



Longhorsley Church Of England First School News

Summer 1& 2 - May 2025 Newsletter

Lots of activities and events are planned for the rest of Summer 1 & 2, starting with a slight change of date to that advertised in our diary dates. Our Federation day will now be this Friday (16th) and not next Wednesday (21st May). Please read below for further information.

Federation Day

Our Eco Themed Federation day is taking place on Friday this week. Buses have been booked to take our Year 3 & Year 4 children to Whalton within the school day. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will remain at Longhorsley and be joined by their Whalton neighbours. So our youngest children will be altogether at Longhorsley and the oldest children altogether at Whalton. This is always a wonderful opportunity to make and see new and old friends - a real value to having two schools in the Federation. In July, we have another Federation day for the children. Further details to follow.

Please note, Whalton C of E Primary School is a NUT-FREE SCHOOL and for this day Longhorsley C of E First School will also be a NUT-FREE SCHOOL, as a child from Whalton has a life threatening nut allergy. If your child brings a packed lunch regardless of whether they will be in Longhorsley or Whalton, we kindly request that they do not bring any nuts or nut products into school in either packed lunches or for break time snacks. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Class Photos

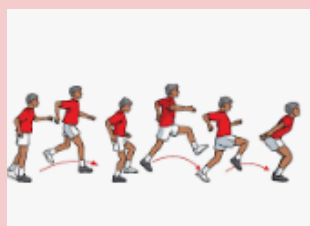
We also have our school photographer, Ivan Burns from Shutterbugz, in both schools on Monday 19th May to take the children's class photo. This is a school uniform day.



Year 4 Quad Event

Chantry Middle School is hosting a sporting event for Year 4 children on Friday 23rd May. At this event the children will take part in 4 events:

50M Sprint
400m Run
Howler Throw
Standing Triple Jump



We have booked a bus to take the children there and as the event finishes at 2.40pm, we would like to kindly ask parents to pick up your child from the Rugby Club car park

to help. Please can you confirm using this [google form](#) that your child has permission to attend and will be picked up from the Rugby Club car park at 2.40pm.

After Half Term (School reopens on Monday 2nd June) - Summer 2 Activities and Events

After School Clubs

1st Footy will be once again providing a Multi Skills Club on a Tuesday after school from 3.20-4.20pm for Class 2 to Class 4. The first session will be on Tuesday 3rd June and the final session will be Tuesday 15th July. The cost of the club is £3.00 per week (£21 for Summer 2).

Please sign up [here](#) if you wish for your child to join.

Class 2 - Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival



Year 1 & Year 2 are attending a Festival at Newminster Middle School on Wednesday 4th June in the morning. The festival will see children take part in a range of Outdoor Adventurous Activities, including den building, orienteering and team building challenges and many more.

Children come to school dressed in PE Kit and bring their water bottle. If you **do not wish your child** to take part in this activity please complete this [google form](#).

Swimming for Summer 2:

From Wednesday 4th June, Reception will continue swimming at the Morpeth Sports & Leisure Centre.

The children travel by coach and are dropped off and picked up at the Leisure Centre. Please can children avoid leggings as they are difficult to pull on after swimming, tracksuit bottoms are preferable - many thanks!



PE with Northumberland Futsal:

Unfortunately the Sports Hall is not available for Summer 2 at the sports centre, therefore the tutors are attending school instead to teach "Striking and Fielding" with Year 3 & 4.

Leavers Celebration for Years 4

The Year 4 children will be attending Newcastle Cathedral for their Leavers' Celebration on Tuesday 17th June with their Federation Friends from Whalton.

After the service, the children will be having lunch at an Italian restaurant.



Sports Day 19th June:



Nursery and Reception are having their own little sports day starting at 9.15am (this is for all nursery children who wish to attend - drop off still remains at 9am).

The rest of the School's Sports Day will start at 1.15pm. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

The PTA will be holding fundraising events on the day and will be thankful for any support you can offer. Please bring some loose change. Many thanks in advance.

Reminder Teacher Training Day - Monday 23rd June - School Closed. A great opportunity for a long weekend!

Parents' Lunch:

This term, we invite parents of our Reception children to join us for lunch on Wednesday 2nd July at 12 noon. More details and a google form will be sent to you shortly to sign up.

Leavers and Transition Days:

Sadly, for our Y4 children, next half term will be their final weeks with their Longhorsley family - but we will make sure that it is their best!

Dr Thomlinson's Middle School and Chantry Middle School are both having their transition days on Thursday 3rd July and Friday 4th July (hopefully you will have received information from the schools personally). This is where the children will go straight into their new schools and spend time getting to meet new friends and staff, familiarising themselves with their surroundings for these two days.

To this end, in line with our feeder Middle Schools, we will also be having our transition days in school then too. This will be a chance for all children, including any New to Nursery children, to meet their new teachers and classrooms - further details to follow next half term. We hope this will be a useful time for all of our children, to best prepare them for a great start in September.

Summer 1& 2 Diary Dates to Note (Entries in Red are new):

May 2025		
Friday 16th May	Eco Federation Day (was Wednesday 21st May)	
Friday 23rd May	Year 4 Quad Event	Parents to pick up children at 2.40pm at The Rugby Club Car Park
June 2025		
Monday 2nd June	School reopens for Summer 2	
Wednesday 4th June	Class 2 - Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival	
Wednesday 4th June	Swimming continues for Reception	Morpeth Leisure Centre
Monday 2nd June	Year 4 Multiplication Check administered in following 2 weeks	
Wednesday 4th June		
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check administered this week	
17th June 2025	Newcastle Leaver Services 2025 Year 4 at Newcastle Cathedral	
Thursday 19th June	Sports Morning - Nursery and Reception Sports Afternoon - Years 1, 2, 3 & 4	9:15am school field 1:15pm school field
Monday 23rd June	School closed to children - teacher training day.	
July 2025		
Wednesday 2nd July	Summer dining - Reception parents	School 12:00pm
Thursday 3rd July	Transition Day into Middle School/New Classes	School/Feeder School
Friday 4th July	Transition Day into Middle School/New Classes	School/Feeder School
Friday 4th July	Pupil Reports out	
Wednesday 9th July	Federation Day - venues and details tbc	
Tuesday 15th July	Year 4 Leavers' Lunch - Children only	
Thursday 17th July	Class parties - children wear non-uniform	
Friday 18th July	Leavers Service - Year 4 parents only End of school year	9:15am at St Helen's Church