

Newsletter

July 2019

Goodbye to our amazing Year 6!

What a fantastic Year 6! We have enjoyed watching you grow every year and make excellent progress. You've kept us entertained and made us very proud! Most of you we have known since nursery and it has been a pleasure to spend all these years working with you every day. Good luck as you start the next part of your journey in life; make the most of every moment and make sure that you continue to shine as brightly! We'll miss you!!





Alana



Ellie

★ Kenzie
Nathan ★





Alan ★



Kierin

Ben ★



Lilian



Macey

Jessica



Jasmine





*Congratulations to
our fabulous
Reception Class of 2019
who graduated
last Friday.*



*Shahid, Sophie,
Tristan, Ella,
Harrison, Charlie,
Tyler, Ben, Rubie,
Blakley-Joe,
Miyah and Connor*





Congratulations to Mrs Thompson who graduated last week from The University of Sunderland. She has achieved her Foundation Degree in Education and Social Care. What a fantastic achievement!



We are very proud to share that one of our School Governors is The Mayor of Durham!



Councillor Katie Corrigan, who became the youngest ever chairman of Durham County Council a few months ago, has now also been sworn in as the 417th Mayor of Durham. She was installed during the mayor making ceremony at Durham Town Hall, which was also attended by outgoing Mayor Councillor John Lethbridge, where she became the youngest person to receive the chains of office. She is also one of fewer than a dozen women to have held the position since it was established in 1602. Congratulations and we're looking forward to your visit to school with all of your bodyguards!

Clean Air Day Winners at Laurel Avenue

We were thrilled to announce on Clean Air Day (June 20th) that two of our pupils were poster competition winners! Out of all the many schools in Durham who entered, both the winning and the runner up entries came from Laurel Avenue Community Primary School!



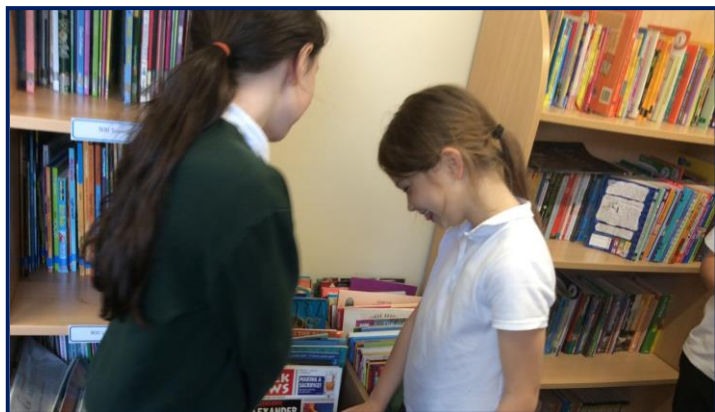
Ellie's design won first place. Her poster was made into the official banner for County Durham's campaign, 2019. Daniel's design was the runner up and his poster has been made into an official poster for the 2019 campaign, with Ellie's.

Nina from Living Streets came into school to deliver an awareness assembly and announce the winners. Ellie and Daniel then took part in a promotional photo shoot for the campaign. Ellie's banner is displayed on the school fence by our Nursery garden. Congratulations Ellie and Daniel. We're so proud of you both!

SCHOOL LIBRARY

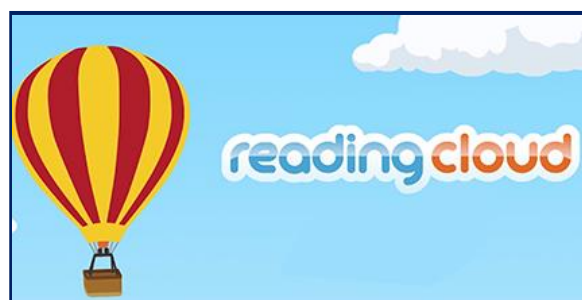


Our first librarians



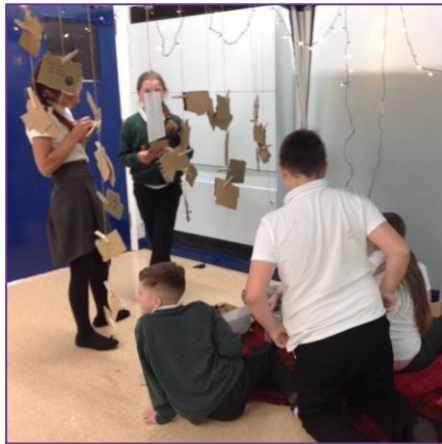
This half term, our new library, **The Book Oasis**, was opened by our Chair of Governors, Ann Elliott. It has been a long journey over a number of years to be able to convert an empty shipping container into the wonderful library that it is today. It has been a real community effort. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Loomer for negotiating some excellent deals from MGM Maintenance and Screw Fix; thank you to these companies for giving us such great prices. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mr Hodgson for giving up their time to complete all the electrical and building work inside the container. Thank you to Mrs Linfoot for completing her zip wire from the Tyne Bridge so we could install the decking. Thank you to FOLAS for donating money to help buy the container and of course, to everyone who supports our FOLAS events.

We have library software called Reading Cloud which organises all the books on a scanning system. Children will be able to log on to make reservations, write blogs and recommend books to their friends.



Prayer Room

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.



The children really enjoyed this special time and asked some very thoughtful questions showing just how considerate, inquisitive and caring our children are.





King's Church are hosting a free holiday club again this summer for children aged 4-11 years with a space-theme! Sign up required as places are limited.

Each day there will be songs, drama, craft and games all based around Bible stories. A lunch will also be provided.

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August, 9:30am - 1:00pm
at Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Complete the form your child brought home from school or online at:
<https://kcd.churchsuite.co.uk/events/scomtu3v>

BIG PLAY FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019

During the longest day of the year, and as part of Make Music Day 2019, we joined in with a county wide celebration of music enabling young musicians within Durham and Darlington to perform on one day! Classes sang songs, our clarinettists played music and we enjoyed a surprise staff and children's flash mob at the end! We hope you enjoyed our outside concert and picnic afterwards.



ye fiver challenge



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 five businesses created were:

Super Stationery - stationery

Shake It 'n' Take It - milkshakes

Sugar Rush V2 - biscuits

Glitter City - face painting

British Bakers - homemade scones and biscuits

what
could YOU
do with
£5?



They are very proud to announce that they made an impressive £304.15. Once they had paid back the loan of £130 and the 10% legacy of £13, this left a profit of £161.15 – the largest profit ever from a single market event. It will fund Year 6 leavers' meal and an end of term party for Class 4. Well done!





Year 4 and 5 pupils attended a workshop with Miss Mills in school, delivered by Sarah from Oases as part of our involvement in the Durham Lumiere. They worked hard for a full morning, creating their art installations using the clear and green bottles you all kindly sent in – thank you! First of all, they decorated the bottles with bright colours and patterns, before cutting them up into spirals, combining these to make the chandeliers.



We made three chandeliers in total and they will be displayed somewhere around Durham City during the Lumiere in November. Let us know if you find them!



If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to come into school to complete our application form and arrange a visit.

This is the only way your child can start their learning journey in our school nursery.

If you are interested in any places for two, three or four year olds, please call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or e mail laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net to arrange a visit or to check your eligibility code for your two year old.



We'd love to hear from you.



*We currently have some spaces available in September for three and four year olds at the start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00), end of the week (Wednesday afternoon 12.15 – 3.15, full days Thursday and Friday), five mornings (9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons (12.15 – 3.15 pm). **Some sessions are nearly full.** Every three and four year old is eligible for fifteen hours of free Nursery provision.*

*We take children in straight after their third birthday.
Application forms are available from the school office.*

Your two year old can get free play and learn sessions (15 hours) if you get one of the following benefits:

Income Support

Jobseeker's Allowance

Support for a 'Looked After' child

Child Tax credits - income below

£16,190

Guaranteed Element

of State Pension Credit

Support under the Immigration and

Asylum Act 1999

Employment and Support Allowance

– income related

Disability Living Allowance (child)

Working Tax Credits and earn no

more than £16,190

Current Education, Health and Care

Plan (child)

Special Guardianship, or an

adoption, or Residence Order



Your 2-year-old may be entitled to 15 hours per week of funded childcare and early education



How do you apply?

Bring your golden ticket into our school office and we will tell you when your child can start.

If you don't have a golden ticket, visit:

<https://education.durham.gov.uk/parentportal/> where you can check whether you are eligible.

If you are eligible you will then receive a letter which you should bring into school.

Places will be available at the start of the term after their second birthday.

Application forms are available from school.

FREE childcare

From September 2017



for **working parents**

of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week

Find out if you are eligible at
www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears



30 HOURS

FUNDED CHILDCARE

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 or look here for more information <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

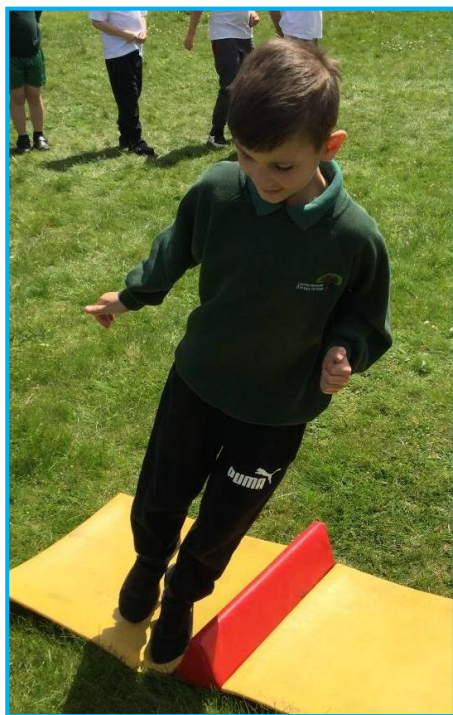
Our School Nursery takes children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Ms Davison or Mrs Lawson, to discuss this.

Thank you.

We wanted to say a massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Cairns for donating £500 to school this term.

thank you!

This money was collected during a memorial event for their son, Tom, so we'd like to also thank everyone who kindly contributed on the day. We used the money to buy a cascading water wall for our nursery children so that they can develop their investigative skills whilst thoroughly enjoying getting wet! Thank you, they love it!



Mini Olympics

Children from Reception to Year 2 have enjoyed a Mini-Olympic Event, taking part in a variety of sports such as multi-skills, football, basketball, speed bounce and athletics.



Class 3 have been on tours of Durham Castle and Cathedral, studying the heritage and history of these buildings. They were particularly interested in the castle's 'black staircase' and studied the architecture of the cathedral during their treasure hunt.



Class 3 also visited Palace Green Library for an Anglo-Saxon workshop. They consolidated their work as Historians by studying the Lindisfarne Gospels, finding out what life would be like for monks and handling a variety of Anglo-Saxon artefacts.



Sports Day

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



Congratulations to the winning Yellow Team!



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



Let's get cooking

Congratulations to another group of chefs who enjoyed Let's Get Cooking this term.

Leon, Logan, Daisy, Casey, Salihah, Lilly-Su, Mia and Layla-Rae.



Our final group of the year will complete their course this week - well done! Mahanad, Tommy, Charlotte, Teagan-Leigh, Milly, Jay and Logan.





School Summer Fayre July 1st 2019

We raised an amazing £836.25!

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
Teddy Bears' Picnic 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, Jess Cottrell, Claire Linfoot, June Nichol, Joe Pickering, Tracy Pickering, Tracy Salmon and Nichola Watkinson.



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

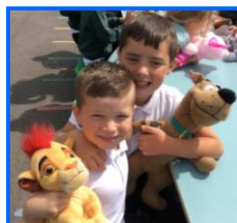
Our SNAG have been very busy discussing the menu and choosing themed meals.

Thanks to Anas, children now enjoy beans on every Fish Friday, and not just once every three weeks, which has proved to be very popular.



The SNAG has opportunities to taste and discuss new recipes.

Teddy Bear's Picnic!



We were very lucky to be able to enjoy our picnic in the sun with our favourite furry friends!



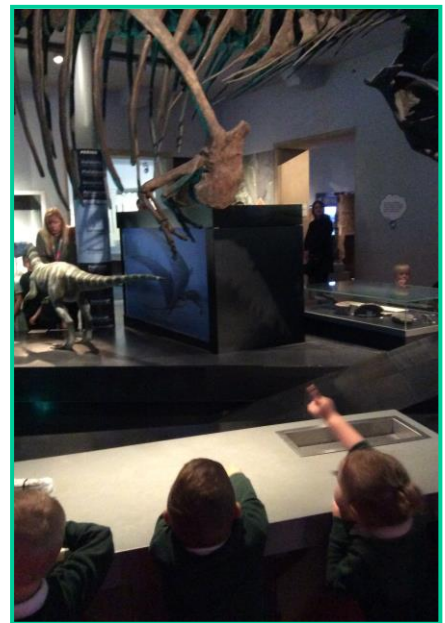
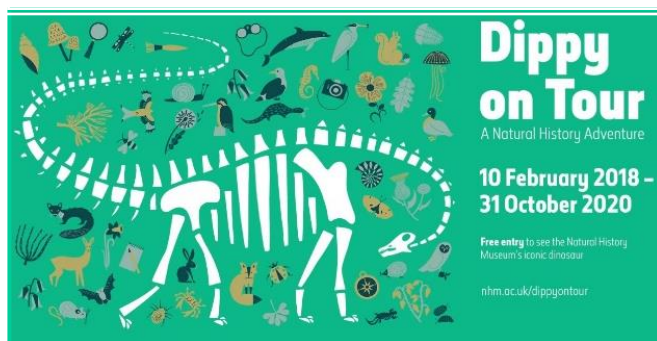


We did it! After working hard on our financial education for a number of years, we have been awarded the NatWest Moneysense School Accreditation Award. Next term, we will be presented with an accreditation banner and certificate to celebrate our success.

Congratulations to Mrs Walters who coordinated this work and all staff and children for their hard work.



Nursery and Class 1 children had a wonderful time seeing Dippy on Tour at Hancock Museum in Newcastle!



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



*Nathan, Jessica,
Alan, Charlotte,
Lee and Saliha*

*Tommy, Rubie,
Alisha, Logan,
Shahid and Tristan*



*Tia, Lilly-Mai,
Jasmine, Anas,
Jay and Logan*

*Bailey, Simon,
Leah, Ella,
Matty and Sharie*



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: Sophia, All of Nursery for being amazing during the visit to the Hancock Museum, Joedn & Charlie

Class 1: Harrison, Tristan, Ben & Charlie

Class 2: Luke, Lilyan, Logan & Tommy

Class 3: Layla-Rae, Cameron, Leon & Alex

 **Class 4:** Kierin, Alan, Nathan & Brooke

Ms Davison: Josie, Shahid, Emma, Jaxon R, Madyson & Charlotte



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



We are so proud of you all!



Aliyah Barker

Luke Blakey

Leah Brown

Callum Collins

Jessica Garside

Lee Jones

Catherine Lidstone-Hill

Samual Linfoot

Scarlett Pallister

Jasmine Rutherford

Connar Shepherd

Nathan Shepherd

Kaiden Watkinson

What a fantastic achievement!





Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for June 2019

Nursery: Hollie, Luke, Madyson, Jaxon I, Shakya, Jaxon R, Aiden, James, Jasmine, Presten, Catherine, Hylton, Freddie, Devon, Elisha, Emma and Charlie



Class 1: Tyler, Charlie, Rubie, Harrison, Bethany, Ben, Shahid, Miyah and Connor



Class 2: Luke, Erin, Leah, Levi, Callum, Ray, Logan, Harvey, Kayden, Samual, Bailey, Scarlett, Zak, Tommy, Kane, Alisha, Matty, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Logan D, Jasmine, Saliha, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Layla-Rae, Lilly-Su, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Daisy, Cameron, Jaydan, Kaiden, Zac and Grace



Class 4: Lilian, Casey, Kai, Tia, Tyler, Jessica, Frankie, Alana, Jasmine, Connar, Nathan, Ellie, Kierin and Kenzie



Well done to all the following who achieved 100% attendance for July 2019

Nursery: Fearne, Hollie, Luke, Jaxon I, Tom, Shakya, Jaxon R, Alicia, Aiden, Nathan, Presten, Catherine, Hylton, Freddie, Devon, Elisha and Charlie



Class 1: Tyler, Sophie, Tristan, Ethan, Rubie, Harrison, Bethany, Ben, Ella, Shahid and Miyah



Class 2: Luke, Erin, Leah, Levi, Callum, Ray, Logan, Avika, Chloe, Harvey, Kayden, Finley, Riley, Samual, Ebony, Bailey, Scarlett, Leo, Lilyan, Karam, Zak, Tommy, Kane, Alisha, Matty, Matthew and Simon

Class 3: Aliyah, Milly, Jasmine, Mia, Darcie, Daniel, Lee, Casey, Layla-Rae, Logan O, Lilly-Su, Tayven, Alex, Tommy, Mohanad, Daisy, Jaydan, Kaiden, Zac and Grace

Class 4: Lilian, Casey, Kai, Alan, Tia, Tyler, Macey, Ben F, Jessica, Nicole, Ben M, Lilly-Mai, Frankie, Betsy, Alana, Jasmine, Anas, Connar, Nathan, Brooke, Kierin and Kenzie



Whole School Attendance for 2018 – 2019 is an amazing



97.1%



We are very pleased to announce that this is the best ever achieved attendance for Laurel Avenue and way above national average!

Thank you for your support and cooperation. 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.

Every day in school increases their success and means that their experience in school is much more positive.

Congratulations everyone!

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

Congratulations to:



Sophie Dixon
Aliyah Barker
Kayden Grundy
Ray Cooper
Frankie Pickton



Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Summer Activities

Play Scheme: Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July, 10 am until 2 pm.

Cost: £5 per day or £20 for 5 days. Lunch will be provided.

Please book to avoid disappointment, through the Community Centre Office only.

Consent form required if your child isn't already registered with us.



Summer Sports Club - Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August:

Ready-Set-Go Club for children aged 3-5 years 1-2 pm.

Doorstep Club for 8 – 15 years 2-4 pm.

Sessions are FREE. No need to book - we have spaces for everyone.

Kings Church Durham 'Cosmic Quest' Holiday Club

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August.

Contact Fay Brice for further details: fay.brice@kcd.org.uk



We are a distribution point for Durham Food Bank.

Opening times are between 9.30 – 11.30 am every Saturday.

Foodbank will remain open during this time.

Youth Groups, Lunch Club and Toddler Group will be closed throughout the Summer and will start up again the week commencing Monday 9th September.

LA Rising Stars is a new youth project that will start on Tuesday 10th September. All children are welcome to attend the introduction session from 6.30 – 8.00 pm. Activities include cheerleading, drama, musical classes, singing & dancing. Sessions will be led by 'Activate Theatre Group' and Youth Workers from Laurel United Youth Group. Sessions are free.



The office will be closed from
Friday 2nd August until Tuesday 3rd September.
For more information, please contact **Claire Linfoot**



Tel: 0191-3845427 Mobile: 07825956094

Email: Claire-laca@hotmail.co.uk



Diary Dates



Wednesday 4th September: Back to School

Thursday 5th September: Let's Get Cooking starts

Week beginning Monday 9th September: 8.30 – 9.00 am 'Early Birds'

intervention groups, Laurel Learners Homework Club (Wednesdays 3.00 – 4.00 pm) and KS1 Science Club (Thursdays 3.00 – 4.15 pm) start. Please watch out for letters during the first week of term

Monday 16th September: Election Day for School Council

Wednesday 18th September: School Council announced

Friday 27th September, 3.15pm: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (No Star Assembly)

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm: Parents' Evening

Reception – Year 6

Wednesday 9th October: Open Day for Nursery

Friday 18th October, 9.30 am: Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October: Break up for Half Term

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November: Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th November: Back to school

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November: Anti-Bullying Awareness Raising Day

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day. More information to follow.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day themed lunch.

Friday 29th November: School closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 27th November: Non Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation

Monday 2nd December, 1.30 – 3.00 pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December, 10.00 am: Nursery and Reception Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch with Parents/Carers invited.

More details will be sent home next term

Friday 13th December, 10.00 am: Class 2 Christmas Production

Wednesday 18th December, 10.00 am: Classes 3 and 4 Christmas Production

Thursday 19th December, pm: Nursery and Reception Party. All Nursery children welcome. If their session is not usually a Thursday afternoon, please bring to Nursery for 1.00 pm and collect at 3.15 pm.

Friday 20th December, 9.15 am: Christmas Sing-a-long (No Star Assembly)

Friday 20th December, pm: Christmas Disco for Year 1 – Year 6

Friday 20th December: End of Term

Spring Term starts Tuesday 7th January 2020



School Holidays 2019/2020

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2019 (6 weeks 2 days) 	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Teacher Training Day (1 day) 	Thursday 28 th November 2019	Monday 2 nd December 2019
Christmas 2019 (2 weeks 1 day) 	Friday 20 th December 2019	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Spring Half-Term 2020 (1 week) 	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter 2020 (2 weeks) 	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day 2020 (1 day) 	Thursday 7 th May 2020	Monday 11 th May 2020
Summer Half-Term 2020 (1 week)	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Monday 1 st June 2020
Summer 2020  Friday 17 th July 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020	To be determined

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

