

FRIDAY LETTER

26/6/2026



Year Three go on an adventure in Addison Woods to find evidence of the 'lost village'

A scorching week - out and about!

Phew! What a scorcher. We knew it was a heatwave when almost all of year 6 removed their leavers' hoodies at one point! Despite the heat, it has been another great week at Crookhill with so much going on inside and out of the classrooms. Year 3 and Year 4 have both been out on visits, with Year 3 taking a walk around Addison Woods to look for evidence of the village that used to be there. Then it was the turn of Year 4 who had a great day out at Jarrow Hall, learning about Anglo-Saxon times. Two more classes take a trip out next week, with Year 5 off to Great North Museum on Monday and Year 1 heading to Beamish Museum on Thursday.



All change!

Our Year 6 pupils are heading out on their transition days to secondary school next week (good luck to them) while, in school, we will hold our move up morning on Wednesday. The new Reception cohort will also be joining us for the morning after their short stay and play this week.

Classes for 2026-27 academic year will be as follows:

Reception: Ms J Jordan

Year 1: Miss E Brown

Year 2: Mrs E Smith

Year 3: Mrs G Bainbridge (Mon-Wed), Mrs D Carter (Thurs-Fri)

Year 4: Mrs D O'Shaughnessy

Year 5: Miss L Hedley

Year 6: Mrs D Kelly

Water Safety

As part of our 'keeping safe' curriculum, all classes had a visit from Tommy at Tyneside Fire Service who shared some important water safety messages with the children. He shared lots of important information, including dangers in open water and the effects of cold water shock on the body.



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Festival in the Forest

What can we say about our very first 'Festival in the Forest' last night, except WOW - what a fantastic hour of outdoor fun. There was music, water fights (in team colours of course), sports action, hanging out in the trees and of course a delicious picnic tea to fuel up for the fun! The only disappointment was that it had to end! It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves out in the sunshine on our school field, playing with friends and making great memories! Aside from a great night of fun for everyone, the festival raised over £500 for our ongoing playground fund - bringing our total raised since September to over £3000! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fund raising events throughout the year - your support is much appreciated!

Tennis House Matches

Our summer of sporting fun continued today with house tennis competition. Younger children took part in a range of tennis skills based activities to develop hand-eye coordination, racquet control and balance. The older pupils joined in with some doubles matches, with points scored counting towards the end of year totals for their teams. With Wimbledon getting underway next week, it was great to celebrate this British sporting tradition in our own special way!



Celebration Afternoons: Reception and KS1

A quick reminder that both Reception and Key Stage 1 will hold their celebration afternoons next week, with Reception on Thursday and KS1 on Friday. Reception will begin at 2.15pm when they will give a short performance in the hall followed by an end of year celebration back in class - we welcome parents and carers to join us for the afternoon.

On Friday it's the turn of Year 1 and Year 2 to share their performances with you, starting at 2.30pm in the hall. After that, they invite you to join them back in class where they will share some of their favourite / best bits of work from this year. We hope you'll be able to attend.

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Coming up at Crookhill...



June

29.6.26 - Year 5 trip

30.6.26 - 1.7.26 - Thorp Transition days

July

1.7.26 - Class swap morning

2.7.26 - Reception open afternoon/celebration afternoon – 2.15pm (see above)

3.7.26 - KS1 Celebration afternoon – 2.30pm – (see above)

W/C 6.7.26 - Sport and Health Week

6.7.26 - B Outdoors sessions – details to follow

6.7.26 - Year 5 Open afternoon 1.30pm (parents invited into class)

7.7.26 - Scooters and Skateboards Day – details to follow

7.7.26 - KS2 SATS results

9.7.26 - Reception Fun Day - details to follow

9.7.26 - Year 6 to visit Holy Cross Church for a transition workshop

10.7.26 - KS2 Celebration afternoon 2.30pm

13.7.26 - Sports Day 1:30pm

14.7.26 - Annual reports go home

15.7.26 - Year 6 Prom – 7pm – 9pm – Tyneside Golf Club

16.7.26 - Year 6 Leavers' assembly - 9.30am

17.7.26 - Occasional day – school closed

Thursday 16th July – Break up for the summer holidays.

Return to school on Tuesday 1st September 2026



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