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Newsletter
Friday 4th July

GEMS Assembly:
The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Diamond!
Well done to everyone in Team Diamond! Find out about our GEM procedures here: https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/ .

Annual Reports:
Each child should bring their annual report home today. The Parents meetings on Monday after school are to discuss the report with your child's teacher.

Champions of Champions:
Well done to the Boys & Girls Football Teams for competing in the Champions of Champions. This was a great achievement for Whinfield as it is the first time both teams made it to the finals in the same season. All children played amazingly showing hard work and dedication throughout, with the Girls team placing 3rd and 2nd place for the Boys, congratulations to all involved, well done Whinfield.

St Augustine's Cup:
A mixed boys and girls team competed in the St Augustine's Cup. The children worked as a team playing some brilliant football. The children went undefeated during the group stage and qualifying for the top tier in the afternoon. The children continued playing great team football during the afternoon scoring lots of goals and having lots of fun. This placed Whinfield 3rd in the competition, well done Whinfield.

Community Games:
Year 4 children had a fantastic day at the Community Games. This event is used to celebrate a wide variety of different sports and activities around Darlington. The children were engaged and motivated by lots of different sports such as Quidditch, MMA, American Football and many more. Thank you to everyone involved.

Practice of Lockdown Procedures:
Following our last practice of following the lockdown procedures we identified some amendments which needed to be made to our policy. Those aspects of policy have been reviewed so we will conduct another practice next week.

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Open Evenings for Year 6 pupils transferring to Secondary School 2026:

- Carmel College - Monday 15th September 2025, 5.30pm
- Polam Hall School - Tuesday 16th September 2025, 5.30pm
- St Aidan's CofE Academy - Wednesday 17th September 2025, 5.30pm
- Longfield Academy - Thursday 18th September 2025, 5.30pm
- Haughton Academy - Monday 22nd September 2025, 5.30pm
- Hummersknott Academy - Wednesday 24th September 2025, 5.30pm
- Hurworth School - Thursday 25th September 2025, 5.30pm
- Wyvern Academy - Thursday 2nd October 2025, 6.00pm

Breakfast and Afterschool childcare:
If you require Breakfast and Afterschool childcare, sessions must be booked and paid for 7 days in advance. Once you have booked, please check your booked sessions to ensure that you have booked and paid for all of the sessions you require. We are unable to book any late sessions, rearrange sessions or accept children who are not booked in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates for Summer term:

Monday 7th July	**Drop in Parents Evening. 3:30pm – 5pm (except for Year 5)**
Tuesday 8th July	**Year 1 Parents meeting for children moving to Year 2 in September – 3:30pm – main entrance**
Wednesday 9th July	**Year 1 Parent/Carer session – clay self-portraits. 2:15pm – 3:10pm**
Wednesday 9th July	**Reception Parents meeting for children moving to Year 1 in September - 3:30pm – main entrance**
Thursday 10th July	**Year 5 drop in parents evening 3:30pm - 4:30pm**
Thursday 10th July	**Year 2 Parents meeting for children moving to Year 3 in September - 3:30pm – main entrance**
Monday 14th July	**Year 3 Parents meeting for children moving to Year 4 in September - 3:30pm – main entrance**
Wednesday 16th July	**Year 6 Leaver performance 9:30am**
Wednesday 16th July	**Year 6 Leavers disco 4:30pm – 6pm**
Friday 18th July	**School closes for Summer**

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DARLINGTON MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

NHS Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Parent Transition Workshop

Is your child moving up to secondary school?

The Darlington Mental Health Support Team (MHST) invites you to attend an online parent only session to help you support your child with the transition to secondary school.

Why?

The transition from primary to secondary is a time of change for both children and parents/carers, it can be an exciting time however some children may struggle with the big changes they are faced with. Children can worry about getting lost, bullying, workload, friendships and more.

Aims

- To gain an understanding on how change can impact on thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- To explore ways to support your child from how you respond to problem solving.
- Discuss how to get further support.

Dates/Times

Monday 28th July 2025 - 9.30am to 11am
Tuesday 19th August - 4pm to 5.30pm
Friday 29th August - 12pm to 1.30pm

via Microsoft Teams

To book a place, please send your preferred date to tewv.mhstdarlington@nhs.net and a link will be sent to you.

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Durham Constabulary Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme

Durham Constabulary Volunteer Police Cadets focuses on the development of young people between the ages of 11 and 17 across County Durham and Darlington.

The ultimate aim of the Volunteer Polce Cadets is to encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship, while inspiring young people to develop knowledge and understanding of the policing role to ultimately participate positively in their local community.

The scheme is designed to be engaging, enjoyable, fun and ultimately developmental for all the participating young people.

Some of the key objectives of the Programme

- demonstrate an increase in self-confidence/self-esteem
- show how to utilise the principles of self-discipline
- explain how to maintain health and wellbeing for themselves and others
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the basic employability skills required to progress into further education/employment
- show individual skills as a leader by being a role model and supporting and developing others

We are currently seeking interest, applications and new recruits from current Year 6 pupils who will imminently be moving to their respective Secondary School setting to commence
Year 7.

Please see attached links for more information relating to the role

https://www.durham.police.uk/police-forces/durham-constabulary/areas/careers/join-us/volunteers-and-police-cadets/

https://www.daac.org.uk/projects/cadet-schemes/