



Newsletter – 27th June 2025

Dates For Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

2.7.25 – Year 5 Curriculum Day at Staindrop

3.7.25 – Year 6 SATS Treat – ROF59

7.7.25 - Sports day, 1.15pm

8.7.25 - Family Activity Evening 5-7pm - Further details below

9.7.25 – Y1/Y2 Orienteering Festival – Staindrop

10 & 11.7.25 – Transition Days Y6 Secondary School

15.7.25 – Y5/Y6 Athletics at Staindrop

17.7.25 - Leavers assembly 9.15 am all are welcome

Attendance: 94.91%

Family Activity Evening – Tuesday 8th July 5-7pm

We would like to invite families to join us for a **free** family activity evening on Tuesday, 8th July 5 - 7pm. There will be a range of activities to take part in including archery, campfire cooking, a crate challenge, slack line and other activities. There will also be refreshments on the night.

This is a family event run by Wilderness Outdoor Education. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. If you would like to join us, please contact the office to confirm how many places you would like to book. We need numbers for refreshments. **Please respond by no later than Thursday 3rd July.**

WANTED

Friends of the school will be holding a raffle and selling refreshments at sports day. If you have any donations of tinned food or biscuits, pasta, rice, jam/marmalade, jars of sauce, crisps, chocolate that they could put into a food hamper these would be gratefully received. Please can all donations be sent to school no later than Thursday 3rd July. Thank you

Extension of the School Day

Just a reminder that from September the school day will be extended and school will finish at 3.30. This will include the children who attend nursery.

Learning Around the School

Blackbirds

Blackbirds have been designing flags for sandcastles. First they evaluated different sizes and shapes of flag, then chose their own shape and design. They practised making the flag from paper, before they make it from fabric in a couple of weeks time.



Owls

Reception and KS1 have been learning about opera in music and this week we rehearsed the songs of the different characters in The Magic Flute.





Rich fields of learning



Robins and Sparrows

Robins and Sparrows had a fantastic day at 'Let's Learn Moors' yesterday, even in the rain. We learnt about the role of a game keeper and how they help red listed birds we have in the area. The children loved seeing the working dogs and learning about how they are trained and using the fire hose was a highlight for many.



Robins



Children in Robins are enjoying our current class novel 'Holes' so last week we took the opportunity to enjoy it in the sunshine.

Class Organisation 2025-2026

We will be restructuring our classes in September. This reflects the numbers of children in each stage of the school and ensures that every class has high quality teaching going forward.

Mrs Meroniuk will be teaching EYFS and Key Stage 1 working with Mrs Rogers and Miss Weir.

Mrs Harmer will be teaching Year 3 and Year 4 working with Mrs Davison.

Mrs Makin will be teaching Year 5 and Year 6 with Mrs Thompson.

The staff are all looking forward to working with their new classes in September.

After School Clubs

Tuesday – Dance Club

Wednesday – Indoor/Outdoor Games

Thursday – Homework

Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club.

Internet Safety and Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers:

NCA Information for parents

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=&ref=4765#mMain>

CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Childnet

<https://www.childnet.com>

Safer internet

<https://saferinternet.org.uk>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare and safety of a child or young person you can contact First Contact on the telephone number below.

First Contact Service: 03000 26 79 79



Community News

WOODLAND LUNCH CLUB is visiting at **BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL**

*come and
join us!*

11am - 2pm

2nd June

7th July

4th August

To book your place contact

01833 695822

contact@teesdaledayclubs.org.uk
enjoy home-cooked food and great company!



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BUILD CONFIDENCE LEARN A NEW SPORT

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INTERESTED? CONTACT REBECCA 07881344540 (AFTER 6PM)
*BOYS AND GIRLS FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



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Lunch Clubs

Monday - Woodland

Tuesday - Barnard Castle, Staindrop

Wednesday - Cotherstone, Middleton, Startforth

Thursday - Mickleton, Winston

Friday - Evenwood

ALL between 11:30-2:00pm

DO you often feel a bit isolated or lonely?
DO you sometimes wish you could meet up with
your peers for a friendly meal and chat?
DO you know of someone who would benefit
from some extra support?

Please note that we cannot provide personal care
Members must be independently mobile,
unless accompanied by a personal carer or assistant
Service dogs welcome

Member's Contribution costs £7.00 per week
Includes a freshly prepared 3-course meal and
access to our Community Support Service

If you are interested in joining as a member
or volunteering with us
please get in touch

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