



Muscliff Primary
School
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

Welcome to our



December Newsletter!

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A huge thank you to Berryhill Farm and Broadway Pub Christmas Trees for donating the wonderful Christmas tree to our school! Our students and staff are delighted, and it has filled our school with holiday cheer. Your kindness helps make our school community brighter and more festive during this special season.



End of term news...



End of term update

We have enjoyed a busy Autumn term ; we hope you enjoy reading the updates from each year groups, as well as highlights from our sporting and musical achievements. There have been many highlights; the Reception nativity performances, the Choir singing at the Pavilion, football and netball matches against other schools, the school trips to Bovington (Y6), and the Egyptian Museums (Y3), visits from authors, visits from rangers, raising money for Children in Need, collecting food for Bournemouth foodbank and donations for the 'Gift for a soldier' appeal and the Friends Festive fayre event (to name a few). It was really good to see so many of you at November's parents evening to share the children's progress and next steps. The next formal parents evenings are in March, but please contact your child's teacher if you need to talk through any questions at any point.

Thank you for your support

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Friends thank you

A massive thank you to the Friends of Muscliff for their work over this term; the welcome pack and coffee morning for new parents, the discos and the wonderful Festive Fayre. So far they have raised over £4000 this year. The Friends have continued to support the purchase of books for our lovely class libraries, and have also contributed towards school trips and other exciting learning experiences for each year group. They have also purchased a new set of glockenspiels and contributed towards new goalposts for the children.

The next Friends meeting is on Tuesday 20th January at 6.30pm. Please come along if you have any ideas or would like to get involved.

Staff news

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Frampton, who has taught at the school for the past ten years. She has worked in several year groups over the years, and been a key part of the SEND team, supporting many children and their families.

She will be hugely missed. We wish her well on her travels to Australia; I am sure she will enjoy teaching abroad!



Our fantastic choir took part in the annual Christmas Carol Concert at the Pavilion Theatre a few weeks ago, and we had the most amazing evening! It was filled with festive cheer and wonderful music from start to finish. The children performed beautifully, captivating the audience with their confidence and huge smiles. We are incredibly proud of all our young singers for representing the school with such enthusiasm and talent.



Oh la la!

Our wonderful School captains

Pupil Voice across school

Thank you to the School Captains for doing a great job this term.

Mrs Raymond is setting up a council for KS2 children; a representative from each class will work together to support with the school's development.

Well done to the following children who have been chosen: Ollie C, Amelia T, Arthur P, Noah A, Sanaya R, Nina H, Zehra M, Thea C, Iris L, Ishita and Arielle. A big thank you also to the Y5 and Y6 Reading leaders & maths mentors who support children in Y1 and Y2.



Reception



Rainbows have had a very busy half term we have been practicing hard to become stars! We have really enjoyed sharing our nativity "Shine Star Shine" with you. We are so good at singing the songs and doing our class dances. Alongside all this we have explored lots of classic children's books like "The Tiger who came to Tea" and "Handa's surprise" what a wonderful half term Rainbows we are very proud teachers.



Year 1



We have had a wonderful half term in Year 1, learning all about the seasons and exploring traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been so impressed by the children's resilience and aspiration during our performance rehearsals and we feel so proud of the wonderful concerts they performed for all of their adults. This half term the children have enjoyed spending time with their Year 5 buddies. Their buddies have been helping them with some of their learning and were a great support helping them practise using a number line for addition.

In PE, we have enjoyed having football lessons provided by Team Theme and the children have worked hard to develop their co-operation, turn-taking and ball skills. We wish all of our Year 1 families a lovely winter break and want to give the Year 1s a big well done on all their hard work and effort this half term ★

Year 2

This term, Year 2 have been fully immersed in our beautiful class text *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. The children have absolutely loved exploring Plop's adventures, and the story has inspired some excellent learning opportunities. One of our favourite activities was writing our very own chapters! The children created their own characters, built imaginative settings, and decided what new lesson Plop would learn along the way. Their creativity has been wonderful to see.

We extended this work into our Design and Technology sessions, where we designed and made our very own sock owls. The children carefully planned their creations, then used skills such as cutting, sewing, and joining to bring their versions of Plop to life. We were very impressed with their focus and enthusiasm—especially when we made cosy nests for our owls too!

In Music, the children have loved exploring the glockenspiels. They learned to play different keys, performed alongside music, and developed their ability to listen carefully and appreciate different sounds. Their musical creativity has really flourished and the glockenspiels have been a big hit!

Our PE sessions this term have focused on team-building skills. It has been lovely watching the children learn new playground games, cooperate with their peers, and even invent their own games within their teams. Their teamwork and sportsmanship have been brilliant. In PSHE, we have been thinking about what it means to be a good friend and how we can show kindness and support to others in our class community.

In Maths, we have been building on our multiplication knowledge of 2s, 5s, and 10s to help us solve multiplication problems. We have also learned about division through grouping and sharing. The children have explored measuring in centimetres and metres, using appropriate instruments with increasing confidence. We continue to practise identifying odd and even numbers, solving word problems, and deciding what information is important within a question.

Finally, we have loved learning our Christmas songs and cannot wait to perform them for our parents. The children have been practising with great excitement and festive cheer!

We're looking forward to becoming historians next half term as we head back in time to 1666 to learn about the Great Fire of London. Children will enjoy our magical starter day on Wednesday 7th January as they get ready to form bucket chains, bake bread and do some arts and crafts.



Year 3

It's been such a successful half term in Year 3. The time has flown by and once again your children have impressed us with their sparkle and love of learning.

This half term has had a focus on both mental and physical health. Through our lead text, *The Worries*, we've considered what we can do with anxieties. It's no good keeping our worries to ourselves – we must share them with trusted adults. Our feelings pamphlets in English showed an increased understanding of how our bodies change when we have different feelings. We were impressed by the children's vocabulary, which showed that our children have grown in their emotional literacy and their ability to communicate their feelings. In science we looked at healthy teeth and bones. I think we've put all children off of those high-sugar energy drinks with our testing. It's true that an egg kept in Monster for a week does turn bouncy! Imagine what it could do to our teeth...

Then in D+T (pictured below), we made our own sandwiches using knives, peelers and graters. No fingers were lost, which we took as a win – phew! The children enjoyed scoffing their healthy meals.

Thank you to those families who attended our Christmas Parent Craft. It was great to allow you a chance to pop into our year base and see the children 'in action' enjoying some Christmas-y activities.

And the grown-ups in the Y3 base have once again loved working with your children. The children are delightful and every day is a pleasure.



Year 4

Year 4 have had an action-packed half term!

We've been swept away by the magical adventures of Lila in *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* and the children have used this inspiring story to craft their own suspense-filled narratives - full of drama, creativity and brilliant ideas.

Our curriculum has been bursting with science! Year 4 have explored the world of sound, what it is, how it travels and even how to make it louder (apologies in advance!). They've also investigated light and shadows and dipped into the exciting world of electricity, making discoveries that sparked plenty of curiosity.

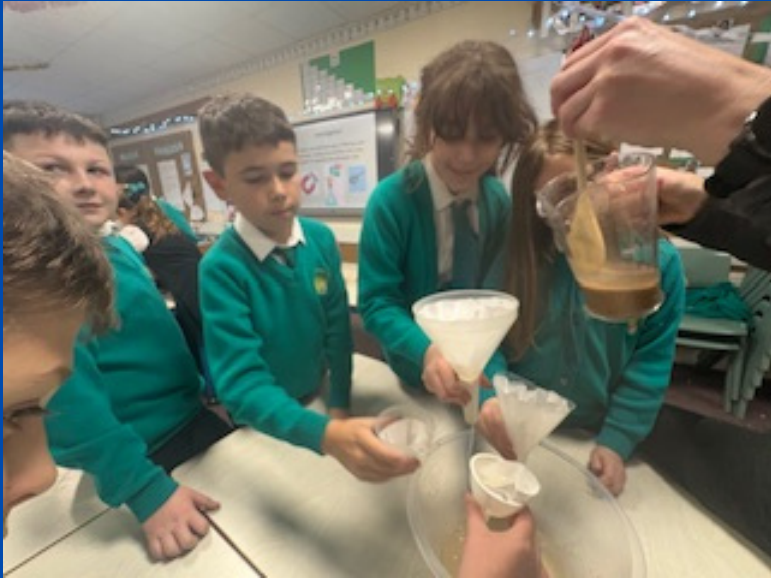
We also embraced a lovely festive tradition by making Christingles. The children thoroughly enjoyed building their own, learning about the symbolism behind each part and taking part in this special celebration.

To top it all off, the children have been fired up by a friendly but competitive battle on Times Table Rock Stars. They've worked incredibly hard to climb the leaderboard and the excitement of seeing their names on the school TTRS board has been a real highlight.

What a fantastic half term well done, Year 4!



Year 5



Year 5 have had a rich and engaging term filled with thoughtful learning and memorable experiences. In English, we explored *The Cloud Thief*, a powerful text set in a dystopian world where access to resources is unfairly controlled. Through reading, discussion and written work, pupils examined how the unequal distribution of water affected communities. The key question, “When is it right to do something wrong?”, underpinned our learning and led to deep, mature discussions about morality, choice and consequences. Children showed great empathy and critical thinking as they debated characters’ actions and linked themes to real-world issues such as climate change and fairness.

In Science, Year 5 investigated the properties of solids, liquids and gases, learning how particles behave differently in each state. Pupils particularly enjoyed carrying out practical investigations to separate materials, using sieving, filtration and magnetism, and carefully recorded their observations. The children have loved getting to know their Reception and Year 1 buddies, showing responsibility and creativity as they supported younger children, taught them new games and built positive relationships. As the term came to an end, we fully embraced the magic of Christmas with festive activities and celebrations. We would also like to wish Mrs Frampton the very best of luck as she leaves, thanking her for her dedication and care. We hope everyone has a restful and joyful break, and we look forward to welcoming Year 5 back in 2026, ready for new learning adventures.

Year 6

Year 6 have had an action-packed and thought-provoking half term diving into their World War II topic. As part of their learning, the children baked authentic wartime recipes, using only the ingredients families would have received through rationing. This hands-on experience helped them appreciate how resourceful people had to be during the 1940s and gave them a real taste of life on the Home Front. Throughout their learning, the children have also developed a strong sense of the British spirit and the resilience shown by people during such tough times. They learned how children their own age were evacuated from cities, often leaving their families and homes behind. Our class text, *Letters from the Lighthouse*, has supported this brilliantly, helping pupils to understand the emotional impact evacuation had on young people and encouraging them to reflect on how they might have felt if they had been asked to do the same.

A major highlight of the term was our memorable trip to the Bovington Tank Museum, where pupils explored a fascinating collection of military vehicles and even stepped inside a real Anderson shelter. While there, they uncovered many remarkable wartime stories, gaining a deeper understanding of what life was like for families living through air raids and uncertainty.

It has been an engaging and meaningful journey into history, bringing the past vividly to life and helping Year 6 to connect with the courage and determination shown by a generation who lived through the war.

Gift for a soldier Appeal

Thank you to those of you who have sent in items for our shoeboxes, especially to Year Six children who have also written some great letters to the soldiers. We hope they are enjoyed by the soldiers over the Christmas period.



Sports News

Year 6 Boys Shine at the Littledown Invitation Cup!

On Wednesday 5th November, our Year 6 boys' football team took part in their very first tournament — the Invitation Cup at Littledown. The excitement was palpable from the moment they set off, with plenty of tactical talk and eager anticipation filling the air!

In the group stages, Muscliff faced Epiphany, St Walburga's, and Stourfield. The boys showed incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship — resulting in fantastic goals and impressive victories across all their matches. Their hard work earned them a place in the top four schools out of all 16 teams competing!

The next stage brought tougher opposition and a faster pace, but our boys rose to the challenge. They kicked off with a brilliant 1–0 win against St Luke's, followed by another excellent 1–0 victory over Pokesdown. As the results were tallied, it all came down to a final showdown against St Mark's — both teams undefeated and the title on the line!

Despite some nerves, an early, fantastic goal from Jacob set the tone. The boys dug deep defensively, showing resilience and teamwork throughout. Thanks to Lewis's outstanding goalkeeping — keeping a clean sheet all day — and the team's determination, Muscliff secured a final 1–0 victory, becoming Tournament Champions!

A huge congratulations to Jacob, Jacob, Lewis, Phoenix, Jack, Noel, Joshua, Joshua, Ryan, and Maxon on this superb achievement. What an incredible day — full of teamwork, skill, and pride for Muscliff!



Mrs Tyler recently took a group of children to a 'can do' football event. Muscliff worked so incredibly hard, learning tips, tricks and skills from the AFC Bournemouth coaches, and played in friendly matches against other schools in the area! They showed resilience, team work and had a great time.

Sports News

Year 6 Boys Kick Off the Season with a Fantastic 6–2 Victory!

On Thursday 13th November, the Year 6 Boys Team played their long-awaited first match of the season against St Walburga's — and what a way to begin! After winning the league in Year 5, the boys were buzzing with excitement and eager to continue their winning legacy.

They burst into action right from the whistle, and an early goal from Henry settled the team beautifully, putting us 1–0 ahead. St Walburga's quickly responded, stepping up their play and managing to score two quick (and rather lucky!) goals, leaving us 2–1 down at half-time.

But after an incredibly uplifting team talk from Miss Cole, the boys stormed back onto the pitch determined to play their football. Two sensational goals in quick succession from Jack turned the game around, putting us 3–2 up.

With renewed energy and superb teamwork, the boys kept pressing, taking shot after shot. This fantastic spell of play resulted in further goals from Alfie

M, Alfie D, and another from Henry, securing a brilliant 6–2 victory!

A huge well-done to Teddy, Ethan, Alfie M, Alfie D, Jack, Kyle, Jimmy-Jean, Joey, Alexi, Cairo, and Henry for a superb team effort.

We are incredibly proud of the boys and can't wait for the next match!



Year 6 Boys' Football – Victorious Again!

Our Year 6 boys continue their fantastic run, remaining undefeated as they defend their league winners' title with pride and determination.

On Wednesday 19th November, we travelled to Epiphany for what is always a fiercely anticipated local derby. It was a crisp but cold afternoon, and although the boys were feeling confident after a win in their previous league fixture, we knew Epiphany would be tough opposition—they consistently field strong teams, making every match feel like a true battle of the titans. And this match certainly lived up to that!

We opened with an early goal, but Epiphany quickly equalised and went on to score two more, putting us 3–1 down. Just before half time, our boys dug deep and found their fighting spirit, pulling a goal back to make it 3–2.

After a focused and honest halftime team talk—reflecting on what wasn't working and discussing some tactical adjustments—the team headed back out hungry for the win. Their determination paid off almost immediately. Muscliff levelled the score at 3–3, then surged ahead to 4–3 and 5–3. Epiphany responded to make it 5–4, but both teams continued to push hard, creating chance after chance. We extended our lead to 6–4 before Epiphany scored a last-minute goal to bring it to 6–5.

In a tense final minute, Muscliff showed real resilience and held strong until the final whistle, securing a hard-earned 6–5 victory.

A superb team effort from Cairo, Henry, Alfie M, Alfie D, Joey, Kyle, Ethan, Teddy, Jimmy-Jean, Alexi and Jack.

Well done, boys—we are incredibly proud of you!

Sports News

Year 5 Boys' Football Team

On Monday 8th December, the Year 5 boys' football team travelled to Epiphany for their latest match. Despite the stormy weather, the boys showed incredible determination and gave it their all from the very first whistle. They held strong throughout the first half, but a powerful Epiphany side managed to break through with their first goal, followed shortly by a second — both very well-taken.

Rather than letting this knock their confidence, the boys' fighting spirit grew even stronger. Their hard work paid off with a fantastic goal from Nate, giving the team a well-deserved boost.

They continued to battle right up to the final whistle, showing brilliant teamwork and resilience. Although the game finished 3-1 to Epiphany, it certainly wasn't for lack of effort.

With no subs available, every player worked incredibly hard and played their hearts out. A superb effort from Lucas, Nate, Joel, Oliver, Abel, Archie, Jack, and Alex — we are very proud of you all!



Year 5 Boys' Football Match vs St Luke's

The Year 5 boys put on a fantastic performance in their home match against St Luke's on Wednesday 10th December. The team were eager to make the most of playing on their home ground and showed great determination from the first whistle.

Although St Luke's arrived a little late, the game went ahead with plenty of daylight left, and both teams were evenly matched throughout. We started strongly and held St Luke's to a well-deserved 0-0 for much of the game. Despite several excellent shots on target from our boys, we were unable to find the back of the net.

In the final minutes, St Luke's managed to score, resulting in a narrow and unfortunate 1-0 loss. Nevertheless, the boys showed fantastic teamwork, energy and resilience.

A brilliant effort from Joel, Lucas, Archie, Alex, Jack, Oliver, Abel and Nathan—well done, boys!

Sports News

Year 6 Boys' Football Match vs St Luke's – Wednesday 10th December

Following our back-to-back fixtures for Year 5 and Year 6, the Year 6 boys took to the pitch on Wednesday 10th December with daylight rapidly fading. Knowing they needed a quick, high-energy game, and boosted by the advantage of playing on home turf, the team were eager to make a strong start. Teddy delivered within the first few minutes, scoring an early goal that set the tone for an outstanding performance. Muscliff continued to dominate with confident, exciting football. Teddy added four more superb goals, while Ethan and Kyle each scored one, showcasing the team's excellent attacking play. Throughout the match, the boys demonstrated brilliant defending, great communication, sharp passing, and a real enjoyment of the game.

St Luke's fought hard until the end and managed two late goals, bringing the final score to 7–2. It was a fantastic victory and a match the boys can be incredibly proud of.

A superb effort from Kyle, Ethan, Jack, Jimmy-Jean, Teddy, Joey, Alexi, Cairo, Alfie and Alfie—well played, boys!





If you or any of your friends have pre-school aged children due to start school in September 2026, don't forget to apply by 15th January 2026. We really hope you will consider choosing Muscliff Primary School. For more information or a last minute tour in January please contact the school office: 01202 549654 or email muscliff@muscliffprimary.co.uk

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Winter Mini Challenge

Starting December 1st



The Winter Mini Challenge is an **online only** challenge, encouraging children to read **3 books** during the winter. Once they have created their account (parental / carer authorisation required), they can choose an avatar, earn virtual badges and a printable certificate. Our library assistants will be able to print this certificate for them for **FREE**.

There are lots of online games and quizzes, book reviews and book recommendations and it's a great way to encourage your children to keep reading.

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Authors Aloud UK

AUTHOR TOURS: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AUTHOR VISIT

Dream Big in World Book Day week!

Authors Aloud UK are organising a number of in person events during World Book Day week 2025 to celebrate 10 years of Quarto's wonderful **LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAMS** series. These will take place between **Monday 2nd and Friday 6th March 2025**. There is no cost for hosting an event but schools do need to meet the criteria set by the publisher. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return it to enquiries@authorsaloud.co.uk

Exciting opportunity!

Please see attached letter from Authors Aloud UK with details about how to apply for a **FREE** Little People, BIG DREAMS event for your school.

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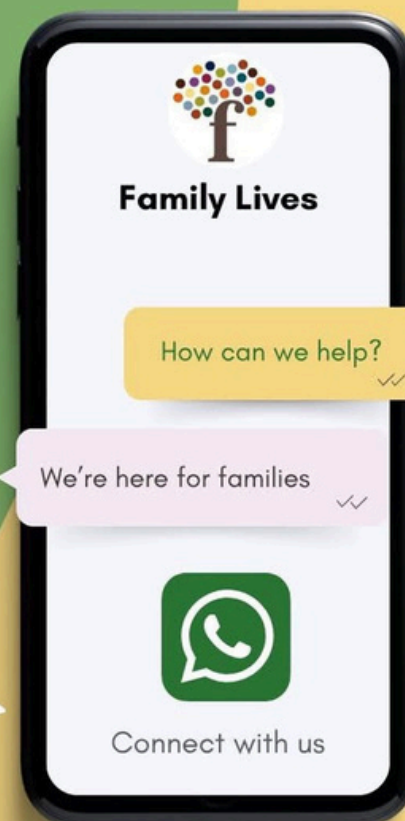
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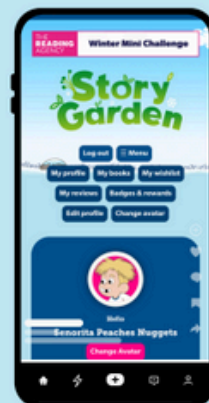


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Don't forget to take your certificate into school to show your teacher.



Anxiety around ADHD

The workshop helps parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available



Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 29 January 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Online via MS Teams

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for an informal chat.

Liyana has attended a Cheerleading competition in Paris. Her team 'Waves' from Bournemouth Elite Cheer came 1st in their division, the competition was called Brings it on, by Future Cheer. Well done Liyana!



We would like to thank Ageas for their very generous Christmas gift to Muscliff. Ageas have kindly donated 15 nearly-new HP laptops to the school. Using these new laptops, we plan to replace the main class laptop in some of our classrooms that are currently running far too slowly. It so important that the class laptop functions well as it runs all of the lessons for the screen that all pupils access all day.

We do appreciate the donation from Ageas.

Dates for your diary for Spring term:

Tuesday 6th January - Back to school

Tuesday 6th January: Y4 weekly swimming

Tuesday 20th January 6.30pm: Friends meeting - All welcome to plan our next fundraiser

Wednesday 4th February 9.10-10am: Reception parent craft event

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February: Half term

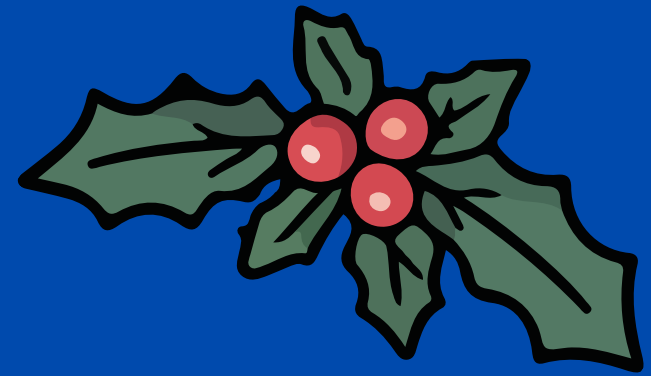
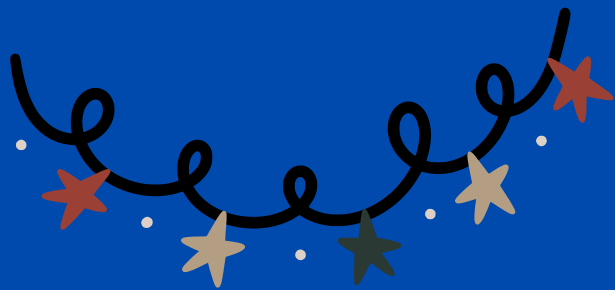
Week of 2nd March Y5 Bikeability

Week of 9th March - Parents evenings

Wednesday 25th March: Y2 trip to Avon Heath

Thursday 26th March: save the date 'Friends discos' 3.15-4pm Y1 /2, 4.15-5.15pm Y3/4, 5.30-6.30pm Y5/6

Spring Term 1 2026	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026 (normal finish)
<i>February Half Term break</i>	<i>Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026</i>
	<i>Monday 5th January- INSET day (school closed)</i>
Spring Term 2 2026	Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026 (1:30pm finish)
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026</i>
Summer Term 1 2026	Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026 (normal finish)
	<i>Bank Holiday: 4th May – School closed</i>
<i>May Half Term break</i>	<i>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026</i>
Summer Term 2 2026	Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 22nd July 2026 (1.30pm finish)
	<i>Monday 1st June - INSET day (school closed)</i>
	<i>Friday 3rd July - INSET day (school closed)</i>
<i>Summer Holiday begins</i>	<i>Thursday 23rd July 2026- start of the summer holiday</i>
<i>Inset days: Wednesday 3rd September 2025, Friday 21st November 2025, Monday 5th January 2026, Monday 1st June 2026 and Friday 3rd July 2026: the school is closed to children for staff training</i>	



A final message from Mrs Fenby...



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. It was really good to see many of you at the Christmas Fayre, and at the recent end of term performances and year group events. It has been another positive year for Muscliff Primary School. We look forward to what 2026 will bring. Thank you for your ongoing support.

On behalf of the staff and governors we wish you all a very special time over the Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you all return on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

With very best Christmas and new year wishes,
Sarah Fenby
Head teacher

