



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- School will be closed for the May Half-Term break from Monday 26th – Friday 30th May 2025. School will also be closed on Monday 2nd June for our final Inset day of the year.
 - All pupils need to wear PE kit on Wednesday 4th June. Pupils will be taking part in a dance workshop on the day.
 - There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in school from 4th – 10th June. The fair will take place on the school yard (weather dependant). Books are available on a 3 for 2 deal, and payment for books will be made using a QR code so please bring your phone (books can also be paid for online and then collected the following day).
 - Chase Park Fair will be held on Saturday 7th June; there are several activities with which children can get involved including a poetry and Art competition. You can see more details [here](#).
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SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO BASSENFELL MANOR:

Our Year 6 pupils had an amazing week away in the Lake District with the team from Canoes, Mountains and Caves at Bassenfell Manor Christian Centre. Head on to our school X page (<https://x.com/whickhamstmarys>) to see a collection of photos from the week (prepare to feel jealous!).

GSSP FUN RUN:

On Friday, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 participated in the annual Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership Fun Run at Saltwell Park. Once again, it was an amazing event with over three and a half thousand pupils from Primary Schools across Gateshead taking part. This year, the GSSP are seeking to raise funds for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. Each school set the target of raising £250 for the charity (just £3 per pupil who participated). If you would like to donate to the cause, please do so [here](#).

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS:

Please note the following dates on which our remaining statutory assessments for pupils will take place on week beginning 9th June.

- Y1 Phonics Screening Check (including pupils in Y2 who did not achieve the threshold in Y1)
- Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Parents of pupils in Years 1 and 4 please see attached information regarding the checks.

SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge congratulations to our Y5 Countdown Cricket 'A' team who have qualified to the Gateshead finals after beating all competition in a wonderfully sunny day of action at Whickham Cricket Club! We entered three teams into the event, and all pupils had an amazing day developing their cricketing skills and demonstrating some incredible batting, bowling and fielding along the way. We look forward to seeing how our finalists fair later this month.