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Dear Families and Friends of The Duke of Norfolk,

We have reached the final half term of the school year and there is a lot of learning and fun to fit in before the end of the term. While the summer term can feel a little test-heavy (Year 1 phonics, Year 4 times tables, and assessments for all year groups!), there's so much to look forward to as well! I would like to take this moment to thank the children who have been involved in the multiplication checks and the phonics screening for their patience, hard work and determination over the last few weeks. You have all been stars.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming sports days, welcome events, transition mornings, and of course, the leavers' assemblies. We've listed all the key dates later in the newsletter and reposted them on the newer school website so you don't miss a single exciting moment and we do hope to see you at some of our events. In addition thank you to everyone involved in the Willow Wood Hospice Bunny Hop, as you collectively raised a fabulous £1,233.72. Amazing!

Please join me and the staff team in sending our best wishes to Mrs. Romero the former Miss Reynolds, and her husband who were married during the half term break we all wish her the very best. In addition, Miss Johnston will be changing her name to Mrs. Barrow when she gets married this weekend. Many congratulations.

If you would like to become more involved in school life and support the children we are presently advertising for a midday supervisor. Please ask at the school office for further details.

Yours with kind regards

Mrs. S Barker

Headteacher

Primary Sports Award

A number of children who have represented the school in sporting events this year attended the Glossopdale Primary School Sports Awards to celebrate their achievements. The cricket team were present to collect their award and other awards on behalf of the other teams. Tommy and Anastasia were awarded with Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year. Well done to everyone who has represented school this year!



Thank you to the families that attended and have shared the photographs too.

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STEM Day

On 21st May, just before the holidays, we had a whole school STEM day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.) The day was a great success and children across the school were engaged and enthusiastic in a variety of challenges, putting their learning and teamwork skills to the test!

EYFS had a dinosaur day. They loved pretending to be paleontologists, hunting for fossils and bones, exploring changes in salt dough while making pretend fossils, and making straw skeletons.

KS1 children learnt about bridges, making towers with strong foundations, then being challenged to make the longest bridge for the Billy Goats Gruff, problem solving and working together.

In KS2, our classes learnt about the use of triangles to add strength to structures. They were challenged to build the tallest tower they could following specifications with a given set of materials, solving problems to make it strong and sturdy.

It was lovely to see all the children getting involved, using their individual strengths, offering ideas and thinking 'outside the box.'



PTA Events

Thank you to the PTA for hosting and arranging a very soggy Skate and Scoot session after school.

Unfortunately we cannot plan the weather, but never mind as the children enjoyed themselves.



Upcoming events for the PTA in school

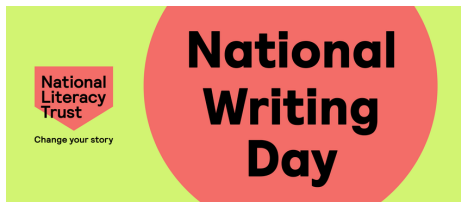
Father's Day gift payments should be made by Thursday 12th June for gift delivery on Friday 13th June. Please see the ParentHub posts for more information

Friday 13th June— Non uniform day for bottle donations

Thursday 3rd July— Non uniform day for sweet treat donations

Friday 11th July—Dukes Summer Fair

As the new school year starts, please don't forget STIKINS name labels for jumpers, lunch bags etc. which can be ordered from www.stikins.co.uk and use the following fund raising number of 6219 to support Dukes PTA.



National Writing Day

Dukes is excited to celebrate National Writing Day on Wednesday 25th of June! This special day is dedicated to the joy and creativity of writing, and we have planned a range of fun and inspiring activities for all students. Those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in storytelling sessions and collaborative writing projects and children in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to join a live lesson which will give everyone a chance to express themselves and explore their imagination through words. We look forward to seeing all the amazing ideas come to life!

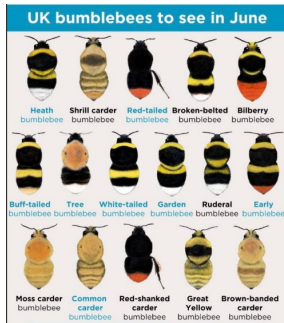
Sports Day Information

Friday the 20th of June is scheduled for the Dukes annual sports day.

As last year, the afternoon will be for the children of Key Stage 2, that is year 3, 4,5 and 6. The afternoon is due to start at 1.30pm until around 2.45pm.

Please send your child to school in their house colours. We have coloured bands for any child without clothing in their own team colour.

For children in Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2, sports day will take place in the morning, starting at 9.30am until about 10.45am. Again please dress the children for this event in their house colours.



Governor News

As a school we send our thanks to Tom Plant for all his hard work and dedication to Dukes. He has recently stepped down from the Governing body in his role as Chair of Governors.

We welcome Bryn Adams to the role of Chair of Governors and welcome Gill Peate to the Board of Governors following her successful application to the role as our new parent governor.

Butterflies and Bees

Cole and Ivy were the winners of the butterfly garden competition. Their beautiful gardens are within tyres for everyone to enjoy. Glosop Rotary Club donated £20 worth of vouchers to contribute to the gardens and will return in late June to judge them against other schools.

We are asking our school community to observe if they see any butterflies or bees within the school grounds. Here are some British species and we'd love to hear if they've been spotted.

KEY DATES JUNE/JULY 2025

Tuesday 3rd June—School reopens

Tuesday 3rd June MTC checks begin until Friday 12th June

Monday 9th June Phonics Screening checks start for all Year 1 pupils to Friday 13th June

Monday 16th June Reception and Nursery trip to the Butterfly House

Thursday 19th June—Class Photographs

Friday 20th June—Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June—National Writing day

Friday 4th July—Class Shuffle Day

Friday 11th July—PTA Dukes Summer Fair

Monday 14th July—Year 1 and 2 trip to Heaton Park

Friday 18th July Year 5 and 6 Trip to Blue Planet

INSET DAYS for 2025/2026

Thursday and Friday 4th and 5th of September 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Attendance

Thank you to families for your continued efforts to support attendance at Dukes. Special mention to Apple and Willow classes whose attendance for the month of May was over 97% and a special mention to Eucalyptus class who had the best attendance and can pick the music for our next celebration assembly.

Sycamores	96.63	Chestnuts	94.60
Apple	97.32	Orange	96.77
Cherry	95.72	Holly	96.75
Fir	95.26	Eucalyptus	97.80
Beech	94.28	Willow	97.10
Oak	95.15	Whole School	96.12

