



Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful week's holiday and are excited about the second half of the summer term. Monday morning was filled with excitement as the children in Reception eagerly caught up with friends, sharing stories of their holidays. Thank you for helping the children record their holiday experiences in their journals - they have been delightful to read.



Our topic this term is 'Carnivals', and this week we have had fun learning about their origins, the activities involved, and the people who participate. The children were eager to share their own carnival experiences, with many attending the Whitley Bay Carnival over the half term. They were delighted to see our school represented at the event. The children have had a wonderful time creating vibrant carnival bunting to brighten up

the reception corridor, classroom, and shared spaces. Their designs add a festive touch, filling our environment with colour and creativity!



PE uniform - Change of PE days (Monday and Thursday)

We're delighted to welcome Gail back for a new series of gymnastics sessions throughout the remainder of the summer term! These sessions will give children the exciting opportunity to explore larger apparatus and take on new challenges using the wall-mounted climbing frame.

Gymnastics will take place on Monday afternoons, with their second PE lesson on Thursday. Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit on both days.



School trip: Monday 23rd June (all day)

We are very excited to let you know that we have booked a visit to Whitehouse Farm in Morpeth. It promises to be a wonderful day out for the children.

However, for the trip to go ahead, we need your help with the 'parent-to-child' ratio. If you can assist on the day, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity on the coach to transport our volunteers to and from the farm, so you would need to arrange your own transportation. In the past, our parent helpers have organised car-sharing.

Further information on timings for the day, lunch choices, and other details will follow.

Please see below the flyer about this years Summer Reading Challenge, the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4+. Children can join at any North Tyneside Library from **Saturday 12 July**.



Your child (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

🏆 Their goal is to read 6 books

📖 Read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks

🎉 Earn stickers, a certificate & even a medal

Available in libraries or online:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Join at any North Tyneside library from Saturday 12 July
It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

For further information about or FREE events and activities over the summer check out
<https://bookwhen.com/ntclibraries>



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Important diary dates and information

10.6.25 & 12.6.25 Father's Day gift shop

17.6.25 Sports Day 2pm

23.6.25 Trip to Whitehouse Farm

27.6.25 New to Year 1 meeting 9am

27.6.25 Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate tombola donation.

1.7.25 Year 1 'open classroom' visit 3.30-5.30pm

4.7.25 Summer Fair 3.30pm

Reminders

'Orange' Rainbow Raffle Donations:

The Friends of Southridge are collecting donations of orange-themed items from Reception for the Summer Fair's Rainbow Raffle. Any contributions, big or small, are greatly appreciated and will help make the event a success. Thank you for your support.

School Group Photo:

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 8th June 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3)

Have a wonderful weekend!



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