



22nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Half Term

We are flying through the Summer Term. A huge well done to our very hardworking Year 6 pupils who have completed their Sats tests. We are very proud of their positive attitudes. They have worked so hard.

We have a lot of activities planned for next half term. Take a look at the upcoming events below. School will close at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday.

Payments to School

Currently, all payments are to be made through Parent Pay. If your child attends the paid Breakfast Club, the payment is due on the Friday at the end of the week of attendance. It must be paid before the start of the following week.

Lunch monies are to be paid in advance. We do not allow arrears on this account. In order for your child to continue to receive school lunches it is important to keep your account in credit.

Nursery lunchtime provision payments are due on the Friday at the end of the week of attendance. It must be paid before the start of the following week.

If you have any queries or concerns in this respect, please contact the school office.

Enterprise Week 16 – 20th June 2025

As part of our Personal Development curriculum the children will be participating in an Enterprise Week to raise funds for school. Last year was very successful and the School Parliament members were able to use the funds raised to purchase two Friendship Benches and table tennis bats and balls. Please support us during this week.

Children in Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 will be making an item to sell to their parents.

Children in Key Stage 2 will be running 'Pop-up Shops'. During the week all children in school will be given the opportunity to purchase an item from the pop-up shop, all items are priced at 50p each, one item per child per day.

Date	Year	Pop up Shop
16 th June	6	Biscuits
17 th June	4	Ice lollies
18 th June	5	Popcorn
19 th June	3	Cakes

Family Week

As part of the Personal Development curriculum parents/carers are invited to attend an activity workshop and work alongside their child. The session will last approximately one hour. Only one parent/carer per child. Voluntary donations to add to the funds raised during Enterprise week.

24/6/25

Year 5- 2pm start

25/6/25

Reception- 9am start

Year 2 – 2pm start

26/6/25

Year 6- 9am start

Year 4- 2pm start

27/6/25

Year 1 – 9.30am start

Year 3- 2pm start

School Photographs Day – Wednesday 4th June 2025

School Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 4th June. Please send your child to school in their uniform. If they have PE that day, please bring a PE kit in a bag for your child to change into.

Family photos (for children that attend a different school) will be taken at 8.30am. Please come along at this time if you would like a family photo taken.

Sibling photos of children who attend St Josephs will be taken during the school day.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we are unable to take friendship group photos during the school day.



Active Sunderland

Active Sunderland will be hosting 2 FREE Family Fun Days during May half term, here's where to find them:

- Wednesday 28th May , Ford Football Hub Keelman's Ln, South Hylton, Sunderland SR4 0RW
- Friday 30th May, Downhill Football Hub Kingsway Rd, Sunderland SR5 4BB

Both sessions are free to attend and no booking is necessary, just simply turn up and enjoy the fun between 10:00am-3:00pm. We will have multiple providers delivering different activities such as:

- Clubbercise
- Boxercise
- Dodgeball
- Cross fit
- HIIT training (High Intensity Interval Training)

- Basketball
- Rugby
- ... and more!

As well as multiple information stalls on Health and wellbeing. We have providers such as NHS Oral Health community team, Everyone Active, Links for Life, Financial Inclusion and information around Active Sunderland.

Arbor

Have you signed up to Arbor? Messages and emails will be sent via Arbor from now on. Please contact the school office if you need any help with this.

Class Masses and Celebration of the Word Summer Term 2025

June 2025

Monday 9 th June	Year 1 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Wednesday 11 th June	Reception and Year 5 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 16 th June	Year 2 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Saturday 21 st June	First Holy Communion in Church at 11am
Monday 23 rd June	Year 4 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Class Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 30 th June	Year 5 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am

July 2025

Wednesday 2 nd July	Whole school Mass led by Year 3 and Year 4 in Church at 9.30am
Monday 7 th July	Year 3 Celebration of the Word in school at 9am
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 9.30am
Monday 14 th July	Reception Celebration of the Word in school at 9am

Additional Dates for your Diary

26th – 30th May – School Closed for half term break. School will close at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday 23rd May 2025.

Monday 2nd June – Year 4 Group 1 Art Room Visit (Clay work)
 Wednesday 4th June – School Photographs Day
 Monday 9th June – Year 4 Group 2 Art Room Visit (Clay Work)
 Monday 9th June – Year 1, 2 and 3 Nat West Money Sense Workshops in school
 Tuesday 10th June – Nursery Rock Pool Visit (in school)
 Tuesday 10th June – Year 4 Nat West Money Sense Workshop in school
 Wednesday 11th June – Year 2 at Sunderland Empire, Sunderland Sings (am)
 Thursday 12th June – Sports Day (Reception – Year 6) Nursery date to be confirmed
 Monday 16th June – Year 5 Puberty Talk
 Monday 16th June – Year 6 Group 1 Art Room Visit (Clay Work)
 Wednesday 18th June – Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
 Saturday 21st June – Year 4 First Holy Communion
 Monday 23rd June – Year 6 Group 2 Art Room Visit (Clay Work)
 Tuesday 24th June – Year 6 Primary Festival
 Tuesday 24th June – Year 5 Family week event at 2pm in school hall
 Wednesday 25th June – Reception Family week event at 9am in the school hall
 Wednesday 25th June – Year 2 Family week event in the school hall at 2pm
 Thursday 26th June – Year 6 Family week event in the school hall at 9am
 Thursday 26th June – Year 4 Family week event in the school hall at 2pm
 Friday 27th June – Year 2 Teddy Bear Olympics at St Anthony's (am)

Friday 27th June – Year 1 Family week event in the school hall at 9.30am

Friday 27th June – Year 3 Family week event in the school hall at 2pm

Wednesday 2nd July – 15 x Year 5 children out at a Rugby skills festival (am)

Monday 7th July – 11th July – Year 5 Bikeability Week

Thursday 10th July - Year 1 Teddy Bear Olympics at St Anthony's (am)

Thursday 17th July 2024 – School finishes at 1pm

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing everyone a wonderful half term break..

Mrs M.Graham

Mrs A.Toward

Executive Head Teacher

Head of School

THORNEY CLOSE FAMILY HUB

OPEN DAY

Join our FREE family event to celebrate the
opening of Thorney Close Family Hub on

Wednesday 28th May 2025 - 11am - 2pm

Thorney Close, Sunderland, SR3 4JQ

Angela's Ark, storytelling, outdoor play, fun exercises,
Stay and Play and more.