Newsletter

Friday, 27th June 2025

Term 3 Week 9

Dearham Primary School Summer Fete—TOMORROW!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the school Summer Fete tomorrow. The forecast is showing sunshine at the moment and we hope that this will continue. However, we have a wet weather plan and will go ahead whatever the weather.

This year the Fete is running in conjunction with Dearham Village Carnival. The Fete will be open from 12pm and the carnival procession will start at 12:30pm. Please go and watch the parade and then join us at school for the crowning ceremony, and a whole host of fun activities.

In addition to the traditional school led stalls, there will be a range of food vendors, as well as craft outlets and Wilmots' Fair. Fun for everyone!

All stalls, games and refreshments run by FODS will be token or correct change only. Token cards are £5, containing 10 x 50p tokens. Token cards and raffle tickets will be available at the main entrance. Card payments now accepted.

11:30am — Carnival Judging

12:00pm — Summer Fete opens at school

12:30pm — Village Carnival Parade

2:00pm — Carnival Crowning Ceremony

2:30pm — Primary School Singing

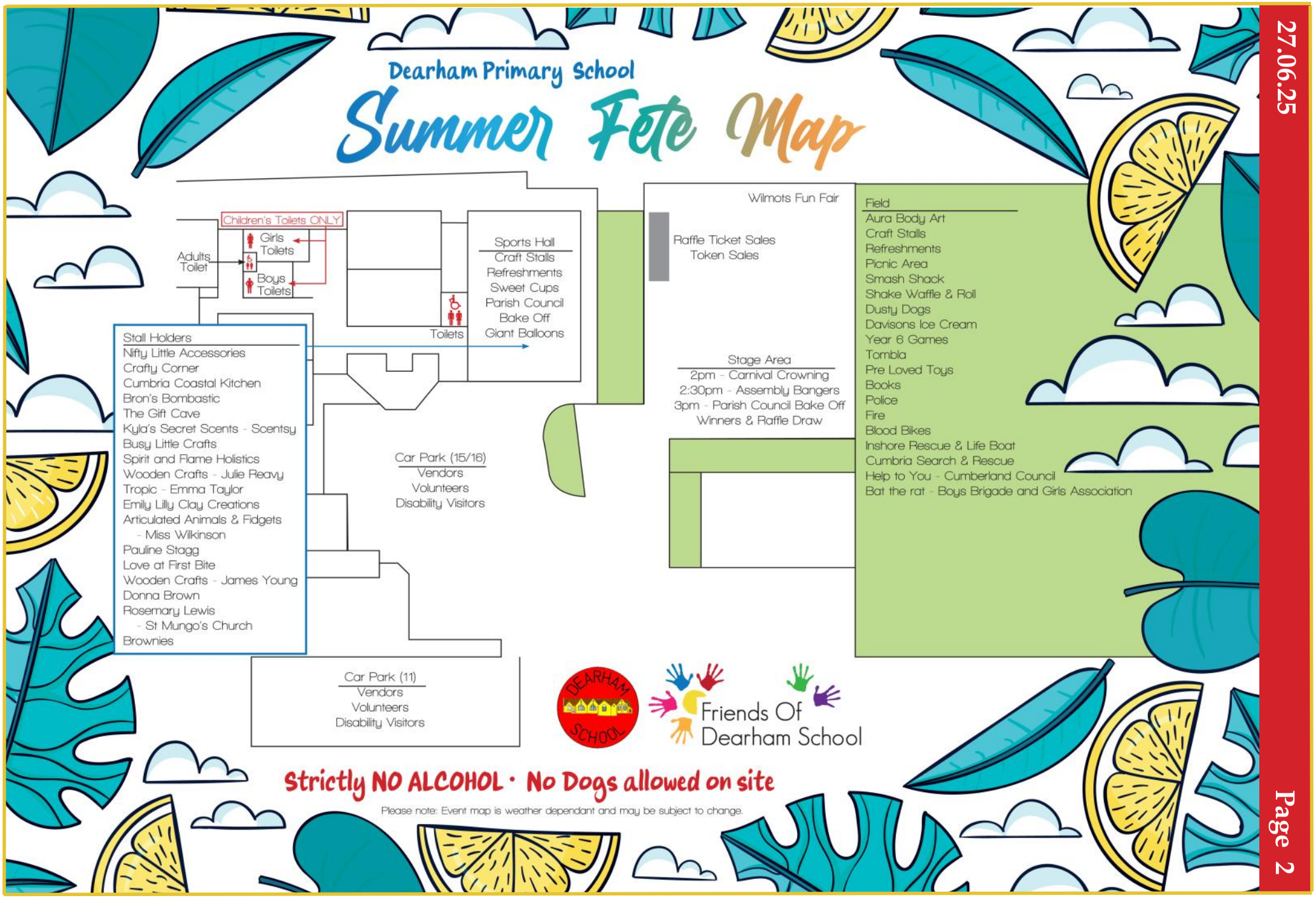
3:00pm — Parish Council Bake Off Judging

3:15pm — Raffle Draw

4:00pm — Close

Dearham Primary School

Summer Fete Map



Strictly NO ALCOHOL · No Dogs allowed on site

Please note: Event map is weather dependant and may be subject to change.

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 30th June

Monday - Sports fun
Tuesday - Shell decorating
Wednesday - Chocolate Slabs
Thursday - Windmill making
Friday - Free Play

Snacks & refreshments included

Green Foodbank Day

Many thanks to everyone who wore green and brought in a contribution for the North Lakes Foodbank on Wednesday. We collected two long tables full of dried and tinned goods which will be handed over next week, to support those who need them.

Please click on Tinny the Tuna fish to watch a short video of thanks.

Peter Pan — it's Showtime!

Preparations for next week's production of Peter Pan, by Years 5 and 6, are well underway. Costumes are ready, lines have been learnt and props have been made. The dress rehearsal to the rest of the school was a roaring success and we are now ready to transfer onto the stage at Netherhall.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Ellen Theatre on Thursday, at 6pm. Doors will open at 5:45pm. Only people baring a ticket will be admitted as numbers are limited for safety purposes.

NURSERY

This week in Nursery our story has been the Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler classic "Superworm." The children enjoyed making minibeast puppets which they used them to help them re-tell the story.

During music time we experimented with pace and rhythm to invent our own tune to chant the famous Superworm chant which begins "Superworm is super strong, Superworm is super strong..."

In phonics our sound was "z" for "zip," "zebra," and "zoo."

In Maths, we used the interactive whiteboard to count spots on ladybirds up to 10.

In our outdoor provision the children hunted for minibeasts and made a home for some snails we found in the forest area.

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Oliver Burns and **Noah Miller**

Reception

This week, our learning has been full of seasonal discoveries as we explored Summer and the changes it brings. The children have been busy observing, writing, and creating, and we're so proud of their progress!

The children completed their independent writing about what they can see in Summer. It was wonderful to see how far their writing has improved since September! We also labelled ice cream flavours, wrote sentences about hidden objects in a Summer-themed picture, and practised our tricky words with great enthusiasm.

In Maths we've been learning to count beyond 20, discussing how arranging objects can help us count more easily. We explored number bonds to 10, matched numbers to 20 with the correct number of objects, and practised adding numbers to 10.

There was great excitement in the garden when we noticed our strawberries turning red! A huge thank you to Nic, one of our lovely mums, for planting them for us.

We also had the joy of watching the Year 5 & 6 dress rehearsal of *Peter Pan*. The children were captivated and loved seeing the older students shine on stage.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to

Esme Williams and **Alfie Burns**

Year 1

This week, we tackled some *very tricky* new graphemes in Phonics. The children worked incredibly hard to spot them in words and use them in their reading. In English, our imaginations ran wild! We planned and wrote our very own stories, starting with creating exciting settings and characters. Then came a twist in the plot, before wrapping up with a happy ending. The creativity and writing skills on display were just brilliant – so much so that we'll be using these stories as inspiration for our moving storybooks in DT this half term. We can't wait to see them come to life!

In Maths, we've been recapping our core arithmetic skills and applying them in our tests. The focus and determination the children showed was amazing – they've all made *astounding* progress. Well done, Year 1!

Our big question in Science was: '*Are birds carnivores, herbivores or omnivores?*' The children made predictions and then did some scientific research to find out the answer. It was a great way to build our enquiry skills! In Geography we travelled (virtually!) to China this week. We discovered what you might see if you visited and used our knowledge of physical and human features to sort and group what we found. The children loved learning about such a fascinating country!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

Regan McAllister and **Callan Shields**

Year 2

I am so incredibly proud of the children this week! They have completed their Year 2 assessments with such determination and positivity. Over the course of the week, they tackled six assessments—two each in reading, maths, and SPAG—and truly shone. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase all the amazing learning they have done this year, and they absolutely blew me away with their progress and resilience.

To balance out the hard work, we made sure to include plenty of fun and relaxation—playing outdoors, building with Lego and Multilink, and enjoying our new favourite activity: drawing tutorials!

We also got to watch a fantastic dress rehearsal of the Year 5/6 show of Peter Pan which they are performing next week. The children though it was great and wish them all the good luck in their performance.

Well done, Year 2—you've earned every bit of praise, and I'm so excited for our final few weeks together!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

Archie Gorley and **Poppy McManus**

Year 3

What a busy week it has been in school! The children have been working incredibly hard completing their assessments. We are so proud of their efforts, determination, and resilience. It has been wonderful to see them rise to the challenge and take this opportunity to show just how much they have learnt this year.

Year 3 pupils put pen to paper with a special mission: writing letters to our current Year 2s! They shared all the exciting things to look forward to next year—from fun topics in class to new adventures they'll soon embark on. To add a splash of creativity, Year 3 also followed an art video called *PANDA*, using it as inspiration to create colourful, imaginative artworks that now brighten up our classroom walls. What a wonderful way to welcome the next group of learners!

As we head into next week, we are looking forward to getting outside for some exciting learning, including orienteering. This will be a fantastic chance to develop teamwork, map skills, and problem-solving – all while having fun in the great outdoors!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

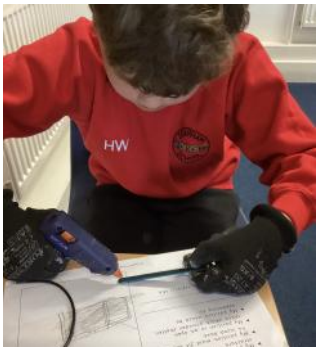
Florence Smith and **Brooklyn Robertson**

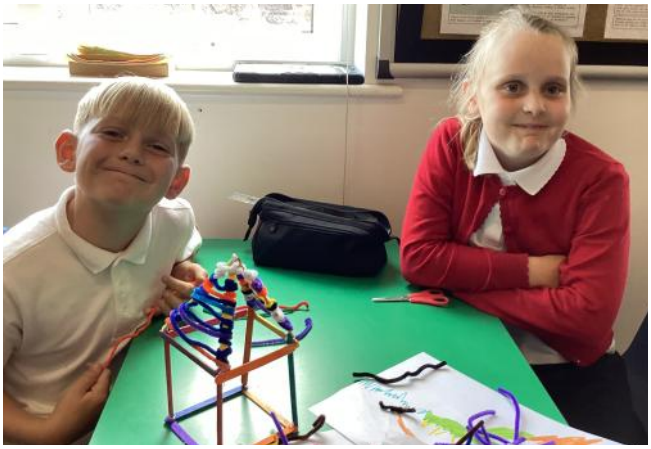
Year 4

This week has been a particularly busy one in Year 4, as the children have been working hard on their end-of-year assessments. They completed three Maths tests, as well as one test each in spelling, grammar, and reading. We are proud of the focus, resilience, and determination they have shown throughout. Despite the intensity of assessment week, we also made time for some creative and collaborative learning.

The children thoroughly enjoyed finishing their Design and Technology pavilion projects. They followed their design plans carefully and, with adult support, used hot glue guns to construct their structures. They added colour and creativity to bring their ideas to life, showing fantastic teamwork by taking turns and helping one another during the gluing process. A lot of thought went into making sure their pavilions were stable and could stand independently. Once completed, the children reflected thoughtfully on what they were most proud of and what they might do differently next time.

We also concluded our final History unit on the Ancient Maya. The children explored the question, "What caused the decline of the ancient Maya cities?"





This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

Noah Easterbrook and **Riley Lynch**

Year 5

What a week it's been in Year 5! This week, the classroom has been buzzing with excitement and energy as the children have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming performance of *Peter Pan*. The enthusiasm and dedication they've shown during rehearsals is sure to make for an unforgettable show—we can't wait for you to see it!

Alongside our theatrical adventures, the children have been completing their end-of-year assessments. Each and every one of them showed determination and focus, and we're incredibly proud of how they've tackled this important part of the term. Well done, Year 5!

On Tuesday, our focus in PE was quick cricket. The children had great fun developing their fielding and striking skills, with plenty of teamwork and sportsmanship on display.

In geography, we delved into the world of four-figure grid references. Using maps, the children worked brilliantly to identify buildings at specific coordinates.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

Grace Parker and **Lucas Hodgson**

YEAR 6

What a busy and exciting week it's been in Year 6! Rehearsals for *Peter Pan* are in full swing, and the performance is getting better and better each day. On Thursday morning, we held our dress rehearsal for the rest of the school—and it was a huge success! The children were fantastic, and the audience absolutely loved it. A big thank you to all families for providing such brilliant costumes; the children look amazing. We're now counting down the days to our big performance next week!

Just a reminder: we'll be rehearsing at Netherhall on Monday. School will provide a bus to and from the venue, and children will return before the end of the school day. Please remember to send a packed lunch.

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome Mrs Smith—an ex-Dearham teacher who now works in the English department at Netherhall—for a special writing session. Inspired by *A Monster Calls*, we created our own original monsters, using rich vocabulary and expanded noun phrases. This book will also be our first writing stimulus in September, and we're already feeling inspired!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

Evan Stephenson and **Ruari O'Donnell**

Key Dates

June

28th—Summer Fete and Dearham Carnival

30th—Reception trip to Stocks Wood

30th—Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal at Netherhall

July

1st — Y1 trip to Stocks Wood

1st and 2nd—Y6 Transition Days

3rd—Y5/6 Show—Peter Pan—6pm

7th- 8th—Y4 Trip to Hawes End

7th—Reports issued

9th—11th— Y5/6 Trip to York

14th—Y3 trip to Clip n Climb

16th—Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Brunch—**9:15am**

17th—Transition morning

18th—Break up 1:30pm

Community Cup

Well done to Archer Hetherington in Year 3 who has been awarded the Community Cup this week. Mr. Middleton, our site technician, is currently absent and Archer has been helping the cleaning team to take the rubbish bags out to the bins at the end of the day. Thank you for helping to keep our school environment clean Archer. Great community spirit!

Courtesy Cups

Congratulations to this week's **Courtesy Cup** winners:

Key Stage 1— **Sophie Copeland**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Riley Lynch**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Maddox Blaylock**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **27/06/25**

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Whole School Attendance = 95.74%

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 3	91.2%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	95.5%

Safeguarding

If you suspect that a child or young person is being, or is at risk of being significantly harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must report this immediately by calling the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on:

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

0333 240 1727

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our designated Safeguarding team are:

Headteacher — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DSL — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DDSL—Miss Grima and Mrs. Clayton

Safeguarding Governor— Mr. Rob Barton