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Welcome back to everyone after our two weeks holiday for Easter. It is lovely to see you all again as well as get to know some new children in our nursery. This half term is a short one of only four weeks with a bank holiday thrown in so our overall learning theme will run across the whole summer term to give us time to properly investigate the Vikings, including work on Norway in geography and Norse Mythology in English. In RE we have begun our new topic about Sikhism and we will be continuing to develop a multi-faith topic on People of God in the second half of this term. This week the children have found about a bit more about Guru Nanak who began the Sikh religion about 500 years ago in India. In computing the children are exploring photography (class 2 are working on portraits) and in music class 1 enjoyed making their own musical instruments.



VE Day 80th anniversary - Thursday next week (8th May)

Children are allowed to wear red, white and blue for VE Day

Parents and family members are invited to bring their own picnic to join us at lunchtime on Thursday (12pm). You are very welcome to also stay for the afternoon and join in with the children for a VE Day themed Commando Joe's and some games. It should be fun!



Bikeability this half term - every Tuesday

This Tuesday we were pleased to be able to deliver the first of a series of sessions on bikeability. The first session focused on bike maintenance, safety and assessing each child's ability and needs. The children will be working in small groups for 20 - 30 minute sessions on Tuesday afternoons this half term.



Friday forest school

The children have forest school on Friday afternoons this term with links to art and design technology as well as our learning theme of Vikings. Please remember that they will need clothing suitable for being outdoors depending on the weather.

Sun safety

With the sun making a glorious appearance and in anticipation of some summery weather, we do have children's sun cream in school to help protect the children against sunburn. If you prefer to send in your own, then please make sure it is named and we are happy to help your children apply it if necessary. We do have spare sun hats in school and again, please name any hats your child brings into school as it can be hard to work out which ones belong to the school and which ones belong to individual children. Our yard is a bit of a sun trap, but we will be spending most of our break times on the field which does offer shade thanks to our beautiful trees and willow walk and den.



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May - bank holiday - school is closed

Tuesday 6th May - new Reception parents (for September 2025) are invited to meet Miss Adams at 3pm.

Thursday 8th May - 80th anniversary of VE Day. We are planning a celebration picnic lunch and parents / carers and families are welcome to join us.

Week beginning 12th May - SingFest week finishing with concert on Saturday 17th May - more information to follow. We hope to be taking part in a workshop during the school week as part of this on Thursday 15th May in the morning.

Friday 16th May - skipping workshop for class 1 and class 2

Half term holiday the week beginning **26th May**

Monday 2nd June - Teacher training day - no children in school

Thursday 5th June - Countryside Day - whole school trip

Pencil in: **Thursday 12th June** - whole school visiting Holy Island. Viking themed morning and beach cricket in the afternoon. *Please note this has changed from 4th July in previous newsletters.*

Monday 16th June - whole school trip to the Great North Museum in Newcastle.

Pencil in: **Friday 20th June** - Etal cricket festival with other local schools

Friday 27th June - main school children will be walking the poles to Holy Island, as we do every other year.

Thursday 3rd July - art and work exhibition as well as open afternoon at Lowick school

Monday 7th July - whole school reward trip to Whitehouse Farm - we will be slightly late back - 3.30pm

Monday 14th July - Summer fair and sports afternoon (Wednesday 16th is our back up date)

Tuesday 15th July - Skipping festival in Berwick - class 2

Friday 18th July - 1.30pm end of year assembly and blessing