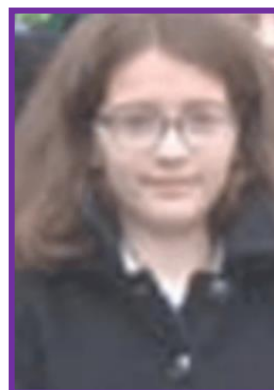




# Goodbye to our amazing Year 6!



*Goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 who finished their careers at Laurel Avenue Community Primary today. They have been a fantastic group and we are very proud of the way they have worked to be the best that they can possibly be - especially within the last two years which have been quite unusual.*

*They are absolutely ready for the next stage of their journey at Secondary School and have demonstrated how resilient they are to face challenges and achieve well.*



*We hope that you all look back on your time at Laurel Avenue with fondness and are taking away with you not only the skills for the next stage of your education but also endless happy memories to keep forever. We certainly will always have so many about all of you.*



*Good luck and keep shining like the bright stars you are! We'll miss you.*







GOOD LUCK!

*We are all so sad to have to say goodbye today to Mrs Thompson who is leaving us to start her journey towards a new career. Mrs Thompson joined Laurel Avenue in 2000 as a Teaching Assistant. She left for a short while in 2006 to work in a different school but we were really happy to welcome her back as a Higher-Level Teacher Assistant in 2013 and work with her once again. Mrs Thompson has been a fantastic part of our team over these years and she will be a huge miss. We are really thrilled for her though, as after working so hard to achieve a first in a BA Honours degree in Childhood and Society studies, she is now going to train to be a social worker. Good luck, Mrs Thompson and thank you for all the hard work, support and fun that you've brought to Laurel Avenue. We'll miss you!*



It's time to say  
goodbye to our  
School Cook,  
Mrs Bell.

Mrs Bell has worked  
in our school kitchen  
for the last 5 years,  
serving so many  
delicious meals over  
this time.



We would like to wish her the best of luck  
in her new career.

Good  
& bye  
Good  
Luck



*Just before we head into the summer holidays, and what I hope will be a thoroughly deserved break and chance to enjoy time as a family, I wanted to offer my thanks for all of your support of changes to school routines over the past year. Also, for cooperating so well with taking your children for tests, sometimes for many tests, to help to keep everyone in school as safe as possible. I'm so pleased that by working together we were able to keep all classes open in school since returning in March.*

*I hope that you all have a well-deserved safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September when we will continue to work closely with you for the best outcomes of all of our children.*

*I am very proud to be Headteacher at Laurel Avenue; to work with such supportive parents and carers who want the best for their children and a fantastic staff team who have shown such dedication and resilience over the last 17 months. Thank you to all of you.*

*As always, you can get in touch via email if you have any questions and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.*

*Kind regards,*

*Gaynor Davison  
Headteacher*

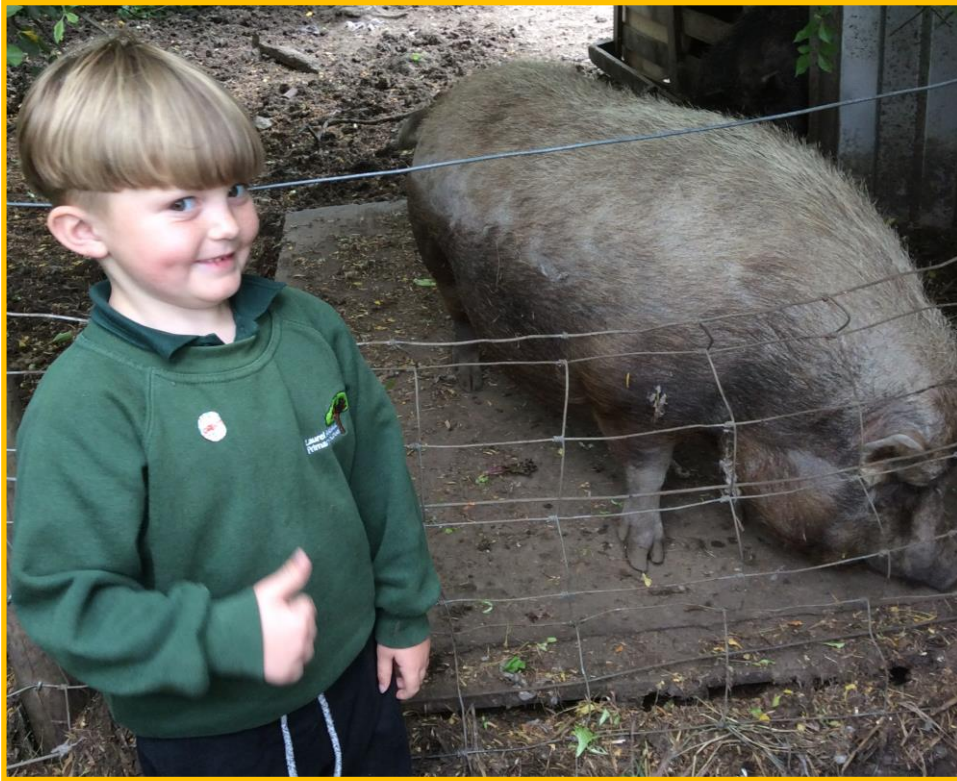
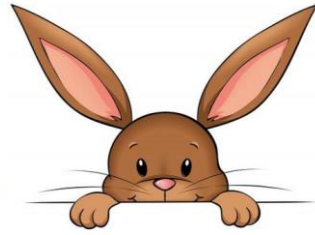




We really have been making the most of the amazing surroundings we have in our locality. Have a look at what we have been exploring and investigating in the great outdoors...



# Woodland Walk



Nursery children have been exploring the local woodland area some more. It's amazing what they have found!







They loved  
finding the Old  
English Gardens,  
making such  
lovely memories.







Class 1 have been exploring again on their forest walks. They collected huge sticks and built a den.











The children  
made a  
pretend fire  
and enjoyed  
hot chocolate  
and  
marshmallows.



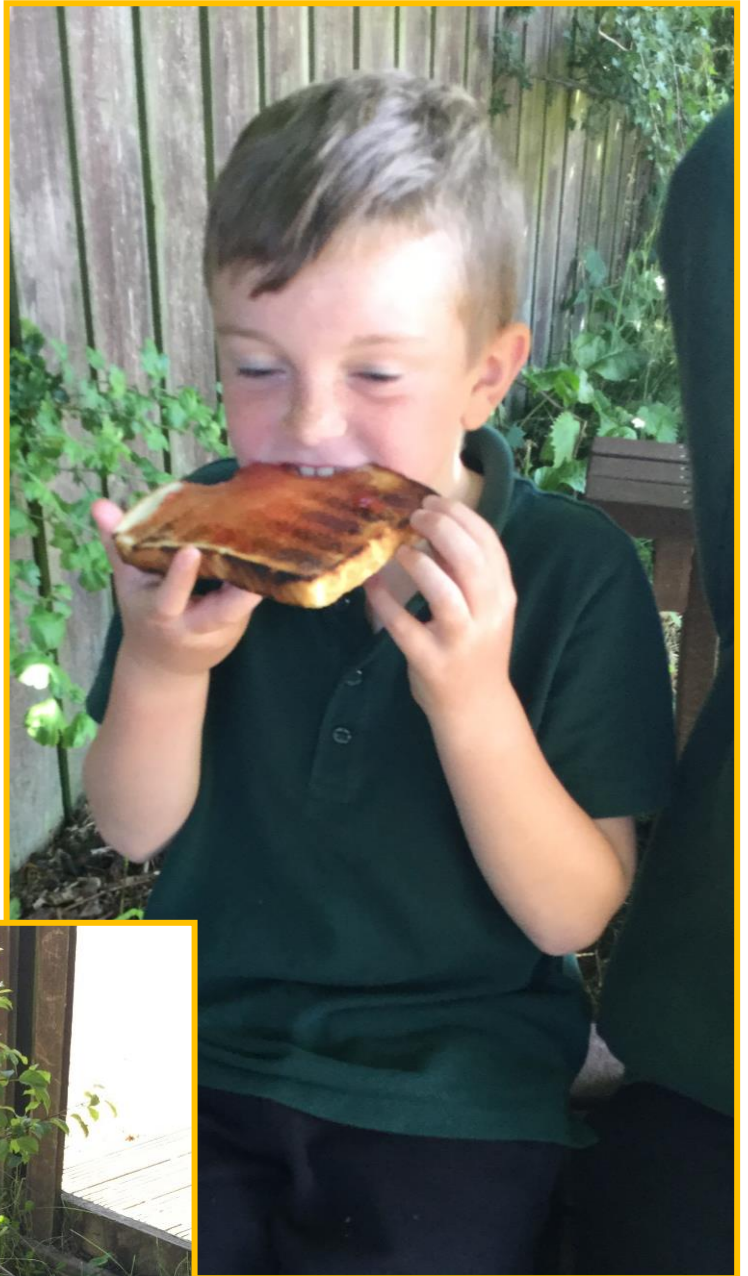


# Forest School

Miss Mills has continued to deliver the Forest School Programme with Class 2 who have been LOVING the whole experience! They regularly visit the local woodland area to have their forest adventures. Recently they have been using a fire pit in our garden to create some delicious treats.











Preparing, cooking  
and eating our own  
delicious orange cakes,  
baked on the fire.

The Forest School programme supports children to become

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors



I am sure you can see from the photographs just how much our children are enjoying the programme and working towards these outcomes brilliantly.



# Local Fieldwork



Geographical study of the 'temperate deciduous biome'.



Class 4 carried out fieldwork using identification and observational skills. They used rope and tent pegs to mark out quadrants to carry out a plant survey of the forest floor. They identified tree and wildlife species which live within the biome's ecosystem.



# Teddy bears picnic



We all had a  
fabulous time at the  
Teddy Bear's Picnic!









Teddy bears picnic



Class 1 children enjoyed a virtual tour of the Hancock Museum from the comfort of their classroom, participating in sessions about animals and habitats. They then walked to the local woods and enjoyed a picnic lunch before joining in with activities in the woods linked to the museum session, including den building and animal habitats.







All children in school have been keeping themselves very active, taking part in many different and exciting activities.





The Little Movers programme is designed to engage Nursery children and encourage them to dance and play to keep fit every day! The Little Movers coach has loved working with our Nursery children. They had great fun learning through dance and creative play.





# Pirates and Princess party

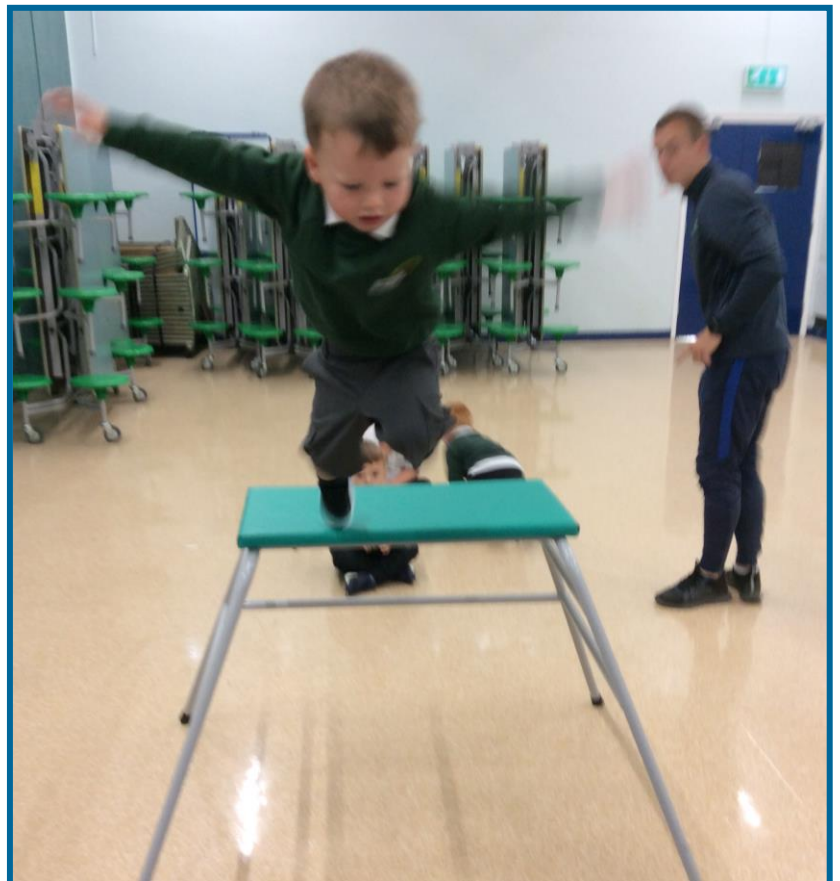








# Developing Fundamental Movement Skills



Our Nursery children have had a fantastic time participating in the Hop, Skip and Jump programme, developing their fundamental movement skills with coach Ben, from Active 2 Learn.





ACTIVE  LEARN





Our Nursery and Class 1 children have taken part in balance bike training in school. Balanceability not only teaches children how to ride without stabilisers, but also teaches balance, gross motor skills, core stability and of course, having fun through physical activity.







The children have made so much progress that we have just bought some pedal bikes to add to our balance bikes collection!



the journey starts here...



# STREET GAMES



One of our favourite coaches, Andy, has been teaching Street Games to all classes. Here he is working with Class 3B this term.



As you can see, they are fast paced sessions leaving us all exhausted!





# SPORTS DAY





# SPORTS DAY



Nursery had an amazing time during their Sports Day with obstacles, space hoppers, bats and so much more! They enjoyed their well-deserved ice lolly!







  
**SPORTS DAY**





Class 1 had so much fun with a whole range of sporting activities including a welly throw, obstacle races and traditional races.



# SPORTS DAY



Class 2 really enjoyed  
their Sports Day and  
didn't let the rain  
stop their fun!







SPORTS DAY



Look at the fabulous time that Class 3A and 3B had during Sports Day.  
Great sportsmanship and lots of fun!





# SPORTS DAY

Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Day. Everyone participated in every race and activity and had a great time.







Class 4 visited the Great North Museum in Newcastle to view the 'Where Did All The Animals Go' exhibition which includes at least one piece of work from every member of the class. Their work is displayed alongside drawings by children from Kenya, Guyana and California as well as other North-East schools. We also had a look at the fabulous ink drawings inspired by animal conservation artist Jane Lee McCracken as she showed us around the exhibition. We were all so proud to be part of an amazing project and to see our work on display.

Why not visit the museum and take a look for yourself!





## Summer Ollee-day

### *Summer Ollee-day resource pack to help children to have a happy and healthy summer*

Holidays offer a great opportunity to spend time together – to talk, to share experiences and, sometimes, feelings. But these conversations are not always easy – especially if your child finds it hard to explore or express their emotions. This is where Ollee comes in.

What is Ollee?

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative. This free online service supports children's emotional wellbeing – by helping them reflect on how they feel, process experiences, and find ways to talk about it with a parent or carer.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/summer-ollee-day-support-pack>



Ollee offers a safe and supportive digital space with advice on subjects your child may have strong feelings about – including school, family, friends, the internet, and the world. Your child can pick a subject they want to talk about, then choose an emotion they are feeling – and why. For example, 'Something good happened', 'I did something naughty' or 'I feel lonely'. They are then presented with advice about that subject.

If you and your child open an account, you can also find and share advice from Ollee with each other.

Try Ollee today at: [app.allee.org.uk](https://app.allee.org.uk)

Your Summer Ollee-day!

To help you plan a brilliant summer together – and to support family conversations about feelings – they have created a Summer Ollee-day wall chart for you. You can use it together to scribble down all activities your child would like to do.

You can also use the chart to track how your child is feeling and find ways to open up conversations – with Ollee as your helpful virtual assistant!



# NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme



Protecting a generation of children against abuse. Find out how we can help your school.

All classes took part in the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme. Children took part in a virtual assembly and then completed workshops in their classrooms. The programme helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.

Trained NSPCC staff delivered the virtual assembly in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot, Buddy the speech bubble.

Buddy wants everyone to know that all children have the right to:  
speak out and be heard      be safe      get help when they need it.



Here are Class 3A children with their Speak out. Stay safe. finger flexors they made to see if they could remember the answers to questions discussed in the assembly.





**Super Stars** These children have been selected last half term as being Super Stars by their teachers for their excellent, hardworking attitude to their home learning or whilst working in school.

**Nursery:** *Hunter, Hollie, Liam, Esmae, Ella*

**Class 1:** *Reuben, Nathan, Charlie, Evie-Mae and Imogen*



**Class 2:** *Olivia, Madyson, Amelia, Blakley-Joe and Devon*



**Class 3A:** *Simon, Leo, Bailey, Karam and Alisha*

**Class 3B:** *Logan, Matty, Samual, Sharie and Lilyan*



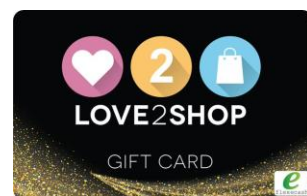
**Class 4:** *Saliha, Daniel, Darcie, Zac and Casey*

**Ms Davison:** *Phoebe, Faith, Mohanad, Izzy, Charlie N, Charlie G, Simon, Lilly-Su, Ella, Charlotte J and Scarlett*





A huge well done to all children who achieved 100% this year. For attendance 2020-2021, if a child was required to isolate to take a test themselves or because a sibling had to take a test or isolating due to being a close contact of a positive case or indeed positive themselves, then this absence did not affect their attendance record.



Hamoodi, Kris, Levi, Logan C, Tristan, Elisha, Darcie, Rubie, Devon, Charlie N, Emily, Phoebe, Summer, Simon and Sophie.

Congratulations and enjoy your £10 Love2Shop voucher!



# Laurel Avenue Community Centre

Message from Claire Linfoot, Community Centre Manager:

## ***Laurel Avenue Community Association – Summer Play Scheme Fun & Food programme***

*Are you struggling to find fun things to do that don't cost the earth and paying for all that extra food or childcare? Our Fun & Food Summer Programme provides FREE holiday activities with healthy meals and snacks for local children and young people. If you haven't already signed up, you can do so by contacting the Office:*

*[admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)*

*When: Monday 19th July - Friday 23rd July*

*Time: 10 am - 2 pm*

*For ages 5 years to 16 years.*

*Limited places available so please email to confirm. We do not accept Facebook or text messages to confirm booking, however, you can email from our Facebook page:*

*<https://www.facebook.com/laurelavenuecommunitycentre>*



**Better for everyone**



## **LA Rising Stars - The Show Must Go On!**

*Save the date: Saturday 11th September, 12 - 4 pm.*

*Performing on an outdoor stage, sit back, relax and enjoy some family entertainment.*

*Including fairground rides, raffle, 'hook a duck' penalty shoot-out, family colour fun run, food stalls and much more.*

*Tickets are available from the office @ £2.00 per adult and £1 per child (Under 3's FREE)*

**Laurel Avenue Lunch Club** is on a mission to reduce isolation and loneliness of older people within our area. Our Lunch Club and befriending scheme, partnered with King's Church Durham, aims to enrich the lives of older people. Meal deliveries will continue throughout the Summer break. If you or anyone you know may benefit from this service, please get in touch. We need volunteers to join our team and help us to continue to deliver this service. No experience is necessary, just a smile and the desire to help others. All roles are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service check.

*Please contact Claire for further information:*

*E: [admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)*

*Tel: 078245956094*



*Please note: All of our events and activities are pending local and government guidance. Please see our Facebook page for regular updates -*

*<https://www.facebook.com/laurelavenuecommunitycentre>*





*Guide to  
returning to school in  
September 2021  
for parents and carers*





# *Nursery*

*Nursery children will continue to come into nursery using the same gate you have been using this year.*



## ***Morning start:***

*A member of our nursery staff will open the gate at 8.55 am and the gate will be locked at 9.05 am.*

*Any arrivals after this time will need to come to the main school entrance to be let in as a late arrival.*

## ***Afternoon start:***

*A member of our nursery staff will open the gate at 12.15 pm and the gate will be locked at 12.25 pm.*

*Any arrivals after this time will need to come to the main school entrance to be let in as a late arrival.*



## ***Collection:***

*Children will be brought to the gate at 12 noon at the end of morning sessions and 3.15pm at the end of afternoon sessions.*



*You will be able to come into the garden from September to say goodbye to your child at the Nursery door. A member of staff will be available if you need to pass on any information.*

*We have found this year that there are so many advantages to children coming straight into Nursery by themselves:*

*We have a very settled routine in place where children come into Nursery and start their day sitting on the rug straight away, ready to start their session*

*Starting their sessions at 9.00 am and 12.15 pm maximises all learning opportunities*

*Children's independence is enhanced by coming into Nursery by themselves and they settle a lot more quickly when they know that they wave to you at the door and get ready to start their day straight away*



*Please make sure to bring your child on time to Nursery for a 9.00 am or 12.15 pm start every day to help them to start their day in a positive way, knowing what they will be doing. Thank you.*



# ***School***

*All children will return to arriving and being collected at the same time in September. There will be no more staggered starts or collection times.*

*The main children's entrance gate (the exit gate of the current one-way system) will once again be both the entrance to and exit from school.*

***Gate will open at 8.50 am.***

***Gate will be closed at 9.05 am.***

*Children should enter the gate before 9.00 am and walk straight into school and to their classroom where their teacher will be ready. Lockers will remain in classrooms for children to keep their coat and belongings safe.*

*Any child arriving into their classroom after 9.10 am will be marked as late.*

***At home time, all classes will finish at 3.15 pm.***

*Please assemble on the main school yard to collect your child.*

*Children in Classes 1 and 2 will be able to leave the classroom when the member of staff at the door sees you on the yard ready to collect your child.*

*Children in Classes 3, 4T and 4W will be brought to the yard.*

***Please make sure you stand away from the sides of the building so children can access the yard freely and members of staff can see you clearly. Thank you.***



# PE

*One of the changes to routines due to Covid-19 restrictions that has been very beneficial to all is children arriving to school in PE kits on those days where they have PE. We would like to carry out a trial this year to see if we can incorporate this into our usual practice.*

*The benefits of coming into school wearing a PE kit are numerous:*

- *It maximises time spent on physical activity, by cutting out time spent on changing at the start and end of each lesson.*
- *There has been a significant reduction in items of school uniform and PE kits lost or taken by mistake. This has saved a huge amount of time for you, children and staff looking for missing items.*
- *It raises the profile of PE in school and helps children to understand the importance of sport in leading an active, healthy lifestyle.*
- *It evens out wear and tear on uniforms and PE kits, making school uniform last a little longer, and getting maximum wear out of PE kit.*

***We need the support of all families to make sure that the correct uniform is worn on the correct days so that children always look smart.***



# *PE Kit from September 2021*

*Two days each week, children will come to school wearing their PE Kit.*

*The other three days, they must come to school wearing usual school uniform.*

## *PE Kit consists of:*

*School uniform white or dark green polo shirt*

*School uniform dark green jumper or cardigan*

*Plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms. These must be plain black with no coloured decorations or images.*

*Plain black trainers or appropriate sport shoe with black laces and no coloured decoration or images.*

## *PE Days*

*Class 1: Wednesday and Thursday*

*Class 2: Monday and Wednesday*

*Class 3: Tuesday and Friday*

*Class 4T: Tuesday and Friday*

*Class 4W: Tuesday and Friday*



# Uniform

*We would like to ensure a feeling of community and identity within our school. For this reason, we ask children to wear the following uniform.*

## **Clothing**

*Bottle green school jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan*

*Bottle green or white polo shirt*

*Black or dark grey school trousers*

*Black or dark grey school skirt*

*Black or dark grey school pinafore*

*Plain religious dress in school colours*

*Plain dark coloured or white socks*

*Summer dresses in green and white stripes or gingham*



## **Footwear**

*Plain black school shoes*

*Plain black boots*

*Plain black trainers with no colour (or minimal)*

*Black or dark coloured laces only*





*Learning topics for Autumn Term:*

*Nursery: Colours*

*Class 1: Colours*

*Class 2: Past and Present*

*Class 3: Romans Rock*

*Class 4T and 4W: Past and Present*



*Dinner money will be £2.15 a day from September.*

*Photographer will be in school for individual and family photographs on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.*



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SUMMER SUMMER











All the staff at Laurel Avenue Community Primary School would like to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Term starts: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

If you need to get in touch, please email [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)