

Newsletter Friday 27th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for your Easter Egg donations so far and we would also like to thank “123 Help 4 Family’s”, as they have been so generous once again with the annual Easter egg donation. This charity, based in Stanhope, supports families in financial hardship all year around. You can find their details on Facebook.

Afterschool Club / Childcare Thursday 2nd April

There will be no after school club or childcare on the last Thursday of this term, this includes the Escape Room club.

Trip to Bowless (Ruby LZ)

Reminder that Ruby will be going to Bowlees visitor Centre next Wednesday 1st April, the cost of the trip is £3, available to pay on ParentPay. The price has already been subsidised by Stanhope PTA.

Swimming after Easter break

Ruby LZ will be swimming every Tuesday, starting on Tuesday 21st April until Tuesday 14th July.

Please ensure your child is at school by 8.45am for registration as we leave school at 8:50am to catch the bus to Wolsingham Swimming Pool. Your child should bring their swimming costume or trunks. Please note, the swimming instructors will not allow long style Hawaiian shorts to be worn. Your child should also bring their own towel and swimming hat. Hats can be purchased from the pool at a cost of £2.00, if required. Your child can bring goggles, but the use of goggles will depend upon the lesson content and will be decided by the swimming instructor at each session.

If your child forgets their swimming costume, spares are available at the pool. If you have any queries or concerns please let us know.

PE for Summer Term (All Learning Zones)

All children should come to school in their PE kits for Summer term. Gentle reminder of no jewellery, and trainers should be worn.

PE Days:

Amethyst - Thursday

Sapphire - Wednesday & Thursday

Ruby - Swimming Tuesday, PE Friday

Emerald - Monday & Friday

Diamond - Thursday & Friday

Red Nose Day

A big thank you to all the families that donated for RND. We have raised £90.

Easter raffle

We have three lovely hampers for our Easter raffle; all children have been sent 2 raffle strips. Please note the price is £1 per strip, so if you would like to enter our raffle, send the money to school and write the name of your child at the back of the strip.

If you would like to buy more tickets, you can buy them at the gates every morning or you can come to the office, too.

Each hamper contains: 6 large easter eggs, 1 small Easter egg, one book of "Where is Stitch?" and one memory gel donut. All donations support the trips that we subsidise for the children, all year around.



After school clubs for Summer Term

After School Clubs for Summer Term 1 will begin week commencing Monday 20th April 2026. We have some new and exciting clubs on offer this next half term. Please email or phone the office to book a place.

Clubs for Summer Term 1 are as follows:

Summer Term 1

| Day | Club & Age Group | Cost |
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| Monday | KS2 Cookery Club | £6 (3:25 to 4:30pm) and limited spaces. |
| Tuesday | Year 6 SATs Booster Club | FREE It is expected that all Y6 children should be encouraged to attend |
| Thursday | Year 4 Times Tables | Free From 3:25 to 4:15 pm |

After School Childcare will run from 3.15pm – 5pm. You **do** need to book a place for after school childcare as we only have one After School Supervisor and therefore may need to arrange further adult support if numbers increase on any particular day. You can book by contacting the office.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1st April: Ruby trip to Bowlees

Thursday 2nd April: Last day of Spring term

Monday 20th April: 1st day back to school and Summer Term.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
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Business Manager