



NEWSLETTER

27/4/26

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Now summer term has started, I write to tell you about our **sun protection procedures**. We developed them to ensure we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin, even on a cloudy day. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to **skin cancer** in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- Spend some time in school learning about sun protection.
- Encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 15 and 4* or higher sunscreen in summer months.

Your support is very important if our policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed or legionnaire style hat and wearing tops that cover their shoulders
- Evenly applying a long-lasting sunscreen before the start of school, encouraging and developing your child's independence in applying it to themselves effectively, and sending a clearly labelled personal supply of sunscreen to school with your child so that they can reapply it during the school day if they need to. Even a long-lasting sunscreen can wash or rub off.

In Reception we spend a significant amount of time outside and at this time of year we have the doors open encouraging free flow around the provision. Many Reception parents provide suncream for their children in a named bottle and we can help apply this on particularly sunny days. We also have some suncream provided by school which we will apply to anyone without. Please see Miss Fleming/Mrs Russell if you have any queries about this.

RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 26

The school has been allocated fifteen children who will start in Reception in September. This includes seven younger siblings of pupils at the school. I will write to all parents with further details about transition after the reallocation date in mid-May

NETBALL

A team of Y5/6 children took part in a netball competition this week. The team drew with St Cuthbert's and beat Blackford but lost narrowly to Rosley and Stoneraise.

SCHOOL HALL

You may be aware that there was a problem with the floor in the school hall last term. This has been investigated during the holidays but requires further investigation and repair which will take place during the May half term holidays. In the meantime, an area of the hall has been sectioned off for safety and this has meant that we have had to make a few adaptations to normal routines.

SCHOOL KITCHEN

Environmental Health came for their annual visit last week and we're pleased to say that we have maintained our 5 stars for hygiene. Well done to Claire in the kitchen for this achievement.

SWIMMING

Y1/2 will be swimming each day for two weeks starting on Monday 27th April.

ROBIN WOOD

All thirty children from Y5/6 took part in the residential visit to Robin Wood at Barhaugh hall near Alston. After a walk into the centre, the children took part in a wealth of activities including climbing, canoeing, a zip wire, crate stacking and a blind trail. As well as those they had to tackle challenges in the piranha pool, navigate a caving system and complete a crystal maze style 'quest'. All had great fun and the behaviour of the pupils was very good indeed. Thank you to Miss Fleming, Miss Breare and Miss McCrea for accompanying the trip.

MABIE FARM PARK

The whole school will be having a visit to Mabie Farm Park towards the end of this half term. It will take place on Monday 18th May and comes after the Y6 children have completed their SATs and is an enjoyable day out for all. Further details and information about payment will come on Compass later this week.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Phoebe Postlethwaite (Y1)** for continually working hard and being attentive in class.

The week's winner of the **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** was **Sofia Milburn (Y6)** for a good performance at the netball competition and scoring one of our goals.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27/4/26	Y1/2 Swimming at The Sands: Daily for 2 weeks.
5/5/26	Y3/4 tennis Competition at Chatsworth (am)
11/5/26	KS2 SATs Week
18/5/26	Feet First Challenge – Walk to school initiative.
18/5/26	Whole School Visit to Mabie Farm Park
19/5/26	Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Y3/4
20/5/26	Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Girls

21/5/26 Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Y5/6
22/5/26 Finish for Half Term

More dates will be added as the term goes on and once confirmed