



West Park Academy

Date: May 2025

Summer Term 1

Well that was a very short, jam-packed term! As we move into Summer 2, we look forward to welcoming you in for sporting events, Summer Fayre and showcasing our summer learning. We are hopeful that the lovely weather remains, (even though the half term looks like a return of wet and windy conditions), to enable us to maximise outdoor learning and activity. We would like to thank you for bringing your children into school, on time, smart and ready to learn. Have a lovely half-term break and see you all at **8:45am on Monday 2nd June 2025**.

STEM WEEK: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) week commences 2nd June 2025. During this week we will have lots of fun and exciting sessions taking place with visitors from a variety of industries, universities and science centres.

If you work in any of the above industries and feel you would like to share your experience with the children by giving a careers talk, then please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

LOST Property: Each day we find we have quite a lot of sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans/coats/shoes/hats that are left in the playground/field or outside classrooms.

All named items can be returned to the rightful owner. But we have so many **unnamed** items, which end up unclaimed.

Please can you ensure **ALL** items are clearly named.

These items will be kept till the end of the school term only.

Please take a look in the red box outside the school office or on the pegs at the side of the playground and retrieve anything that belongs to your child.

All unclaimed items will then be given to charity or the Uniform Scheme Shop, Feethams, Darlington. (Back of Boyes near the Multi-storey Carpark).

Forthcoming Events:		
Mon 2nd June	All Day	Yr6 Gladiator Day - Yr 6 children to attend in PE kits
Fri 6th June	All Day	Yr2 Education Visit - Hindu Temple
Tues 10th Jun	5:00 PM	New Reception Starters Meeting
Thur 19th Jun	All Day	Yr6 Game Designer Day
Thur 19th Jun	All Day	Yr3 Education Visit - High Force
Tues 24th Jun	2:00 PM	Yr2 Sports Day - Parents invited
Wed 25th, 26th & 27th Jun	All day	WPA Transition Days - Check website for secondary transition dates
Mon 30th Jun	All Day	Wellbeing Day
Tues 1st July	All Day	Yr6 Nerf Battle - PE Kits
Wed 2nd July	2:15 PM	Hub 2 Sports Day - Parents Invited
Thurs 3rd July	2:15 PM	Yr5 & 6 Sports Day - Parents Invited
Fri 4th July	2:00 PM	Yr1 Sports Day - Parents Invited
Tues 8th July	2:15 PM	Hub 1 Sports Day - Parents Invited
Tues 8th July	2:15 PM	Reception Sports Day - Parents Invited
Wed 9th July	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Hub 2 Leavers Party
Wed 9th July	All Day	Yr1 Education Visit - Saltburn
Thur 10th July	All Day	Yr6 Education Visit - Seaton Carew
Thur 10th July	All day	KS1 School Games Day - No parents
Fri 11th July	All Day	KS2 School Games day - No parents
Mon 14th July	1:30 PM	Whole School Colour Run
Tues 15th July	All Day	Yr6 Bike ride to Archers
Tues 15th July	2:15 PM	Yr3 & 4 Sports Day - Parents Invited
Wed 16th July	1:30 PM	Nursery Graduation - Nursery Garden
Wed 16th July	2:30 PM	Summer Fayre
Thur 17th July	TBA	Leavers performance and Picnic
Fri 18th July	3:45 PM	Final Day - closes for summer holidays
Tues 2nd Sept	8:45 AM	School Re-opens - new term starts

Year 6 Easter Fayre: The Easter Fayre was a great success. Year 6 children raised a fabulous £1196.12, as part of the Virgin Make £5 Grow program, the year 6 children learned many skills and produced some amazing stalls with great fundraising ideas. This was all evident in the amount raised.

Some of the funds have been given to a charity of the children's choice.

Friends of West Park Academy (FOWPA) raised £145 with their chocolate donation.

Thank you for your contributions and most importantly joining in the fun of the day.

Bags to School was also a success with lots of bags, the total weight was 300KG. We are waiting to hear how much money was raised. Once again thank you.

Summer Fayre will take place on **Wednesday 16th July 2025** at **2:30pm**, there will be lots of stalls, a bouncy castle, stocks and many more fun activities. There will be more information nearer the time.

Sports Days: The gates will be opening at 2:00pm to allow parents/spectators to buy refreshments before watching the children in their races.

ARBOR: If you have not yet managed to log onto Arbor then please do so. If you have any issues please contact the school office on 01325 380792. We would like everyone to use Arbor as this is the way to update your contact details, pay for school meals, trips and once everyone is up and running we will be able to set up the Communications side of the App.

We are currently on 92% parent usage, the aim is to have 100% parent usage.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club runs daily in the school hall between 8:00am - 8:30am, with a cost of £3:00 per session. We will be setting up a new booking in system so we can cater for the number of children who are attending. This will start in September 2025. More information will follow.

Friends of West Park Academy:

Would you like to support the children who attend West Park Academy? If the answer is yes then why not become a Friend of West Park Academy and help raise funds for school and make new friends.



We meet each Monday morning between 9:00am and 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat. We will also be holding a minuted meeting on the first Monday morning of each half term to plan future fundraisers, share ideas and decide how the money raised will be spent.

Come and join our friendly group and contribute to raising funds for our children. Pre-schoolers are welcome to join too!

Healthy Lunch: We all want our children to feel good about themselves. A healthy lunch every day will give your child the energy and nutrients they need to grow, develop and learn. Our school dinners provide children with healthy, tasty and nutritious food but are also designed to appeal to their tastes and there is always a choice. If you do choose to send a packed lunch, please can you ensure that there are **no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks.**

Nut Allergy: Just to make you aware that we do have Children with nut allergies in school. Please be mindful when sending food into school, this includes products such as Chocolate nut spread and food stuffs that do not seemingly contain nuts. Children do not have to eat these products to have a severe reaction.

If you wish to change from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa, contact the school office.

Lates: The school day starts at 8:45am. Being on time is important for your child's wellbeing, achievement and wider development. Coming in late to a lesson that has already started can mean missed learning and can leave your child feeling anxious. Late marks affect the overall attendance and may result in a fine. If your child is late and has to enter through the main office, you will need to sign them in and give a reason and evidence for the absence otherwise it will be unauthorised.



School closes for half term on Friday 23rd May 2025.
Have a lovely break and we will see you all at 8:45am on Monday 2nd June 2025.