

17 April 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026

It has been wonderful to have the children back at school looking refreshed and energised after the Easter holidays! They have all got back into the school routines really well and can recall our behaviour rules of 'be ready, be respectful and be safe.' The Year 2 and Year 5 classrooms were painted over the Easter break and are looking wonderful! We have also created a new Group Room next to the Year 4 classrooms and are in the process of preparing a room next to our Reception Classes as a 'sensory room'. This is a specially designed space for children to find calm and safety. I will update you all on how this project progresses.

I am pleased to say that we have some new staff with us this term. **Mrs Hunter** is Assistant Director of Education at the Greenshaw Learning Trust and will be working with me and the senior leadership team to add more capacity to support the school at a leadership level. She knows the school well and we are already enjoying her guidance and support. If you see her smiley face next to me at the gate, please say a quick 'hello'!



We also have a student teacher who has joined us - Miss Elharrati. She will be working with Miss Endersby in Husky Class this term. Next week we also look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to support our team of Midday Supervisors - I will let you have more information next week.

Next week we begin our weekly swimming lessons for our children from Reception to Year 6. Mr. Higgs has done a fantastic job cleaning the pool and preparing it for lessons after its winter hibernation. The timetable is below. Please take note of your child's swimming day and all the items needed for swimming. It is also important that you let us know if there are any specific issues with your child around swimming that we need to be aware of. I can't wait to see the pool back in action!

| Swimming at Tweeddale in Summer 2026 | |
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| <u>Day</u> | <u>Year Group</u> |
| Tuesdays | Year 4 |
| Wednesdays | Year 1 and Reception |
| Thursdays | Year 5 (and Year 6 from 21 May) |
| Friday | Year 3 and Year 2 |

Finally, a reminder that parents of children in Kangaroos (Year 4 - Mrs Iraola) and Toucans (Year 5 - Mr. Onyskiw) have their rescheduled parent evening on Thursday 23 and Thursday 30 April - please remember to sign up!

I wish you all a lovely weekend. Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher