

NEWSLETTER

May 2022



Time to celebrate



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee!



Nursery Jubilee Party

Morning and start of the week children in Nursery enjoyed their jubilee party with dancing, games, and lovely party food.







What a fun celebration it was!









Thank you to Claire Linfoot and the
Community Centre for helping to support our
fabulous Jubilee celebrations.



Jubilee School Lunch



Children enjoyed a buffet meal on Wednesday. So many empty plates and happy faces!





Design a Queen's Jubilee T-shirt Competition

All children in school created a t-shirt design to commemorate The Queen's Jubilee. Here are the amazing winners, judged by Governors.

Two-year-olds: Oliver



Nursery: Autumn



Nursery: Hollie



Reception: Mia



Year 1: Lyla



Year 2: Devon



Year 3: Rubie



Year 4: Alisha



Year 5: Ebony



Year 6: Jaydan





We have had a really exciting time in Nursery this term! Seven eggs in an incubator arrived and we waited patiently to see what would happen.



At the end of the first week, one chick had already hatched in time for Nursery children arriving on the Friday morning. Three more chicks hatched during the same morning so lots of children were lucky enough to see chicks hatch. Five of these eggs hatched into chicks in total.





Nursery children did an amazing job looking after the chicks!



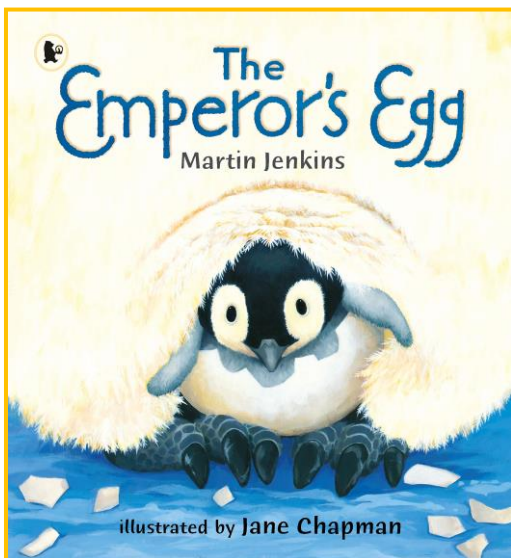
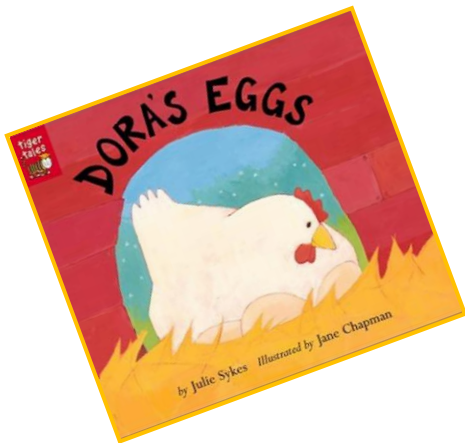




Nursery children have been really interested in learning all about chicks.

They have

- observed changes to the chicks from hatching;
- read lots of stories about eggs including *Dora's Eggs*, *Six Little Chicks*, *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Emperor's Egg*;
- painted pictures;
- investigated other animals that hatch from eggs.



All children in school have loved visits from the chicks!











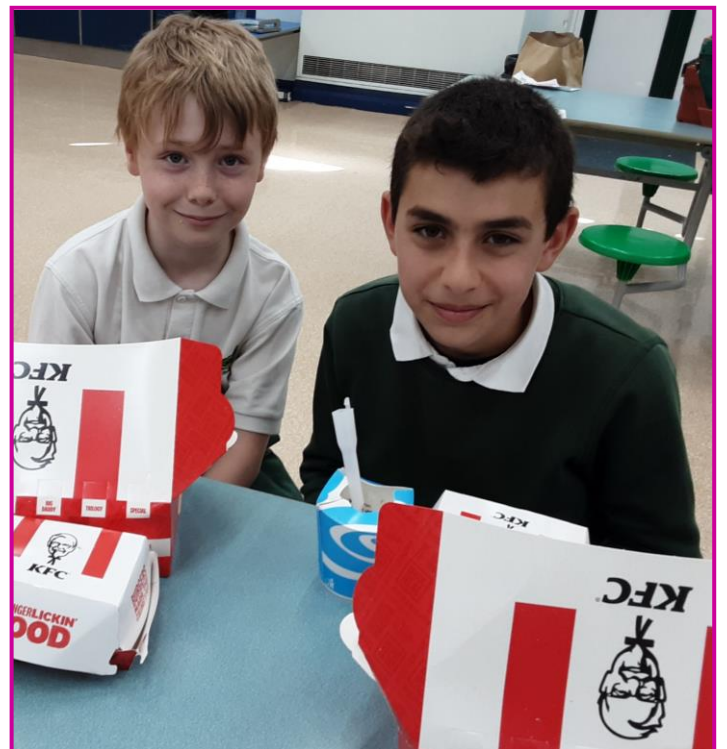


We were so proud of the hard working attitude our Year 6 pupils demonstrated during SATs week.





During the weeks leading up to SATs week, Year 6 pupils were able to earn credit for completing daily homework and revision to use to buy a treat meal. These meals were greatly enjoyed when it was time to relax after all the hard work!





Another tasty treat for our hard-working Year 6 at the end of SATs week!



How amazing to see three of our previous pupils return to Laurel Avenue! Grace, Jasmine and Daniel visited our Year 6 pupils who will be joining Belmont Community School in September.



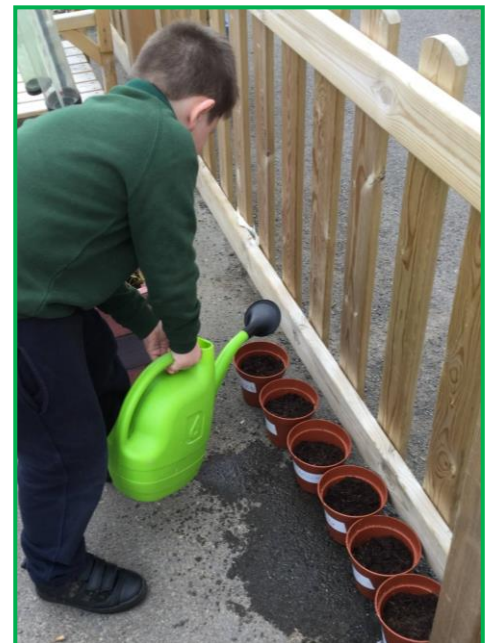
They did a fabulous job explaining all their new routines and exciting opportunities and answered lots of questions.



Class 2 has been busy planting and looking after their seeds. What do you think will grow?



Keep
observing
in Class 2's
outside
area next
term to
see!



Outdoor Adventure Activities



Class 2 had huge fun participating in Outdoor Adventurous Activities. These activities help children to work as a team to solve problems, enhancing their personal and social communication skills as well as their physical health.







All classes have enjoyed learning a variety of street games that they will be able to play during playtimes and at home in gardens or safely in the streets. Take a look at some of our children having so much fun whilst learning great skills and developing team work and stamina!





Classes have continued to work with a variety of coaches over the term. During Class 3's most recent PE session, they worked on team building activities. They had to build a dome using hula hoops and then play a game involving racing to their opponent to play rock, paper, scissors to see which team could make it to the opposite side of the track. This helped to work on team work and resilience skills.

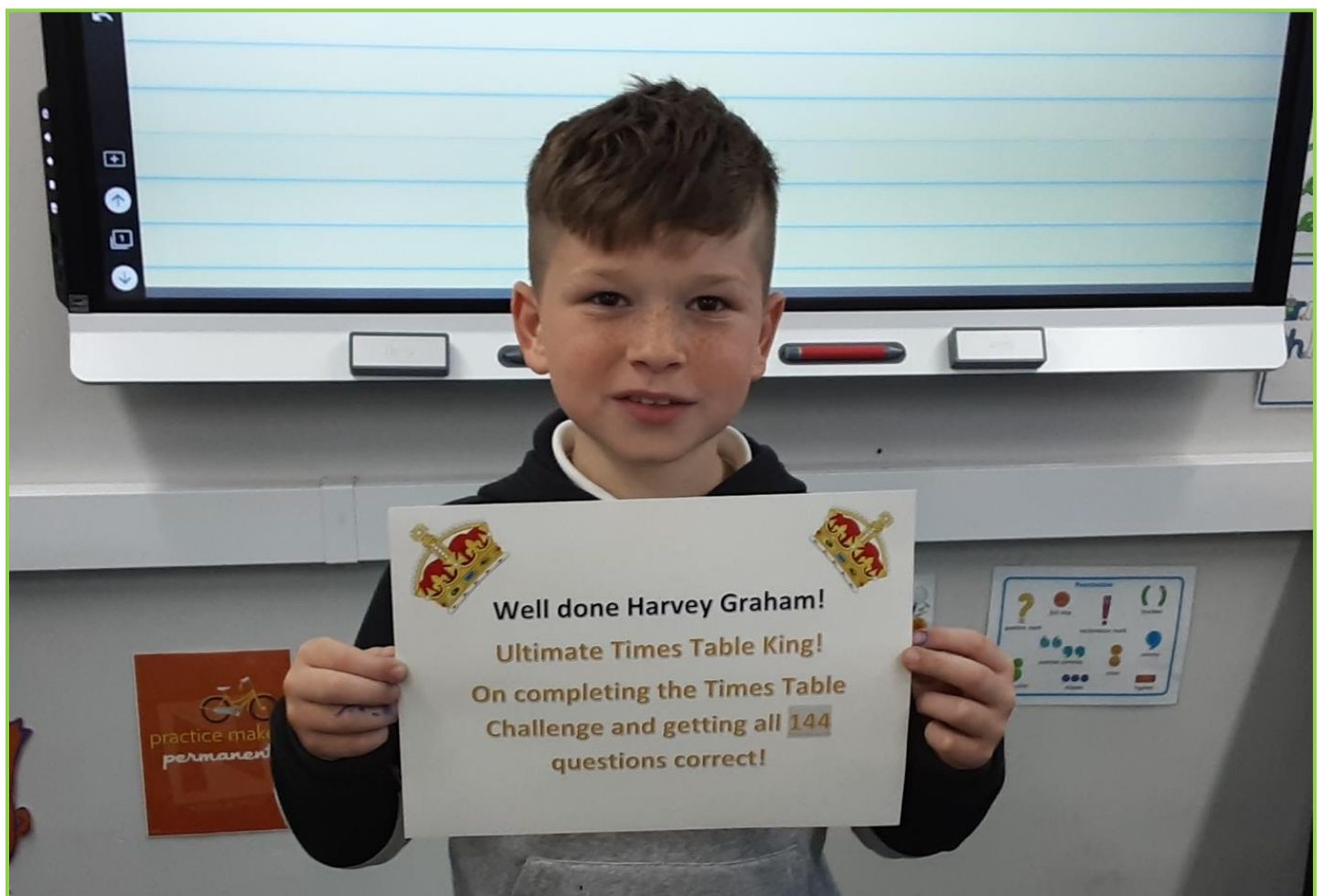






Take some time over half term to practise your times tables! Can you be a Times Table Champion like Harvey who scored 144 out of 144?

Can you remember and use multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables up to 12×12 ?



TIMES TABLES

TIMES ONE

1	x	1	=	1
2	x	1	=	2
3	x	1	=	3
4	x	1	=	4
5	x	1	=	5
6	x	1	=	6
7	x	1	=	7
8	x	1	=	8
9	x	1	=	9
10	x	1	=	10
11	x	1	=	11
12	x	1	=	12

TIMES TWO

1	x	2	=	2
2	x	2	=	4
3	x	2	=	6
4	x	2	=	8
5	x	2	=	10
6	x	2	=	12
7	x	2	=	14
8	x	2	=	16
9	x	2	=	18
10	x	2	=	20
11	x	2	=	22
12	x	2	=	24

TIMES THREE

1	x	3	=	3
2	x	3	=	6
3	x	3	=	9
4	x	3	=	12
5	x	3	=	15
6	x	3	=	18
7	x	3	=	21
8	x	3	=	24
9	x	3	=	27
10	x	3	=	30
11	x	3	=	33
12	x	3	=	36

TIMES FOUR

1	x	4	=	4
2	x	4	=	8
3	x	4	=	12
4	x	4	=	16
5	x	4	=	20
6	x	4	=	24
7	x	4	=	28
8	x	4	=	32
9	x	4	=	36
10	x	4	=	40
11	x	4	=	44
12	x	4	=	48

TIMES FIVE

1	x	5	=	5
2	x	5	=	10
3	x	5	=	15
4	x	5	=	20
5	x	5	=	25
6	x	5	=	30
7	x	5	=	35
8	x	5	=	40
9	x	5	=	45
10	x	5	=	50
11	x	5	=	55
12	x	5	=	60

TIMES SIX

1	x	6	=	6
2	x	6	=	12
3	x	6	=	18
4	x	6	=	24
5	x	6	=	30
6	x	6	=	36
7	x	6	=	42
8	x	6	=	48
9	x	6	=	54
10	x	6	=	60
11	x	6	=	66
12	x	6	=	72

TIMES SEVEN

1	x	7	=	7
2	x	7	=	14
3	x	7	=	21
4	x	7	=	28
5	x	7	=	35
6	x	7	=	42
7	x	7	=	49
8	x	7	=	56
9	x	7	=	63
10	x	7	=	70
11	x	7	=	77
12	x	7	=	84

TIMES EIGHT

1	x	8	=	8
2	x	8	=	16
3	x	8	=	24
4	x	8	=	32
5	x	8	=	40
6	x	8	=	48
7	x	8	=	56
8	x	8	=	64
9	x	8	=	72
10	x	8	=	80
11	x	8	=	88
12	x	8	=	96

TIMES NINE

1	x	9	=	9
2	x	9	=	18
3	x	9	=	27
4	x	9	=	36
5	x	9	=	45
6	x	9	=	54
7	x	9	=	63
8	x	9	=	72
9	x	9	=	81
10	x	9	=	90
11	x	9	=	99
12	x	9	=	108

TIMES TEN

1	x	10	=	10
2	x	10	=	20
3	x	10	=	30
4	x	10	=	40
5	x	10	=	50
6	x	10	=	60
7	x	10	=	70
8	x	10	=	80
9	x	10	=	90
10	x	10	=	100
11	x	10	=	110
12	x	10	=	120

TIMES ELEVEN

1	x	11	=	11
2	x	11	=	22
3	x	11	=	33
4	x	11	=	44
5	x	11	=	55
6	x	11	=	66
7	x	11	=	77
8	x	11	=	88
9	x	11	=	99
10	x	11	=	110
11	x	11	=	121
12	x	11	=	132

TIMES TWELVE

1	x	12	=	12
2	x	12	=	24
3	x	12	=	36
4	x	12	=	48
5	x	12	=	60
6	x	12	=	72
7	x	12	=	84
8	x	12	=	96
9	x	12	=	108
10	x	12	=	120
11	x	12	=	132
12	x	12	=	144



Please don't forget during the summer term to:



**apply sunscreen on your child before school*

**if you would like your child to apply their own sunscreen before going outside, please send a named bottle into school which they can keep in their locker*

** fill your child's water bottle with still water only. If they have lost their school bottle, they are on sale for £2 available via ParentPay*

** Legionnaire caps are on sale for £5 from school available via ParentPay*

Five ways to stay safe in the sun



Help ensure you're well protected from UV rays, by following these tips.

1. Use good quality sunscreen

Buy one that has 'UVA' on the label, a star rating of 4 or 5, is at least SPF 30, water-resistant and still in-date.

Put it on 30 minutes before you go outside and reapply at least every two hours.

2. Wear protective clothing

Wear loose clothes that cover your skin, made from breathable fabrics with a tight weave to stop UV rays getting through. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses too.

3. Check the UV index

The UV index tells you how strong the UV rays are in your area. Check it online before you head out.

4. Seek out shade

Avoid sitting in the sun between 11am and 3pm. Seek shade - under some trees perhaps, or bring a parasol out with you.

5. Drink plenty of water

Aim to drink 6-8 glasses of water per day or more if you're feeling thirsty. Steer clear of alcohol as it makes you pee more and can leave you even more dehydrated.





Star Pupils These children have been selected this half term to be Super Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons at school.



Two-Year-Olds: Charlotte, Ronnie-Ray
 and Oliver.

Nursery: Autumn, Annabell and Charlotte.

Class 1: Sofia, Olly-Joe and Sophie.

Class 2: Reuben, Madyson and Mason.



Class 3: Riley, Ella, Faith, Rubie and Olivia.

Class 4T: Zak and Kayden.



Class 4W: Zac, Kaiden, Jaydan, Summer, Daisy, Mohanad, Tommy, Yazan, Lilly-Su, Logan O, Jayden, Casey, Liam, Logan D, Aliyah, Scarlett, Erin, Luke, Harvey and Avika.



Ms Davison: Lyla, Chloe and Casey.



BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success!

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. 
We really do appreciate all that you do!

 *Helen Blakey, Ellen Cottrell,
Catherine Gillet, Claire Linfoot,
Steve Linfoot, Tracy Pickering,
June Nichol and Bo Wood.* 

We really would love to welcome some new volunteers. If your child attends Breakfast Club and you could spare even one hour a week, please let Ms Davison know.

Thank you.

*Reminder: Breakfast Club
starts at 8.20 am.*



Nursery places...

Now is a good time to contact school about a nursery place for September.

Do you have or know of a child who is nearly two and would like to book a place in our nursery to start the term after their second birthday? Do you have or know of any two, three or four-year olds who would like to begin their learning journey in our school nursery?

The next few pages of the newsletter explain the offers and places we have in our school nursery so please give us a ring to discuss a place for your child.



You may not be able to book a place (especially a two-year-old place) or have the sessions you would like if you don't act quickly so please get in touch soon!



FREE

Nursery Places
Don't miss out – Call us NOW

Our Contact
0191 3868416

Our Hours
9.00am – 3.15pm

Our Teachers
Qualified, Experienced & Friendly

If you would like your child to start in the school nursery, you will need to call 0191 3868416 and ask to speak to

Gaynor Davison or

Chris Lawson. You can also email

laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net

We'd love to hear from you.

Call us:
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email: laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net

Laurel Avenue
Community Primary School

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School Nursery
Where children shine

Starting your child in our school nursery is a wonderful way to start their learning adventure and introduce them to school life and our vibrant, caring community.

[Click to read our school nursery brochure and find out more about our fabulous nursery.](#)

Important



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 for three and four-year olds. Nursery sessions are 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 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 or our website.



Is your child eligible?



FREE play and learn for 2-year-olds

Your 2-year-old may be entitled to free childcare from the term after their second birthday at 'Play and Learn' sessions – 15 hours a week.

You may be eligible if you meet the criteria on the next page.

You can do a quick and easy check on our parent portal.

You can access this at www.durham.gov.uk/playandlearn or by scanning the QR code below.



If you are eligible, you will be given a code. Please bring this code to the office or call us on 0191 3868416 and we can arrange for your child to start their sessions in our nursery if we have places available.



Is your child eligible?

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

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)*
- *Universal Credit - if you and your partner have a combined income from work of less than £15,400 a year after tax*
- *Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax*
- *The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit*
- *Support through part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act*
- *The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*

Your child will also qualify if they:

- *are looked after by the council*
- *have a current statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care (EHC) plan*
- *they get Disability Living Allowance*
- *have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order but we will also need some additional evidence, such as a DLA letter. Please contact us for more information.*

If you're a non-European Economic Area (EEA) citizen who cannot claim benefits Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting support under the immigration and Asylum Act and have either:

- *claimed asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision (known as 'part 6')*
- *been refused asylum in the UK (known as 'section 4')*

A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have any of the following:

- *leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds*
- *support from your local council because you have 'a child in need', for example they have a disability or a child protection plan*
- *the right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of a British citizen (known as a 'Zambrano Carer')*

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



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.

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/>

Holidays during Term Time

The education of all of our children remains the priority in school, and so any absences due to holidays taken during term time will not be authorised.



Please note, if the leave of absence is classed as unauthorised and you still choose to take your child out of school and you have reached 7 days of unauthorised absence in any twelve-week period, information will be passed to the Attendance Improvement Officer and a fixed penalty notice may be issued which carries a fine of £60 per child, per parent/carer.



School Uniform

This is a kind reminder about school uniform in school. Two days each week, children should come to school wearing their PE Kit.

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



Our school uniform consists of:

Plain black or plain grey skirt, pinafore, school trousers or school shorts.

Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan.

White or bottle green polo shirt.

Bottle green/white summer dress.

Dark coloured shoes only.



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 shoes with black laces and no coloured decoration or images.

Thank you if you are ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform daily.



ParentPay

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to ParentPay so far. From now on, this is how:

- uniform is ordered and paid for;
- consent is given and donations are paid for school visits;
- consent is given for after school clubs;
- payments for dinner money are made.

We will be contacting all families who have not activated their accounts after half term to see how we can help them with the set up.





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News from Laurel Avenue Community Centre



Party In The Park

2022 marks 70 years since Her Majesty The Queen ascended the throne. We're proud to be one of the organisations in receipt of the @ArtsCouncilofEngland #LetsCreate Jubilee Fund so that communities can come together to celebrate with creativity and culture.



Wednesday 1st June 2022

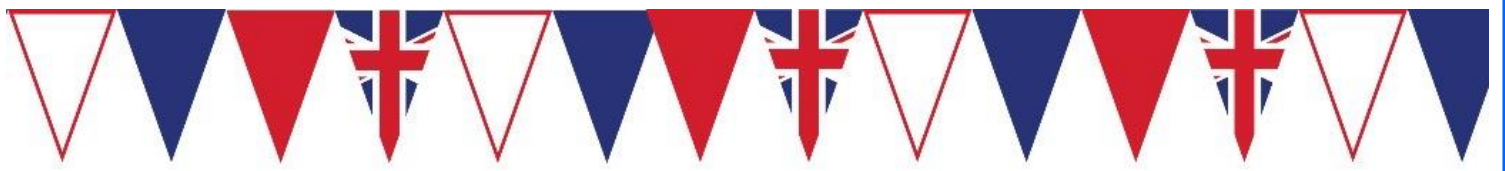
12 pm until 4 pm.

@ Laurel Avenue Community Centre.



There will be an outdoor stage, fairground rides, food marquee, games, stalls, face painting, 1950's fancy dress competition, LA All Stars 1950's dance show, and much more....

The fund is made possible thanks to @LottoGoodCauses



Party In The Park

Table Tops For Hire

Wednesday 1st June 2022

12 pm until 4 pm.

@ Laurel Avenue Community Centre.

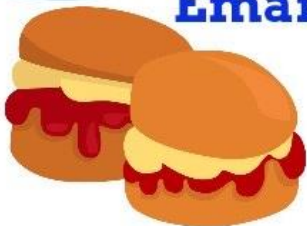
We have table tops for hire at a cost of £10 - options of indoors/outdoors or within the marquee. If you would like to book a table top



please get in touch.

Email: admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com









Tel: 0191 3845427 / 07825956094



School Holidays

2022 - 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2022/2023

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens
Summer 2022 (6 weeks 2 days) 	Thursday 21 st July 2022	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
Autumn Half-Term 2022 (1 week) 	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Teacher Training Day (1 day) 	Thursday 24 th November 2022	Monday 28 th November 2022
Christmas 2022 (2 weeks 1 day) 	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Spring Half-Term 2023 (1 week) 	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter 2023 (2 weeks) 	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday weekend 2023 (2 days) 	Thursday 27 th April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer Half-Term 2023 (1 Week)	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
Summer 2023 	Friday 21 st July 2023	To be determined

*These dates only relate to
Laurel Avenue Community Primary School and Nursery.
Each school in the area may have slightly different closing and re-opening dates.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 6th June: Children return to school

Thursday 9th June: Class 2 visit to Raby Castle

Friday 10th June: Classes 1 – 4 Colour Run

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th June: Peer Mentoring Training -
Year 4 and 5

Friday 17th June, am: Skipping Event

Wednesday 22nd June: Interhouse Sports Programme

Friday 24th June: School Closed for Teacher Training

Thursday 30th June: KS1 Multi Sport Festival (Class 2)

Tuesday 5th July, am: Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July, pm: Classes 3, 4T and 4W Sports Day

Wednesday 6th July: Opening of Dragon Park - all classes invited

Thursday 7th July, am: Reception Festival at Sherburn Primary

Monday 11th July, pm: Summer Fayre

Wednesday 13th July: Teddy Bear's Picnic

Friday 15th July, 9:30 am: Reception Graduation

Friday 15th July: Annual Reports out to Parents/Carers

Wednesday 20th, 10.00 am: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 21st June: End of Summer Term

Additional dates will be sent out next half term.



HAPPY

HALF TERM

EVERYONE

Looking forward to seeing all
children back in school on
Monday 6th June 2022.