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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a lovely start to the new term. The children have come back after the Easter break fully refreshed and ready to learn!

As the weather is beginning to improve, we are spending more time outdoors and making the best use of the school grounds to enhance our curriculum offer. Hopefully, the sunny weather will continue so please ensure pupils have a water bottle in school that they can refill throughout the day.

We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. A reminder that we are holding Sports Day earlier than usual this year (Wednesday 3rd June). This gives us more time to re-arrange if we need to cancel due to bad weather. This term, we also have more outdoor learning sessions as well as cricket, Bikeability for Class 3, an Early Years Breaki and a Book session and a Class 4 London trip. We are certainly going to be busy!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

Our science focus this term is life cycles. The children have been exploring the life cycle of a frog and learning new vocabulary such as tadpole, froglet and even amphibian! We took our learning outside and investigated the school pond, where we were thrilled to discover lots of wriggly tadpoles in their natural habitat.

We have also been busy planting broad beans. The children are beginning to understand what plants need in order to grow, including sunlight, water, space and soil. They have been showing great care and responsibility when looking after them.

In history, we transformed into palaeontologists! We learned about fossils—what they are and how they are formed—and even created our own fossils during our woodland session.

Our Preschool children have started a new core book, Oi Frog, which links beautifully with our science learning. They have been practising spotting rhyming words and are beginning to continue rhyming strings which is an impressive and tricky skill for such young children.

Class 2

It has been a lovely start to the summer term in Class 2. The children have made excellent progress in their maths unit, confidently measuring in centimetres and metres. They have particularly enjoyed exploring and comparing the heights and lengths of objects around the school, and are beginning to apply the four operations to solve more challenging, deeper-thinking problems. In DT, we have started our unit on vehicles, and the class have been busy exploring how wheels and axles work in preparation for designing and building their own models. In English, we began our new class text, *Grandad's Secret Giant*, and this week the children created their own sequel stories. Their vocabulary has been especially impressive, and we have celebrated some fantastic handwriting on the 'Wow Wall'. During DEAR time, we have been enjoying *The 13-Storey Treehouse*, which sparked lots of curiosity about sea monkeys. As a result, we decided to get some for Class 2—stay tuned for updates when they hatch!

Class 3

What a brilliant first two weeks we've had back in Class 3! The children have returned with great enthusiasm and have already produced some fantastic work across the curriculum. In English, we've been exploring the fun and creativity of nonsense poems. The class have thoroughly enjoyed playing with language, experimenting with silly sounds, and creating their own imaginative pieces. There's been lots of laughter alongside some great writing! In History, we have started our new unit focusing on local history, where we've been learning about Stamfordham village. The children have shown real curiosity about the past and have been asking thoughtful questions about how the village has changed over time. In the last two weeks we've also made the most of the outdoors. The class have enjoyed several sessions in our outdoor area, developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. In addition, we had a fantastic session with Tom from PinPoint Adventure, where the children practised their map navigation skills. They showed great determination and worked brilliantly together. It has been a pleasure to see such a positive start to the term.

Class 4

Class 4 have had a fantastic start to the new term and have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. In English, pupils wrote persuasive speeches about bullying, using the PEE (Point, Evidence, Explanation) structure alongside emotive and persuasive vocabulary and a wide range of sentence structures. Everyone did a great job, and we are so impressed with how their writing skills and stamina are developing. In Maths, we have begun our new topic on area, perimeter and volume, where the class has already shown great understanding when finding the area of rectilinear and compound shapes, and we are looking forward to moving on to calculating volume.

In History, we have started learning about the Maya civilisation. Pupils have located where the Maya lived on a world map, used timelines to explore what was happening in other parts of the world at the same time, and examined sources to make inferences about Maya trade. We also thoroughly enjoyed our orienteering session last week, using maps and compasses to navigate around the village, which will lead nicely into our upcoming Geography topic where we will be exploring our local area in more detail.

Cricket

This week, pupils enjoyed their first cricket sessions with Nathan from Northumberland Cricket. These will continue every Thursday until the end of the half term so pupils will need to come into school wearing PE kit each Wednesday and Thursday.

Bikeability

Pupils in Class 3 are taking part in Bikeability on Wednesday 6th May. Please make sure pupils come into school with their bike and helmet. A checklist has been sent home which contains further information.

School Lunches

Week commencing 4th May 2026 – Week 1 new menu

Week commencing 11th May 2026 – Week 2 new menu

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th May	Forest School club (Year 2, 3 and 4) (2 of 4) Art Club (Year 5 and 6) (2 of 4)
Wednesday 6 th May	PE with Mr Thompson Athletics Club (Year 4, 5 and 6) (3 of 6) Craft Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) (2 of 4) Class 3 Bikeability
Thursday 7 th May	Cricket Club (Class 4, 5 and 6) (2 of 4)
Friday 8 th May	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS Assessment week
Tuesday 12 th May	Forest School club (Year 2, 3 and 4) (3 of 4) Art Club (Year 5 and 6) (3 of 4)
Wednesday 13 th May	PE with Mr Thompson Athletics Club (Year 4, 5 and 6) (4 of 6) Craft Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) (3 of 4)
Thursday 14 th May	Cricket Club (Class 4, 5 and 6) (3 of 4)
Friday 15 th May	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	EY Breaki and a Book 9-10am
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 1 st June 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	EY Graduation 2pm
Tuesday 23 rd – Friday 26 th June 2026	London Trip – Year 5 and 6
Friday 17 th July 2026	School closes for the summer break 1.15pm *Please note, there will be no Kidzone session*