



Durham Dales Federation

Hamsterley, Rookhope, St John's Chapel and Wearhead Primary Schools




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'Opening minds, unlocking potential, celebrating success together'



What's happening next week? (week commencing Monday 23rd September)

Monday	All schools - violin tuition with Mrs Millar
Tuesday 	<p>Year 6 'taster day' at Samuel King's school today (children will be collected from each school at 8.30am).</p> <p>Flu immunisations this morning.</p> <p>St John's Chapel – All Class 1 children will have a Forest Schools session. <i>Children will need warm, outdoor clothing, waterproofs & wellies.</i></p> <p>Class 2 will have an outdoor PE lesson. <i>Children will need to have their outdoor PE kit with them, please (leggings/joggers, a jumper & outdoor trainers).</i></p> <p>Wearhead – All children have a Forest Schools session. Children will need warm, outdoor clothing, waterproofs & wellies.</p>
Wednesday	<p>St John's Chapel – Chapel Tots 1.30-3.00pm</p> <p>Music tuition with Mrs Unwin</p>
Thursday 	Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2.00pm - <i>all parents/carers are welcome to join us.</i>
Friday 	<p>Y5/6 swimming</p> <p><i>All other year groups will need to have their outdoor PE kit with them, please (leggings/joggers, a jumper & outdoor trainers).</i></p>



All dates for this term's events will be added to our Weduc calendar.



School holidays for the 2024/25 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Autumn half-term 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Spring half-term 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025	Tuesday 29 th April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025

A further 2 days during term time have been allocated for staff in-service training. These dates are Monday 6th January 2025 and Monday 28th April 2025. Staff will also complete 3 further days of training during school holidays or by twilight sessions. These dates are Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2024 and Monday 21st July 2025.