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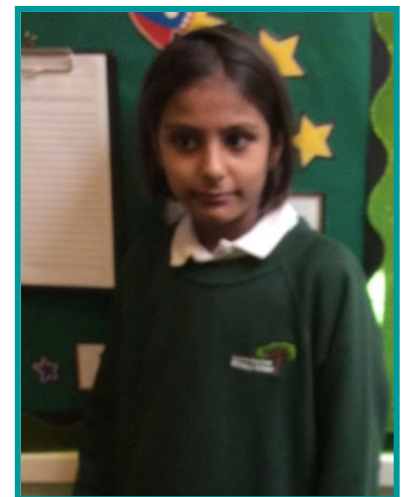
July 2018

Goodbye to our amazing Year 6!

It has been fantastic to have known our Year 6! Some of you we have known since Nursery and some for just a short time but we've enjoyed every moment and seeing you all make such brilliant progress! We will miss you!!



Shine!
LIKE THE STAR
YOU ARE



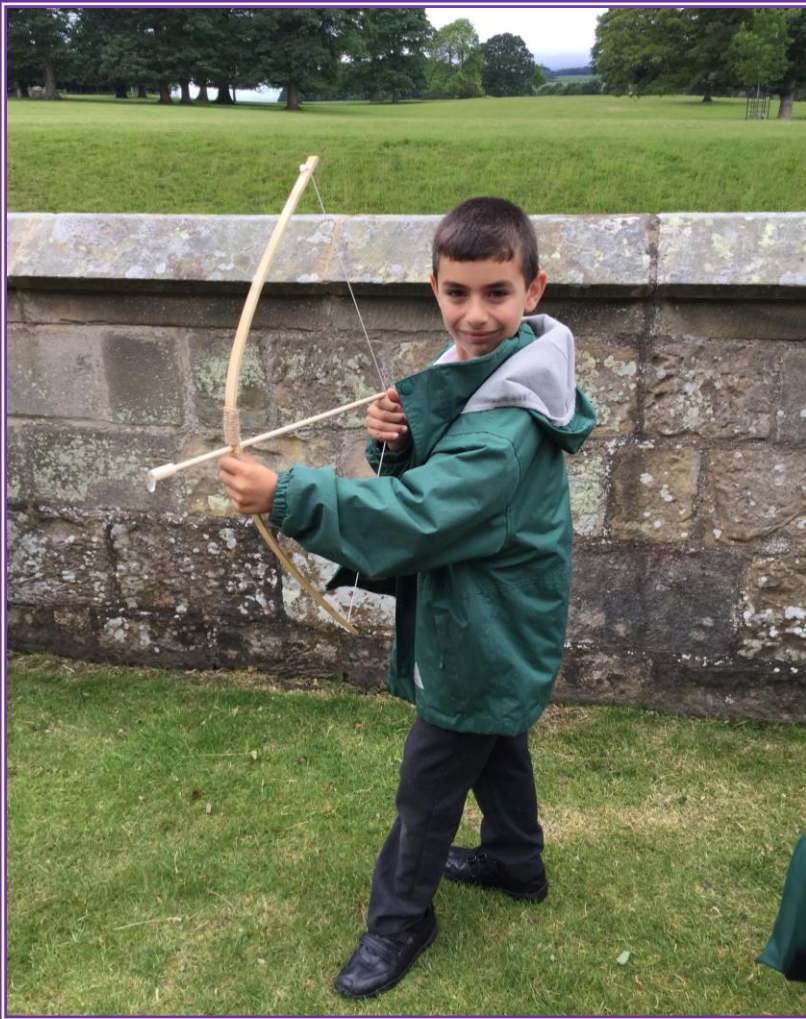
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Good luck and shine like the stars you are!



*Congratulations to
our fabulous
Reception Class of 2018
who graduated
last Friday.*

Class 2 visit to Raby Castle.

Class 2 had a tour of the castle and were able to pretend to use bows and arrows. They learnt about the different rooms in the castle and ate in the servants' quarters.



After lunch they went for a walk around the grounds and saw all the deer and the gardens.





All classes celebrated our love of Science during Science through Stories Week.

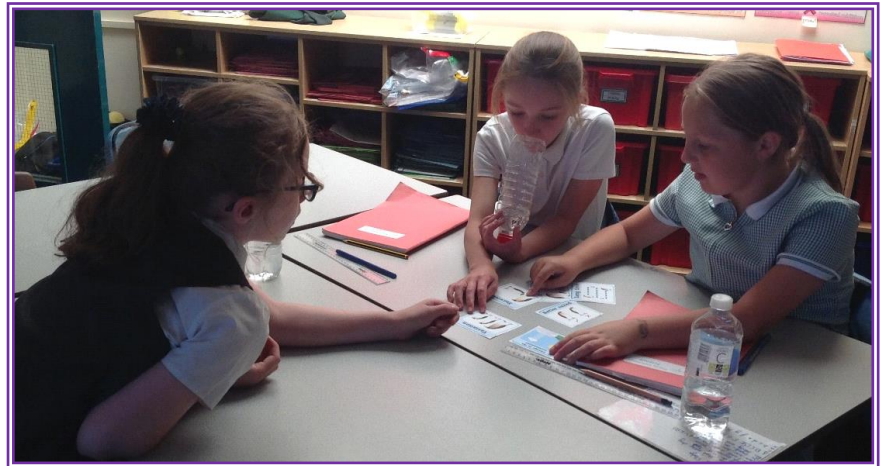
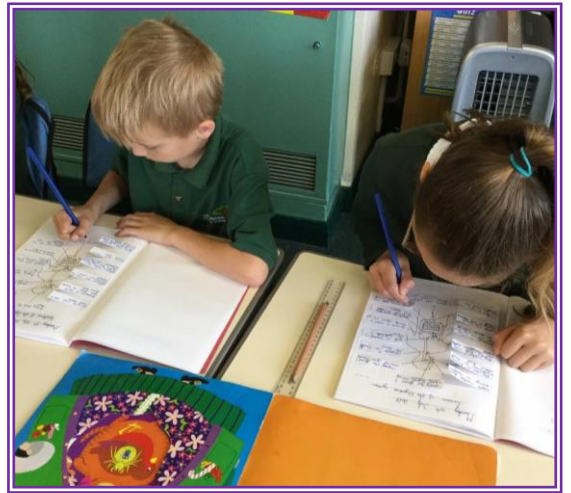
*Class 1 and Nursery read the book 'The Black Rabbit' and investigated shadows, including:
How are shadows made?
Can you hold your shadow's hand?
Can you change the size of a shadow?*



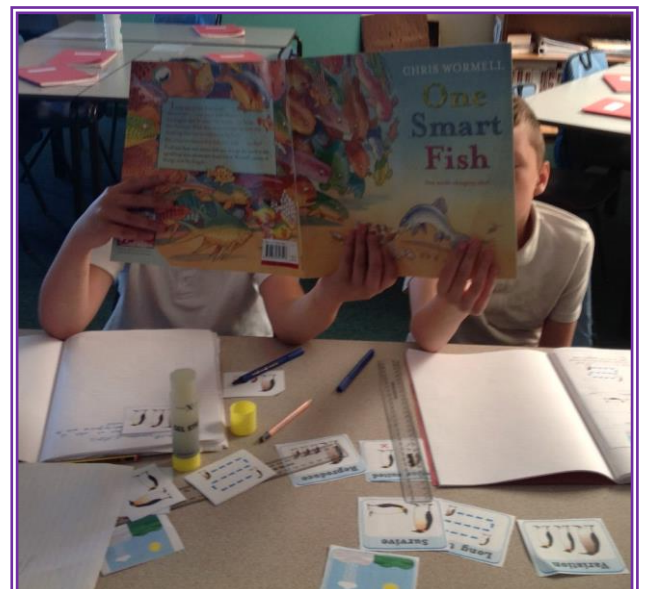
Class 2 read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and the children created their own marvellous mixtures using different ingredients.



Class 3 used the book 'There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly' through which to base their science work on the digestive system and food chains. It's a very colourful and funny book, which everyone enjoyed.



Class 4 read the picture book 'One Smart Fish' by Chris Wormell and considered how animals have evolved to adapt to their habitats over millions of years. They used the idea of a fish who wanted to move outside of the sea and so grew legs in order to consider the trail of evolution from sea creatures to humans.



Oriental Museum - Start Project

Children from Years 3, 4 and 5 have taken part in the START project this year, funded by Children and the Arts and linked to Durham's Lumiere. The project began in Autumn Term when some pupils visited Lumiere for the preview evening and had a guided tour of the installations at the Botanical Gardens. Workshops were then held in school, looking at sculpture and the theme of birds.



This term all pupils have visited the Oriental Museum, where they looked at artefacts and images relating to the phoenix and created origami birds. The final part of the project was to create a hanging bird to be displayed in the school's grounds as our very own art installation. All the children who have taken part have thoroughly enjoyed the project and have been inspired to develop further installations around the school grounds in the future.

Quadkids

Class 3 attended the Quadkids Festival at Chester-le-Street's Riverside Stadium, to compete against other Durham schools in 4 athletic areas; 100m sprint, howler throw, long jump and 400m run. It was a very hot day, but everyone gave 100% in all four sports!



Class 3 visited the Botanical Gardens to study 'Deserts to Rainforests' as part of their Science and Geography topics. They had a fantastic day in the sunshine looking at plants as food and habitats. They also got to experience the different climates of the desert and the rainforest. Their favourite part of the day was looking at how animals use their habitats to camouflage themselves. They even met some stick insects!



Class 4 have been developing their entrepreneurial skills this term. They took out a £5 loan from Young Enterprise and worked together to decide which products or services they could invest their five pounds in. They created their own businesses, conducting market research in school, budgeting, sourcing resources and materials, advertising and then producing their goods to sell at their enterprise market. The four businesses created were: Chocolate Dippers (who made the most profit), Hair Sweetness, Sugar Rush and Summer Slime Time.



They then used the profit to set up an ice-pop shop in school. Their aim was to make enough to pay for the Year 6 Leavers' meal and they did it!!!

They are very proud to announce that they made an impressive £140 profit at the enterprise market. This includes taking into account the £9 they gave back to Young Enterprise as a legacy contribution!





Congratulations to Mrs McLellan who took part in the European Heart and Lung Transplant Games in Italy! She won an impressive 6 medals: bronze in 400m run and 4k cross country run; silver in 4 x 50m swimming relay and 4 x 100m track relay and gold in 50m breaststroke and 100 m breaststroke! We are all so impressed and extremely proud!

Congratulations



We were thrilled to find out recently that we have achieved the **Rainbow Flag Award** at an outstanding level for all six of the areas – Skilled Teachers, Effective Policies, Inclusive Curriculum, Pastoral Support, Pupil Voice and Supportive Governors and Parents. Thank you for all of your support and well done for this fabulous achievement!

*Nursery and Class 1 visit to
The Botanical Gardens*



*Building shelters for goblins –
the dragon had knocked their
houses down!*



*Mud face sculptures made
with natural materials.*





Map reading to check our way back to the bus.



A path for the goblins to get to their house.



We ended the day by toasting marshmallows for a treat!





Bright Sparks



This year we have continued to be supported by students from Durham University's Castle Community Action group, who have run an after school club. Children who came along to the 'Bright Sparks' clubs have also visited Beamish Museum, where they made candles, biscuits and lavender pouches and the Key Stage 1 children have enjoyed an afternoon of activities in and around Durham Castle itself.

change 4 life

Eat well Move more Live longer



Children who attended our Change 4 Life after school club had a great time at Freeman's Quay. They were taught hula hooping skills and tricks. They have already been teaching these skills to other children in school over lunchtimes!

Laurel Avenue Primary
The Woodlands
Durham
DH1 2EY

20 June 2018

RE: Change4Life Hoopstarz Festival

Dear Ms Davison

We would like to thank-you for attending the Change4Life Festival at Freeman's Quay on Wednesday 13th June 2018. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed the morning and we hope everyone who attended did too. Please pass our compliments to your children on their attitude and behaviour both of which were impeccable. They were a pleasure to teach and were a credit to your school.

It was wonderful to see the children mastering new skills and the sheer determination on some faces was a delight. We hope they will continue to progress their skills.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information about Hoopstarz or any of our other services we provide.

Regards

Tracey Davison

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We have received another letter complimenting the behaviour and performance of our children whilst at an event. Very well done! We're once again so proud!

WeddingDay



As part of their work on celebrations, Nursery children enjoyed two weddings.



Harrison and Ella and Joey and Lily enjoyed their wedding ceremonies. After rings had been exchanged and the register had been signed, all children celebrated with a wedding party and of course, plenty of cake!

Members of King's Church came into school during their June Project to deliver an assembly and to create a prayer space in school. This gave our children an opportunity to think about faith, spirituality and life's big questions in a safe, creative and interactive way. Children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 spent time in this prayer space to think about being thankful, world issues, feeling calm, uniqueness and forgiveness.



Sports Days

Well done to everyone for another set of excellent Sports Days!

Nursery to Year 2 enjoyed a wide range of sporting activities from an obstacle course and throwing wellies to scoring goals and dressing up our playground leaders as scarecrows! It was a fantastic and fun time full of fitness!



The Playground Leaders did a fantastic job helping to demonstrate the events and keeping the scores!



Congratulations to the winning Yellow Team!

Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed competing in a range of track and field events for their Sports Day.



It was extremely close between the Yellow and Red Team!



Congratulations to the winning Red Team!



Mini Olympics

*Children from
Reception to Year 6
have enjoyed their own
separate
Mini-Olympic Events
over the last half term
and thoroughly enjoyed
all events involved.*



We are extremely proud to have received The Woodland Trust Gold Award! Through taking part in the Woodland Trust activities, children have gained a greater understanding of modern environmental issues and their impact for the future. We have enjoyed exploring and learning about our local environment.





Let's get cooking

Congratulations to our last group of chefs enjoying Let's Get Cooking this year.



*Lilly-Mai,
Cameron, Grace,
Daniel, Darcie,
Tayven, Jasmine
and Lee.*



SUMMER FAYRE

School Summer Fayre July 2nd 2018

We raised an amazing £668.71!

Thank you to the Friends of Laurel Avenue School for all your help organising this event!! A big thank you to all parents and carers once again who donated cakes, hamper items and lots of other items to make the fayre such a success. We really appreciate this support.



Thank you for all the donations for the class hampers which are always so popular. The winning hamper this time was the
Golden Sun by Nursery.
They enjoyed a movie and refreshments as their winning prize.



BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success with many children attending most mornings!

We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

A very warm and great big thank you to all our brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers...

*Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell, Sarah Fearon,
Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering,
Tracy Pickering, Nichola Watkinson and
Michelle Smith.*



*Reminder: Breakfast Club
starts at 8.10 am. Please
come for this time and not
before, thank you.*

If you would like to join

Friends of Laurel Avenue School

*and get involved in the life of the school, please come
and see Ms Davison, Mrs Cottrell who is Chair of
FOLAS or any other member of our team.*

We would love to have you join us!

School Nutrition Action Group

SNAG



Our SNAG have been very busy this term! They took part in a pizza workshop with Taylor Shaw, the catering company who cook our school meals every day.



They designed different shape pizza bases including hearts and plaited designs.



They planned for school to enjoy a seaside themed lunch.



We all had a lot of fun eating our lunch from inside newspaper cones!

Teddy Bear's Picnic!



The picnics were enjoyed by all children and a huge variety of toy animals!



Year 6 enjoyed a special Leavers' Meal on The Golden Table.



The Golden Table: Every fortnight, children are selected by lunchtime staff for excellent lunchtime behaviour and fabulous manners. Congratulations to the following children:



*Ben, Tia,
Darcie, Anas,
Azka and
Jasmine*

*Bethany, Luke,
Finley, Leah,
Erin and Sabir*



*Johnny, Grace,
Ellie, Lilian,
Alan and Ben*

Star Pupils These children have been selected this half term to be Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons, as well as being kind and considerate to others.

Nursery: Blakely-Joe, All of Nursery for being amazing during the visit to the Botanical Gardens, Connor Wild

Class 1: Bailey Pallister, Avika Dabkara, Kane Tindall

Class 2: Kayden Grundy, Zac Whittle, Casey Maddison

Class 3: Tia Burrows and Kai Barrass 

 **Class 4:** Ellie Storey, Alan Bentham, Alora

Ms Davison: Lilly-Mai Niles, Jessica Garside, Cameron Thompson 

*Well done to all the following who achieved
100% attendance for the whole year!*

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba

Luke Blakey

Tyler Crampton

Chloe Gibbs

Daniel Grundy

Samual Linfoot

Oliver Pickering

Johnny Zhang





Congratulations!



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for June 2018



Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Alan Bentham
Joseph ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Leah Brown ♦ Tia Burrows
Callum Collins ♦ Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Tristan
Elisha Emery ♦ Jasmine Emery ♦ Mac Emery ♦ Azka Fayaz ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Chloe Gibbs
Nicole Gibbs ♦ Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy
Liam ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Madyson Haywood ♦ Riley Haywood ♦ Ben Hesler ♦ Lee Jones
Catherine Lidstone-Hill ♦ Emma Linfoot ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Yibo Lui ♦ Finlay McIntyre
Danny Mollon ♦ Ebony Morris ♦ Bailey Pallister ♦ Savannah Pallister
Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Shakya Pallister ♦ Tayven Parker ♦ Oliver Pickering
Betsy Pretty ♦ Lily Quan ♦ Joey Reay ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Jaxon Roberts ♦ Jasmine Rutherford
Katelyn Scorer ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Blakley-Joe ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith
Ellie Storey ♦ Cameron Thompson ♦ Kierin Thompson ♦ Alisha Walton-Rowlands
Kenzie Watkinson ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Grace Wild ♦ Harrison Wright ♦ Johnny Zhang



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for July 2018

Lilian Ayo-Jayeoba ♦ Casey Bainbridge ♦ Aliyah Barker ♦ Xavier Batog ♦ Alan Bentham
Joseph ♦ Josie ♦ Luke Blakey ♦ Tyler Blakey ♦ Erin Brain ♦ Leah Brown ♦ Callum Col
Ray Cooper ♦ Kane Costello ♦ Logan Crampton ♦ Tyler Crampton ♦ Macey Cummings
Avika Dabkara ♦ Logan Dinsley ♦ Sophie Dixon ♦ Tristan ♦ Elisha Emery ♦ Jasmine Emery
Mac Emery ♦ Ethan Farley ♦ Ben Fearon ♦ Mia Fielding ♦ Chloe Gibbs ♦ Nicole Gibbs
Darcie Gillespie ♦ Rubie Gillespie ♦ Alora ♦ Bethany Grundy ♦ Daniel Grundy ♦ Liam
Rebecca ♦ Finley Haywood ♦ Madyson Haywood ♦ Ella Johnson ♦ Lee Jones ♦ Shahid
Qanita Kinarian ♦ Catherine Lidstone-Hill ♦ Emma Linfoot ♦ Samuel Linfoot ♦ Yibo Liu
Ben Maddison ♦ Casey Maddison ♦ Manuela Mangeth ♦ Finlay McIntyre ♦ Lilly-Mai Niles
Bailey Pallister ♦ Savannah Pallister ♦ Scarlett Pallister ♦ Lilly-Su Parker ♦ Shakya Parker
Oliver Pickering ♦ Betsy Pretty ♦ Lily Quan ♦ Leo Renwick ♦ Jaxon Roberts ♦ Alana Robinson
Jasmine Rutherford ♦ Anas Sadiq ♦ Lilyan Sadiq ♦ Katelyn Scorer ♦ Alex Scott ♦ Tommy Scott
Karam Shaherli ♦ Mohanad Shaherli ♦ Connor Shepherd ♦ Nathan Shepherd ♦ Daisy Smith
Zak Storey ♦ Tommy Swainston ♦ Brooke Swift ♦ Cameron Thompson
Kierin Thompson ♦ Kane Tindall ♦ Jaydan Tuck ♦ Zac Whittle ♦ Connor Wild ♦ Grace Wild
Matty Wild ♦ Johnny Zhang



Whole School Attendance for 2017 – 2018 is an amazing

96.3%

We are very pleased that we (only just) beat last year's attendance of 96.2%. Thank you for your support and cooperation. By arranging for appointments to be made outside of school hours, and bringing your children in to get their marks before and after any hospital appointments that cannot be made outside of school time really helps your child to achieve the best attendance that they can and so make the most progress. Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.

Each week, children who achieve 100% attendance have the opportunity to win a £3 Tesco Gift Voucher

Congratulations to:



Katelyn Scorer
Tyler Crampton
Bailey Pallister



Thank you very much for all your
kind donations for the
Bradley Lowery Foundation.
We raised an amazing £168.30!
Kaiden bought the winning ticket
in our raffle and won Laurel the
Teddy Bear. Congratulations!



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If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears to find out.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> will also help you to find out more information.

*If eligible, you will receive a code which you will need to bring to the office, together with your National Insurance Number and your child's date of birth. We will need to validate your code with Durham County Council before a place can be offered. You will need to complete and sign a parental declaration form to allow this and other checks to be carried out through the new online system. **Our School Nursery does take children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Mrs Lawson, to discuss this. Thank you.***

Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Summer Play Scheme: Monday 30th July - Friday 3rd August 10 am until 2 pm. Packed lunch required. Booking is required through the Community Centre Office only. Limited spaces so please book to avoid disappointment. Cost: £5 per day or £20 for 5 days. Our annual Summer trip to Flamingo Land will be held on Saturday 4th August.

Kings Church Ocean Odyssey Holiday Club: Monday 6th - Friday 10th August. For further information and to book please follow the link: <https://kcd.org.uk/holidayclub/>

The centre will be closed from Sunday 12th August and will re-open on Monday 3rd September. Youth sessions will resume on Monday 10th September.



Monday: Laurel United Youth Group 5 – 7 pm
(For children aged 11 – 18 years)

Tuesday: Junior Youth Club (Children aged 5 – 11 years)
Tea Club – 3 pm until 4 pm Youth Session 4 pm – 5.30 pm

Tuesday: LA All Star's Rehearsal 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Thursday: Toddler Session 9 am until 11 am
(Children aged 0 – 5 years)

Thursday: Lunch Club 12 pm until 2 pm Cost: £3.00
Included is a two course hot meal and activities.
Taxi service now available.
Please contact Claire to book transport.

Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094
Email: Claire-laCa@hotmail.co.uk

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School

Please keep this information for future reference

School Holidays 2018/2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2018 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 20 th July 2018	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
Autumn Half-Term 2018 (1 week)	Friday 19 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Teacher Training Day (1 day)	Thursday 22 nd November 2018	Monday 26 th November 2018
Christmas 2018 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 st December 2018	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Spring Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter 2019 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day 2019 (1 day)	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer Half Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 24 th May 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019	To be determined

These dates only relate to
Laurel Avenue Community Primary School.

Each school in the area may have slightly different closing and re-opening dates.

let's
HAVE A
GREAT
Summer



All of the staff at
Laurel Avenue would like to wish
you a very happy and safe
Summer Holiday.

Autumn Term starts back
Tuesday 4th September 2018