELL-BEING

This half term the whole school has been focusing on Dance in their PE and Physical Development sessions. The Annual Dance Festival was held on Friday 20th February, where all classes produced a dance or a video of movement to submit. Rowena Gilchrist, a retired dancer, dance teacher and special needs teacher, was invited in to watch and judge the performances.



Everyone did amazingly well, with awards given out for music interpretation, choreography, costume and props to name a few. The overall winning class will be decided over half term and will represent our school at the Durham Schools Dance Festival in March.



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	Thursday 3 September 2026

Dates for your Diary 2026.

- ◇ **Sibling Support Group Starts– Wednesday 4th February (3.45-4.45pm)**
- ◇ **Break up for February Half Term– Friday 20th February.**
- ◇ **Return to School– Monday 2nd March.**
- ◇ **World Book Day– Wear PJs or dress up. Thursday 5th March.**
- ◇ **Comic Relief– Wear RED- Friday 20th March.**

