



Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



#### Reception Mrs. Smith

Pupil of the week is Ruby Bartlett for excellent blending to read words during phonics sessions this week.

Reception have had a very exciting week. We released our tadpoles into the pond as many of them had grown legs. We also released our butterflies into our garden.

#### Year 3 Miss Gregg

Pupil of the Week is Amelia Smith for her fantastic efforts in English and science.



#### Year 5 Miss Hird and Miss Oliver



Pupil of the Week is Ruby Conquest for her mature attitude towards all aspects of school life.

#### Year 6 Miss Denham

Pupil of the Week is Alexander Owens for his improvement in his creative writing, independently reviewing his own work to ensure that it is grammatically correct, without prompting.



#### Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the week is Darcie for trying her hardest during our Makaton sessions.

#### Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the week is Cameron Casson for great enthusiasm during geography when using a compass in our outdoor session.

#### Year 2 Miss Cameron

Pupil of the Week is Aiden Wells for always giving 100% in his work and wanting to challenge himself further.

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please make sure your child comes into school with their PE clothes in a bag.

#### Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Logan for his fabulous maths work. Logan has been learning about time.



## Well Done EYFS

Yesterday, EYFS completed their final 40th lap of the track. Almost £1850 was raised to develop the early years outdoor area.

Thank you for your support.



## Sports Stars



### Reception

Ruby Bartlett  
Spencer Spearman

### Year 1:

Andrius Sidagis  
Henry Spearman

### Year 2:

Ihnat Sniezhkov  
Phoebe Barker

### Year 3:

Alfie Evans  
Liyana Conquest

### Year 4:

Freya Snowball  
Vern Hemmings  
Georgia Flanagan

### Year 5:

Andrew Teasdale  
Isabelle Howe

### Year 6:

Harleigh Cooke  
Nathan Lynn

## Dates for your diary

### Statutory Test Dates

- Year 4 Multiplication Tests week beginning multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.
- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday 12 June 2023.

### Other dates:

- Return to school **Tuesday** 6<sup>th</sup> June
- SEND coffee morning 6<sup>th</sup> July
- KS2 SAT results 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Reports to parents 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Sports Day 19<sup>th</sup> July
- ★ Leavers' Production 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

### Academic year 2023-2024

- Return to school Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Break up for October Half-Term Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Return to school Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Break up for Christmas Holidays Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Break up for Spring Half-Term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Break up for Easter holidays Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Return to school Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Break up for Summer Half-Term Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024
- Return to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- Break up for summer holidays Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### Family Lives – Newsletter

The May 2023 edition of the Family Lives newsletter is out now!! Click on the link for news and updates and to subscribe to our monthly newsletter <http://ow.ly/gYPt500InUj>

# MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

YEAR 3- YEAR 6 9:30AM-12:30PM  
YEAR 7- YEAR 11 12:30PM-3:30PM



@ WEST CORNFORTH  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

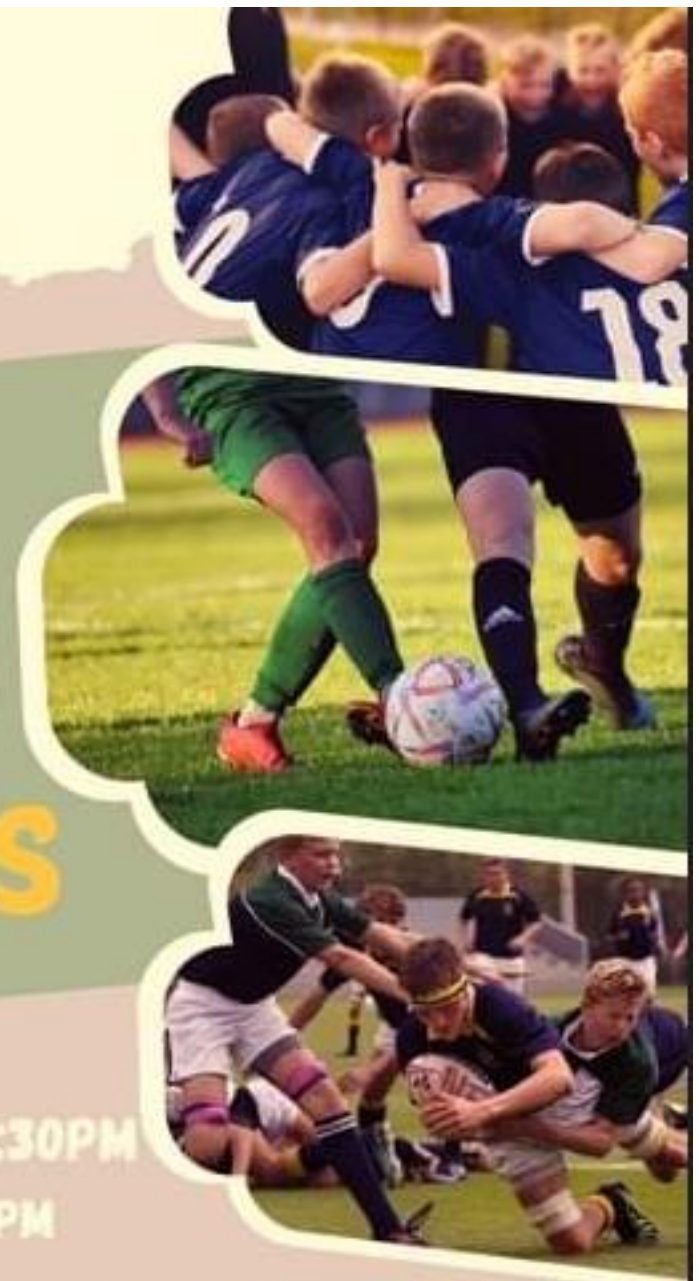
STARTING WEDNESDAY  
31ST MAY

MULTISPORT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7-16.

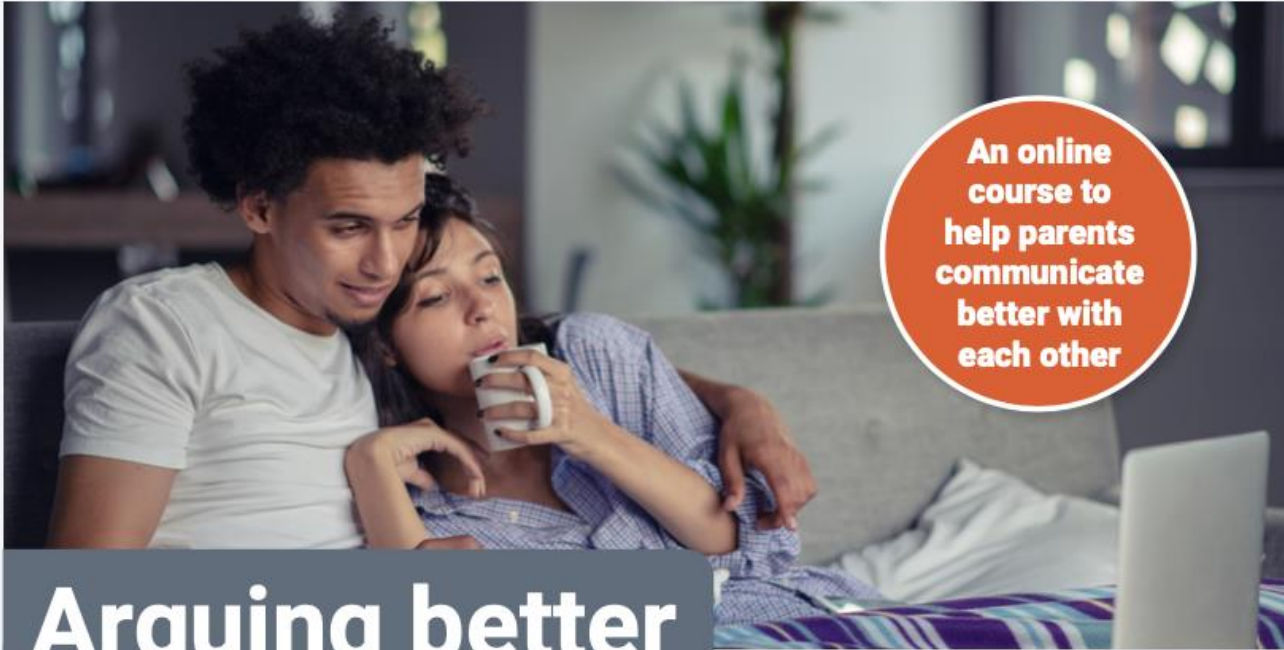
**WEDNESDAY 31ST - MULTISPORT**  
**THURSDAY 1ST - MULTISPORT**  
**FRIDAY 2ND - MULTISPORT**

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL INTO  
RECEPTION OR SIGN UP ON YOUR  
FIRST DAY, A PARENT OR  
GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THE FORM.

*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED*



Please use this link <http://durham.opo.org.uk> to register with an email address and your name so that you are able to access the online courses below.



# Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

*Arguing better* is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

## You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address  
[www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england)  
or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.



An online course for new and expectant parents

# Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

*Me, You and Baby Too* is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

**You will learn:**

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

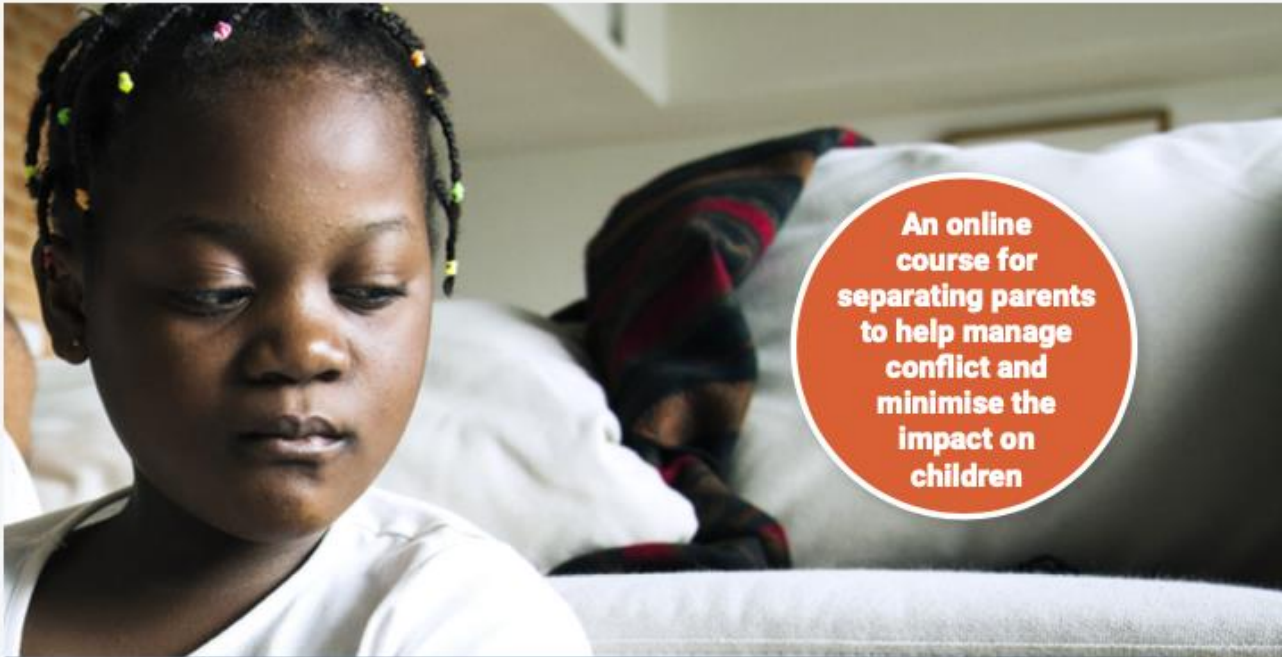
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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

# Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

*Getting it right for children* is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

#### You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



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- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.

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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

### Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: [ann.connor@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ann.connor@durham.gov.uk) and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

### SEND COFFEE MORNING

**FINAL SEND COFFEE MORNING OF THE YEAR. THE BIGGEST AND BEST ONE YET – WE HAVE A RANGE OF PROFESSIONALS FROM DIFFERENT SERVICES ATTENDING.**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 9AM-11:30AM**

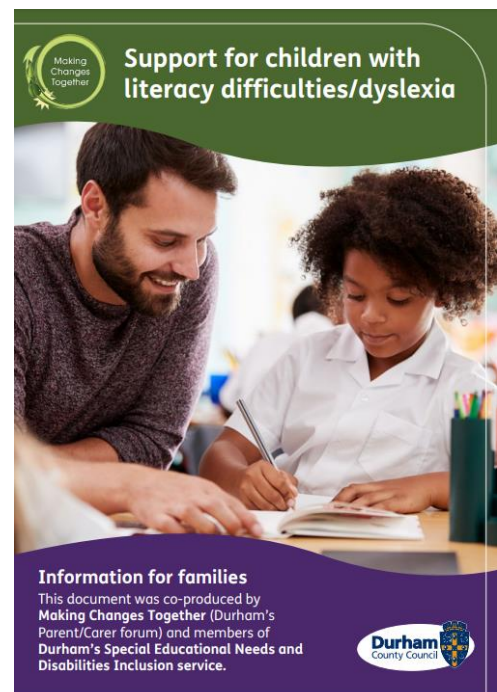
### Information for Families on Literacy Difficulties

MCT and SEND and Inclusion have put together a document which outlines support for literacy difficulties and describes the approach in SEND and Inclusion.

If you would like a printed copy or a copy sent via Class Dojo, please contact Miss Gregg.

### Fun and Food – May Half Term

Coming soon... Free Fun and Food May Half Term Activities 2023  
Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood](http://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood)



### Place2be Website

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



# Short Break Offer

For families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



## The Local Offer

Visit the Local Offer for information on groups that provide activities for children and young people with SEND. The Local Offer also has information on groups that provide direct support to parents. You will need to contact the groups to find what they have on offer at the moment.

[www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer](http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer)

## FUN & FOOD

Do you find the school holidays a struggle? Finding fun things for your kids to do that don't cost the earth and paying for all that extra food or childcare.

Fun and Food provides FREE holiday activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our family centres.

You can find out what is available in your area at [www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood](http://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood)



## Parent/carer online support

Durham County Carers Support are hosting a variety of online support, training and activity sessions for carers. For more information please contact 0300 005 1213 or visit [www.dccarers.org](http://www.dccarers.org)

Making Changes Together Parents Forum (MCT) are running Zoom coffee events. For more information please contact [info@mctdurham.co.uk](mailto:info@mctdurham.co.uk) or visit [www.mctdurham.co.uk](http://www.mctdurham.co.uk)



# Short Breaks Solutions

If you are struggling to find suitable activities for your children to give you a short break from your caring role, our Short Breaks Solutions service will work with you to find options that suit your family's needs. Short Breaks Solutions can refer you to some tailored opportunities for children and young people with SEND that will benefit them and their families outside of their education.



To access any of the activities please contact Short Breaks Solutions:

Email: [shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk](mailto:shortbreakssolutions@durham.gov.uk)

Telephone: 03000 260 270





## The Cheesy Waffles Project presents Canny Coal

The Cheesy Waffles Project are performing 'Canny Coal' at this years Fringe Festival in July at the Durham City Theatre. Please come along and support these young people and adults who are promoting community cohesion and inclusion through the power of performance. An Interactive story of the heritage of the County Durham Coalfields through music and song.

[Cheesy Waffles Project - Durham Fringe Festival](#)



**Join members of The Cheesy Waffles Project for  
an interactive story of Coal & Mining  
Communities in County Durham through story  
and song**

**The City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Durham City, DH1 3RA**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**3pm (50-minute performance)**

To book tickets visit [durhamfringe.co.uk](http://durhamfringe.co.uk) or  
telephone 07903 871 238.

*All performers have additional needs/learning difficulties & have  
planned & put together this performance to encourage participation  
supporting with raising disability awareness, inclusion, and  
community cohesion.*

