



Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome back to the new year and the hopefully soon to be warmer Spring Term.

Children have returned full of the joys of a good Christmas break and have been really keen to settle back into school routines.

We are extremely proud to be representing Northumberland at the North East Choir of the Year Competition next month in Durham Cathedral. It was a tough competition but our children shone through to impress the judges.

Miss Ward
Headteacher

Yes, I can!

Well done to Chestnut class for winning the competition to represent Northumberland at the Choir of the Year Competition. You beat all of the other schools in Northumberland!



Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **11 & 14**

Pitch Perfect (children showing great sportsmanship on the pitch at play times): **Oak, Larch, Sycamore & Rowan**

Attendance (the class with the best attendance that week): **Hazel & Chestnut**

Staff (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs M Madgwick** for writing our school song 'Yes I can' which has won us a place (with the help of Chestnut class) in the North East Choir of the Year Competition

Governors

We have had a lovely visit from our English governor Mrs Boyes. She observed children in writing lessons across school and was so impressed with their attitudes to learning. We are, as always, very proud of them.

Attendance for this year so far

Beech			
93%			
Sycamore	Hazel	Oak	Poplar
96%	94%	95%	94%
Chestnut	Rowan	Larch	Cedar
95%	95%	92%	92%
Whole school			
94%			

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24 January – Reception & Y6 Heights and weights check

Friday 9 February – North East Choir Competition

Monday 12 February – Y5 Bikeability week

Wednesday 14 February – Y4 Bikeability day

Friday 16 February – Y2 Beatrix Potter Day

Friday 16 February – Y2 class assembly @ 9:15

Friday 16 February – school closes for half term

Monday 26 February – school reopens

Monday 26 February – Y6 Bikeability week

Monday 4 March – Wellbeing week

Tuesday 26 March – Y5 Egyptian Day

Thursday 28 March – school closes for Easter Holidays @ 3:20

Monday 15 April – school reopens for all

Wednesday 17 April – school closed to children – Teacher Training Day

Monday 22 April – Y4 Residential to Robinwood

Monday 6 May – school closed for bank holiday

Monday 13 May – Y6 SATS week

Friday 17 May – Y6 Treat day

Tuesday 21 May – Y3 Greek Day

Tuesday 21 May – Y3 class assembly @ 9:15

Wednesday 22 May – Reception class assembly @ 9:15

Friday 24 May – school closed for half term

Monday 3 June – school reopens to all

Monday 3 June – Wellbeing week

Thursday 20 June – Y6 Safety Works trip

Wednesday 26 June – Y6 Residential to Edinburgh

Thursday 4 July – Nursery class assembly @ 9:20

Friday 19 July – school closes for Summer holidays @ 3:20

Safeguarding message



Mrs Water



Mrs McLeod



Mr Chapman



Mrs McFall



Miss Ward

It is everybody's responsibility to keep children and young people safe. If you're concerned that a child is being abused or neglected, you should report it so that the child can be protected.

Please call OneCall telephone: 01670 536400 open 24/7 or if the child is in imminent danger please call 999.

Free Positive Relationships webinar on January 25th. Sign up if you are interested:

<https://bit.ly/PMHD2024>

Year 6

Year 6 had a special visitor in school to talk to them about Online Safety. They were very shocked by the video outcome and it really made them think!

PTFA

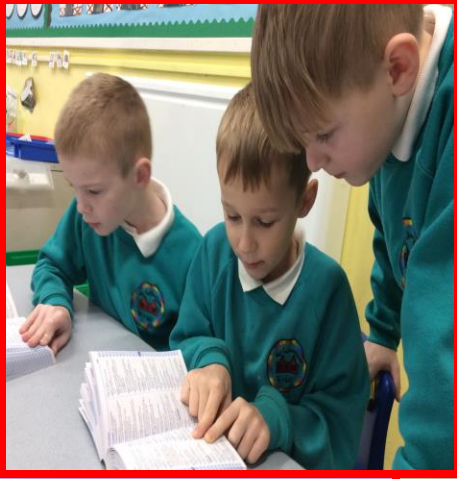
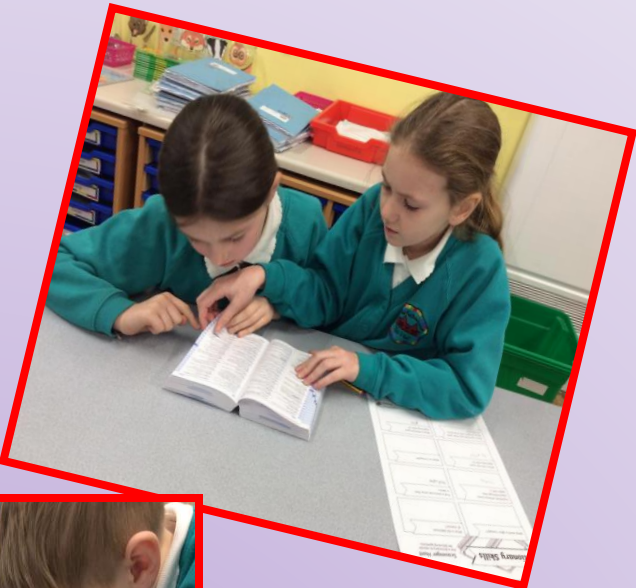
Our lovely volunteers in the PTFA are looking at organising a bake sale. We know how much the children love these.
More information to follow.

Year 1

Year 1 children were fascinated by the crash landing in the small hall. They quickly realised that it was the alien Beegu that had come to visit them.



Year 3
Year 3 have been working hard in PE and competing in a Multi Skills virtual competition. They have also really enjoyed the dictionary scavenger hunt.



Year 4

Year 4 worked really hard on their Renaissance Artwork. Creating a memorial of Sycamore Gap in a Fresco Secco, Michael Angelo style.



Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at materials in science. They gave some very good answers about properties.



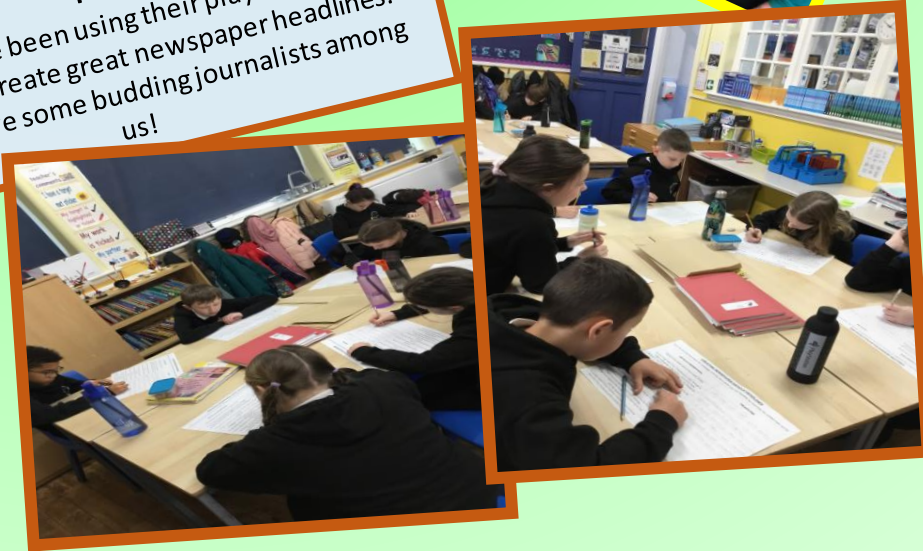
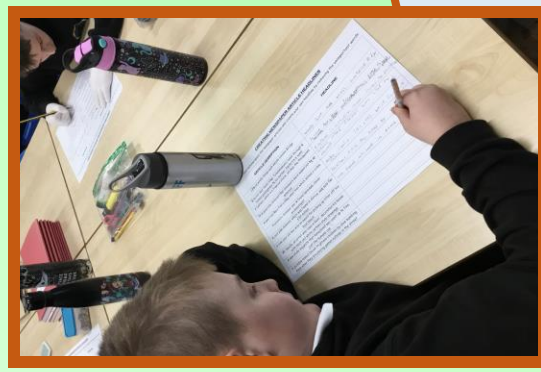
Reception

Reception children have had a wonderful time outside making Ice baubles. They really got into role as detectives to work out the mystery of the Big Bad wolf.

As always, the children were fully engaged in their learning when I went to visit.

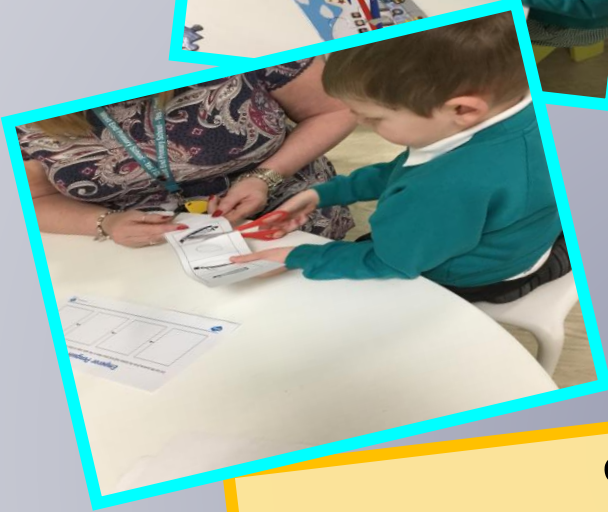


Year 5
Year 5 have been using their play on words learning to create great newspaper headlines. We may have some budding journalists among us!



Nursery

I have been so impressed with how well nursery have come back after the Christmas holidays. They are very settled and growing in confidence. I was taken by a tiny hand to a very well laid out dining table to be given my lunch. I was asked my preferences for how I would like my coffee and was then joined by a group who just couldn't do enough for me. The children are a real delight!



Golden Awards

Very well done to all the children who were chosen for the Golden Book. You really impressed your teachers, showing you were ready, respectful and safe!

