



Consett Junior School

July 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our July Newsletter, the final one of the school year...

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with attendance. Being in school every day really does make a difference - not only to pupils' learning, but also to their confidence, friendships and sense of belonging. We have seen a higher number of holidays and absences linked to illness during June, and on some occasions these have later been found to be holidays or short breaks. Please be aware that if we suspect an absence recorded as illness is actually a holiday, we will write to you or arrange a home visit. Our whole school attendance so far this year is 95.48%, which is very similar to this time last year at 95.63%. We are also above the Arbor national average of 94.5%, which is something to be proud of. Thank you for helping us keep attendance high and for working with us to make every school day count.

June attendance results...

Thank you

Year group

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Year 4 have won the attendance award for June! With an outstanding 94.12% attendance, they have shown brilliant commitment, fantastic routines and a real enthusiasm for being in school every day. This is a wonderful achievement and a credit to our pupils and families for all of your support. To celebrate, the children will receive their sweet treats reward from Mrs Raine this Friday, 3rd July - a lovely way to mark such a brilliant achievement!

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks (Count)	Late R/C: Marks (Count)
Year Y4	94.12%	3.43%	31
Year Y5	93.9%	2.2%	22
Year Y3	93.83%	4.1%	11
Year Y6	92.68%	3.81%	11

Registration group

We are so proud to announce that Class 5 are our attendance champions for June, with a wonderful 96.51% attendance - what an amazing effort! Class 3 were hot on their heels with an impressive 95.1%, so there was barely anything in it at the top. A huge well done to both classes for such fantastic commitment to coming to school every day and being ready to learn. Well done, Class 5 - what a fantastic effort enjoy a free non-uniform day this Friday (3rd July).

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks (Count)	Late R/C: Marks (Count)
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Class 5	96.51%	0.33%	7
Class 3	95.1%	2.08%	23
Class 2	94.07%	2.89%	7
Class 1	93.56%	5.46%	4
Class 4	93.1%	4.83%	8
Class 8	92.95%	4.42%	6
Class 7	92.42%	3.23%	5
Class 6	91.28%	4.07%	15

School Fund – June

Thank you so much to the families who kindly donated to our school fund. We are very grateful to have received £18.69. Your support helps us to provide extra resources and enrichment opportunities for the children, making school even more enjoyable and engaging. Contributions like this can be used to help with things such as classroom resources, special activities and rewards.

Year 6 trip to Robinwood 2027 – Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th May 2027

Looking ahead, we are pleased to inform that 39 children have made their deposit for the Robinwood trip in 2026. I highly encourage you to take advantage of the 'reducing payment' option on ParentPay to spread out payments over the year. You are welcome to pay as little and as frequently as you like.

School meals

The menu currently in place will continue in September. Children should return on the same meal arrangement they are on now unless you have changed that with Mrs Raine.

ParentPay arrears – specifically Year 6

All meal services on ParentPay must be cleared before the end of term, this is specifically important for Year 6 as any arrears remaining will be subject to Council enforcement. Due to the administration time in doing so we need all arrears cleared and credit added before the Year 6 sleepover. If there are arrears on individual accounts by this date, then children will be unable to stay. Please calculate your child's meal costs and add credit to see the accounts through until 17th July, breakfast club is £2.50 per days and school meals are £3.08.

School uniform ordering – September 2026 – repost

With only 3 weeks to go this term, I wanted to send a reminder about uniform ordering ready for September

Please do not choose order to school if placing orders in July as you may not receive your items before 17th July

When ordering from next week, please opt for home delivery or plan to collect from their shop. While waiting until the summer holidays is an option, it's crucial to remember that this significantly reduces the likelihood of receiving your delivery in time for the start of school in September, as it is their busiest period.

We also do not expect you to order solely from our supplier; many high street stores sell our colours at more competitive prices. As a reminder, PE days in September will require children to come to school in their PE kit. If they participate in sports clubs, they will also need to wear their PE kit on those days, so do consider purchasing additional PE garments alongside formal uniform items.

Please don't fall into the mindset of thinking "September is ages away"; with only six school weeks left, time is indeed of the essence. Lastly, it is essential to please name your new uniform items—this will help prevent any mix-ups!

<https://totstoteams.com/schools/consett-junior-school/>

[Consett Junior School Uniform Information](#)

[Tots to Teams – Consett Junior School](#)

Reminder of school term dates and staff training days

A reminder that our school term dates can be viewed on our app calendar or on the school website. If you require a paper copy, you may also request one from the office. These holiday schedules are confirmed until summer 2028.

[School Holidays Information](#)

Summer 2 Enrichment Club Session reminders

- **Tuesday 7th July - Whole school Sports Day and the whole school will attend Consett Rugby Club so collection is from there, no enrichment clubs (unless in Infant School childcare). Karate will still be on as they need to train in preparation for their grading.**
- **Friday 17th July - Only Infant school childcare as SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!**

Autumn 1 Enrichment Clubs (all clubs finish at 4.30 p.m.)

Our enrichment clubs for Autumn 1 will go live on Wednesday 8th July at 6.00 p.m. and start Thursday 3rd September.

Monday Clubs:

- After School Darts Club for Years 5 & 6
- After School Band (existing members)
- After School Arts and Crafts Club
- After School "Task master" Club

Tuesday Clubs:

- After School Karate (some spaces, please contact Mrs Raine)
- After School Just Dance Club
- After School Chess Club
- After School Stay and Play Club

Wednesday Clubs:

- After School Multi Skills
- After School 'Walk and Talk' Club (existing members with spaces for children in current Years 4, 5 & 6)
- After School Bingo Club

Thursday Clubs:

- After School Cartoon Sketching Club
- After School Quiz Club
- After School Dodgeball

Friday Clubs:

- After School Sports Club (type to be determined)

- After School Outdoor Play Club

Swimming reminder

Swimming remains with Year 4 until the end of term. PE timetables will be shared with families before we finish at the end of July, which will then update the swimming sessions and allocation for Autumn 1. Swimming in September will be for Year 6.

Year 6 end of year show

Information for children in Years 3, 4 & 5.

Year 6 leavers show at Consett Academy during the afternoon. Children should come to school for their usual start time, wearing their show costumes (unless their teacher instructs otherwise). The children are walked to and from the Academy with their teachers and there is no change to the school day or meal arrangements.

Information for children in Year 6

The Leavers show is at Consett Academy on Wednesday 15th July and will follow these housekeeping rules - you **WILL NOT** access the theatre through their main student entrance.

- To gain entrance to the theatre please go through the Leisure Centre main door, walk past the reception desk on your right and along and through the doors stating, 'Squash Courts'. Please try to remain quiet as there will be members of the public participating in sports.
- Before you enter the theatre, Mrs Raine will need to sign you in - you will already have provided the details of who is attending so this will be a fairly quick process.
- The doors will open at 1.00 p.m., but the show will not start until 1.30 p.m. so, if you get there at 1.00 p.m., please note you will have a longer wait.
- Enjoy the show - which will aim to finish for 3.00 p.m.
- At the end of the show Year 6 children can leave with their adult. Please then exit the theatre, the way you came in, through the Leisure Centre.
- **Important** - as well as purchasing your tickets through ParentPay you must have completed the online booking form [Year 6 end of year show 2026 – Fill in form](#)

The Academy need to know who is in their building for Safeguarding and Health & Safety. If you purchase two tickets, you only complete one form with their names on. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE NOT PURCHASED TICKETS.

- **You will not receive physical tickets; your ParentPay is your receipt and the register we hold will record the number of seats allocated.**
- This will not impact on the usual school meal arrangements.
- You must not video or take photos of your children during the performances - we have a duty to safeguard children in our care.

Sports Day 2026- repost

Our annual sports day will be held on Tuesday, 7th July, at Consett Rugby Club. The event will commence at 1:30 p.m., where our children will have the chance to compete in an array of activities. We will be conducting the day as a carousel of events so every child can take part! Children will walk to the club with their teachers after lunch.

Parents and carers are required to remain behind the railings while watching the children participate; we request that you do not enter the field or surround the classes.

For this event, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their house colours, with appropriate trousers/shorts and trainers. The house colours are as follows:

Dale - Yellow

Unsworth - Red

Ainsley - Blue

Children will know which house they belong to. It is vitally important for children to have a cap, water bottle, and sun cream applied (if necessary). Children are permitted to leave with you following the event. Those who wish to attend any booked enrichment clubs or after-school childcare will return to school with staff. We hope you can join us for this enjoyable event!

Please note, swimming will be cancelled on this day

Whole school move up day- Thursday 2nd July

On whole school move up day, Year 6 will visit the Academy (if that is their chosen school), Year 2 will spend the day at Consett Junior School, and all other classes will experience a day in their new class. We are currently finalising classes for next academic year, and an announcement will be added to the newsfeed on the app with details about your child's next teacher in the coming weeks.

Summer Term Attendance Reward

We will celebrate our summer term attendance on Wednesday, 15th July. Each child will participate in an attendance assembly to underscore the importance of being present in school regularly and on time. All children will receive raffle tickets according to their attendance as follows:

Below 96% = 1 ticket

96% and above = 2 tickets

97% and above = 3 tickets

Continuing in increments up to 100% (totalling 6 tickets for 100%).

There will be separate draws for lower and upper school during the assembly, and the winner will have the chance to meet with me the following day to choose a prize of up to £20 from Amazon. This gives the child time at home to select something they truly desire!

Throughout the day, ALL children will also be rewarded with treats and refreshments, along with an hour of crafts, movies, or music during class time.

Illness can strike any child at any time throughout the year, and achieving 96% attendance is a reasonable target, considering that someone may be unwell but can still reach that benchmark. Unfortunately, it is not the child's fault if they are absent, but they can certainly engage in discussions around the importance of regular school attendance when they are fit to do so. This day not only promotes good attendance overall, but it also specifically encourages improved attendance for those children deemed at risk of falling behind.

All schools have their own policies on rewarding and promoting attendance; it is worth noting that many do not provide rewards beyond perfect attendance.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for supporting our attendance objectives and keeping us informed regarding any absences. Throughout this term, we have conducted several attendance meetings, which can be a challenging experience for some families.

Celebrations – 100% attendance and our annual Special Recognition Awards 2025/2026

On Thursday, 16th July, we will host our annual Special Assembly in school, aimed at honouring all those children who have achieved 100% attendance for the entire academic year, as well as those nominated for a recognition award. The recognition award is presented to children who have truly shone throughout the year; this may reflect qualities such as kindness, academic prowess, noteworthy progress, or simply for being an exceptional individual who has stood out to our staff.

If your child is selected to receive a special award, you have been notified already; we will keep it a surprise for the children. You may check your child's attendance records on the app, and we will also send a message to families of those achieving 100% attendance. So far, we have 33 children who have attained this milestone; last year, 31 children managed to achieve it and the year before that only 23 children did.

If these awards pertain to your child, we will reserve two seats per child for the assembly, which will commence at 9:10 a.m. (after registration). There will be an opportunity for photographs following the assembly.

The assemblies will be divided into two as follows:

- If your child is in Year 3 or 4, their assembly will run from 9:10 to 9:30 a.m., with two adults permitted to attend.
- If your child is in Year 5 or 6, their assembly will occur from 9:45 to 10:10 a.m., with two adults permitted to attend.

Our celebrations do not end there; that evening, we will treat these remarkable children to tea at Sambucas. A pre-order menu will be sent home in advance to facilitate arrangements for the evening meal. Children should be brought to the restaurant by 5:45 p.m. and collected again at 7:30 p.m.

Please take note of the following key dates and events.

July 2026

- Wednesday, 1st July: Band members treat visit to Allensford park, children require £5 for an ice-cream
- Thursday, 2nd July: Consett Academy Transition Day, 1 of 2.
- Thursday, 2nd July: Whole school move up day.
- Friday, 3rd July: Consett Academy Transition Day, 2 of 2.
- Friday, 3rd July: Class 5 free non-uniform day.
- Tuesday, 7th July: Sports Day, during the afternoon at Consett Rugby Club. **No swimming and No enrichment clubs (unless in Infant School childcare). Karate will still be on as they need to train in preparation for their grading.**
- Wednesday, 8th July: Autumn 1 enrichment clubs go live at 6.00 p.m.
- Friday, 10th July: School reports will be distributed.
- Friday, 10th July: Year 6 sleepover in school. Details will follow.
- Monday, 13th July: Dress rehearsal day for Leavers Show.
- Tuesday, 14th July: Whole school football event. Details to follow.
- Wednesday, 15th July: Summer term attendance celebration day.
- Wednesday, 15th July: Year 6 leavers show at Consett Academy. Ticket sales for Year 6 families only.
- Thursday, 16th July: Special recognition and 100% school year attendance assembly. This will consist of two assemblies for KS1 and KS2 children. In the evening, these children will be treated to a meal at Sambucas.
- Friday, 17th July: School will close for the summer holidays, this is also non-uniform day. **No enrichment clubs**

September 2026

- Wednesday, 2nd September: School reopens to pupils for the new academic year
- Thursday, 3rd September: Autumn 1 enrichment clubs commence
- Wednesday, 9th September: Photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photos while uniform is still fresh!

The statutory key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026.

The statutory key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May 2027.