



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> November)

<b>Monday</b>  	Remembrance Service at Village War Memorial – 10:55
<b>Tuesday</b>  	<p><b>Class 2</b> – All Class 2 children will have a Forest Schools session. <i>Children will need warm, outdoor clothing, waterproofs &amp; wellies.</i></p> <p><b>Class 1</b> – Class 1 will have an <b>outdoor</b> PE lesson (weather permitting). <i>Children will need to have their outdoor PE kit with them, please (leggings/joggers, a jumper &amp; outdoor trainers).</i></p> <p><b>*PE and Forest Schools will alternate weekly*</b></p> <p><b>Brass Lessons</b> - Please remember to bring instruments and music books</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>  	<p><b>Class 2</b> - Key stage 2 stone age history workshop.</p> <p><b>Reception</b> – Indoor PE</p>
<b>Thursday</b>  	<p><b>Class 1 visit to Beamish Museum today. The children will need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To wear school uniform, appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat.</li> <li>The children will be provided with a school packed lunch and bottle of water to take with them. If your child usually brings their own packed lunch, you will need to provide them with a packed lunch to take with them on the day, please.</li> </ul> <p>A rucksack bag to carry their packed lunch with them</p>
<b>Friday</b>    	<p><b>Children-in-Need</b> - children can come to school in bright colours and will take part in Children in Need activities in their classes. Donations to the charity can be made via ParentPay.</p> <p><b>Class 2 Swimming</b></p> <p><b>Woodwind Lessons</b></p> <p><b>Class 1</b> – Class 1 will have an <b>outdoor</b> PE lesson (weather permitting). <i>Children will need to have their outdoor PE kit with them, please (leggings/joggers, a jumper &amp; 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 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Autumn half-term 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring half-term 2025	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
May Day 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer half-term 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025

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