



What a great, and very short, half term!

We say a very fond farewell to our lunchtime supervisor Mrs Reid. After 15 years she has decided to retire. We wish her all the best in her future years of rest.

We are very much looking forward to returning to our very exciting Writing week and can't wait to see what the children produce.

We are also looking forward to seeing you at the exhibition where the children get to showcase their work.

Have a wonderful break and we will see you again soon.

Miss Ward  
Headteacher

**Yes, I can!**

Well done to our lovely Y4 and Y5 children who were absolutely amazing at the North East Choir of the Year competition. We are so proud of them and Mrs Madgwick who worked so hard to put together the fabulous performance.



### Shout outs!

#### *Celebrating excellence across school*

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **5 & 2**

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

**Attendance** (the class with the best attendance that week): **Beech, Oak & Poplar**

**Staff** (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs Madgwick** for all of the extra work it took to deliver such a great performance in Durham Cathedral.

#### Clothes Bank

We are working in partnership with the Clothes Bank at Hope Church Bedlington. They accept children's uniform, fancy dress, Christmas jumpers and clothing in good condition.

**KIDS UNIFORM AND CLOTHES BANK**

Free pre-loved Bedlington school uniform and kids clothes (Newborn to 16 years)

- We help kit your kids out for school
- A warm, friendly supportive space
- Pre-loved and in good condition
- Contribute to the community and benefit the environment
- Free membership

Open Thursdays 1-4pm

clothesbank@hopechurchbedlington.co.uk

#### Attendance for this year so far

Beech			
93%			
Sycamore	Hazel	Oak	Poplar
95%	94%	95%	94%
Chestnut	Rowan	Larch	Cedar
95%	95%	93%	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

**Monday 26 February** – school reopens  
**Monday 26 February** – Writing theme week  
**Friday 1 March** – parents in for writing week showcase  
**Monday 4 March** – Wellbeing week  
**Week of 18 March** – SEN parent meetings  
**Tuesday 26 March & Wednesday 27 March** – parent consultation meetings  
**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

## Extra – curricular clubs

We have lots of clubs running next half term.  
Please ensure your child signs up!

## Year 2

Year 2 have had fun investigating the material to use for Mrs Tinkle's new apron!  
They were excellent in their class assembly and we hope you enjoyed it.



## 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.

Should your child have social media?

Follow the link to find out.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

## PTFA

A huge thank you to our lovely volunteers in the PTFA. The bake sale was fabulous as usual. A big thank you to all the parents who donated cakes – you are amazing!

The children have loved their class Christmas presents and have used them all half term. We really do appreciate how you enhance the learning in school.

### Nursery

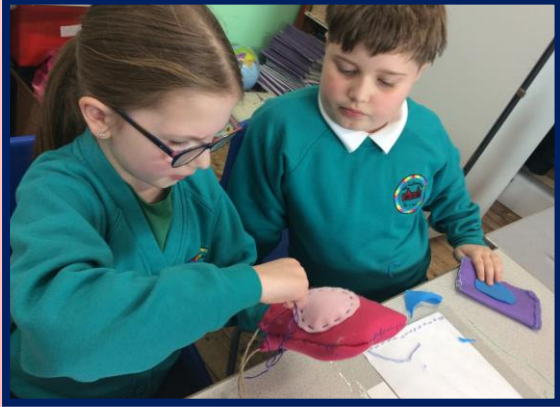
Nursery children have been celebrating Chinese New Year!



Year 3  
Year 3 have been working hard in maths  
and PSHE.



**Year 4**  
Year 4 children really enjoyed the choir competition and the impromptu stop off at the Angel of the North. They have loved sewing too!

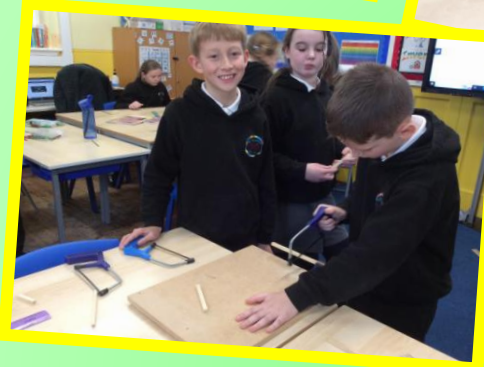
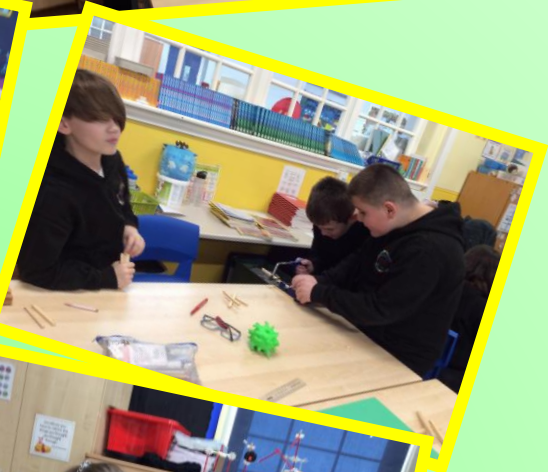


**Reception**  
Reception have had a visit from a dentist with a very important message about teeth. They have enjoyed Valentine's, stay and play and making pancakes!



## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed using saws and glue guns to make the Egyptian Shadufs. All the practise paid off and they did a great job!



Year 6  
Year 6 enjoyed Maya day and making Maya 3D models. They learned a lot about healthy eating and exercise too!



## Year 1

Year 1 children have enjoyed a Jobs day and they looked fabulous! They also enjoyed their very muddy trip to Plessey woods to see what had changed since Winter!



## 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!



## Attendance

Very well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this half term and to the winners of the weekly attendance raffle.

