



Message from Mrs Shaw

We have been delighted to welcome pupils and families back to school. It has been great to see how pupils have settled so quickly transitioning into their new year groups. Teachers are very proud of their new classes with established routines and protocols. Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that they have all the correct equipment in school including PE Kit. We have opened our doors to a number of visitors over the half term and you can read on to find out more. We have warmly welcomed in to school, the new vicar of St Aidan's Church - The Reverend Stephanie and she has kindly opened the doors of church and welcomed KS1 pupils to visit. We hope that this can continue. Our Bikes4Health programme fully operational with all Year 5 pupils riding off site each week travelling further and further each time. We have had some brilliant sporting successes already this half term. We have welcomed families into school for a variety of different events including Reading Meetings, Book Look and Harvest Singing. If you don't already - please follow us on [Twitter. @Newyorkprimary](https://twitter.com/Newyorkprimary). By not, you are missing out on lots of lovely updates about your child's school day and might miss various reminders and messages too. Please look out for important dates for next half term. We will be publishing our Christmas events dates as soon as we return from half term holiday.

Thank you for all your kind and positive comments this half term and for all your support. Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.3
which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
5/9/22	98.2%	1SH, 2BK, 4RE, 5LM, 11ED, 12NS & 14BD	100%
12/9/22	95.8	6CD	98.9%
19/9/22	95.5%	1SH, 8KR, 11ED.	100%
26/9/22	94.5%	10JB	99.2%
03/10/22	96.3%	7RH & 10JB	100%
10/10/2022	96.3%	5LM, 6CD & 10JB	100%



New York
Primary School

Come as you are. Leave at your best.



Uniform Swap Shop

We have a selection of pre-loved items of uniform in the doorway to reception. Please help yourself to anything your child needs.

If you are finding it a challenge to provide
The correct uniform for your child - please
let us know and we will help.



Foundation Stage are in need of spare socks and underwear that may have grown out of (including larger sizes). Please think of us if you are having a sort out.

Lost Property

A man's silver wedding ring has been found on the school yard. If this belongs to you, please collect from the school office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning- Thank You

On Friday 30th September we held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many parents joining us!

We raised over £130 for this deserving charity.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.



Free Lunches for Year 3

Caterlink, our lunch provider is offering a 2 week special provision for all pupils in Year 3 to have a **free lunch every day for 2 weeks**.

This is a great opportunity for Year 3 pupils to try the fabulous food on offer in school **free of charge** for 10 school days.

This will start on Monday 31st October and end on Friday 12th November. ENJOY!

Welcome Back- Our Learning...

Nursery

What a brilliant first half term for Nursery, the children have settled back in well and have enjoyed exploring all areas in the classroom. We have welcomed some new friends and have taken part in a variety of activities. This has included discussing classroom rules, going on listening walks, riding bikes, making sandwiches, mark making, taking part in Roald Dahl day, singing nursery rhymes, number stories and much more. We can't wait to get busy next half term and welcome more new friends!

30 Hours

30 hour children have had a fantastic first term, we have settled into full days and routines so well. Our skills have already improved so much from creating some fabulous butterflies with paint for our display to trying some of the foods from The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. We have developed our fine motor skills by learning how to spread butter to then the following week making our very own sandwiches. Physical Friday has been one of the favourites for the children being able to access the hall and use PE equipment. I am already looking forward to what we get up to next half term.

Reception

What a fantastic start our children in Reception have made. So many 'firsts' successfully accomplished. Our first few weeks are about new routines and settling into full days in Reception. We have started staying for school lunches, choosing what we will eat and trying new foods. Our first PE lesson where we practised getting changed all by ourselves. We have been learning our first set of Read Write Inc sounds and sent our children home as mini teachers. During our maths lessons we have been subitizing numbers to 5, saying what we see without counting (a very important skill). We have been learning a very porridge themed story ... can you guess which one?



Welcome Back- Our Learning...

Year 1

We have settled into life in Year 1 really well and have enjoyed attending whole school assemblies and having playtime and lunchtime with the rest of the school.

Our learning this half term has all been based on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. In English we have started to use descriptive language to describe the main characters and setting. In Maths we have been focusing on number formation and place value, counting forwards and backwards to 20 with increasing accuracy. We are beginning to compare numbers using the language of greater than and fewer than. Our favourite lesson of the week is Science - we have been learning all about the 5 senses. Each week we test one of our 5 senses - our favourite so far was our taste and sight. Who would have thought writing our name blindfolded would have been easy!

Year 2

We loved our Geography fieldwork trip!
We walked around our local area searching for human and physical features and recording what we saw.
We used all of the information that we gathered to answer lots of geographical questions.



We really enjoyed having Year 5 come to teach us French. We learnt how to count to 10!



In Art we've been looking at the artwork of a Canadian artist called Linda Lang. She paints pictures of the Arctic based on what she saw during her expeditions there.



Welcome Back- Our Learning...

Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their new learning year. We have been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled into Key Stage 2 and how they have used prior knowledge and skills from Year 2 to help complete new learning. Our topic this half term has been the Titanic and we have shared a text called I was there... Titanic. We have used this to write our own journey tales, putting ourselves in the shoes of a first class passenger. In DT we have created some fantastic personalised handkerchiefs using old and new sewing skills- we have included a running stitch and even a cross stitch! We look forward to our new topic next half term- The Tudors!

Mr Hadfield's class have also been lucky enough to have Peter Higgins in to teach PSHE

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Year 4

In Year 4 we have settled brilliantly into a new term. We are enjoying learning about Ancient Rome through many of our lessons and our classrooms are filled with topic books which we enjoy reading and sharing. In English, we have been writing diary entries and improving our writing skills while learning about the features of these. In Maths, we have enjoyed looking at number and place value where we have been exploring numbers up to 10,000! We are also linking our Maths to our topic through reading Roman Numerals.

In Science, we have really enjoyed learning about the digestive system and what happens to our food once we have eaten it. We also have learned about the importance of teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy. Dentists from Newcastle University visited us in class to teach us too!

This half term we have been lucky enough to have a teacher from Newcastle United Foundation teaching us different areas of Maths. We are excited about all of our learning to come in Autumn 2!



Welcome Back- Our Learning...

Year 5

The Pumas and the Meerkats have both made a fantastic start to Year 5. Through our class text, *Journey to Jo'burg*, we have been exploring Africa and learning about what life was like for the people of South Africa during apartheid. We have developed our understanding of this further in history and have explored the role that Nelson Mandela played in bringing apartheid to an end. Last week we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of someone living during this period- we wrote in the first person and included our thoughts and feelings in our work. In Art, we have created African sunsets by blending colours and each week we have become more confident with our skills. During Maths, we have recapped our knowledge of place value and looked at negative numbers in context. We are currently working on our column addition skills and everyone is working really hard in these lessons. Science is also off to a great start- we have had so many fantastic homework projects back. It was great to see how much hard work had gone into this piece of homework- we were really impressed with every single one!

Year 6

In Year 6, we have returned to school with a positive, hard working attitude. Our learning has centred around our topic of Japan. We have enjoyed our class text, *Kensuke's Kingdom* and we have written a balanced argument about whether or not Michael, the main character, should travel the world. Lots of persuasive points for world travel! In Maths, we have been look at measuring angles with a protractor, column addition and subtraction and we showed lots of resilience to multiply 2 digits by 2 digits. In our Art lessons we have looked at painting and sketching techniques to recreate *The Wave* by Hokusai. We showed off our shading and painting skills to recreate the wave with a variety of sketching pencils before adding detail with watercolours and black pens.

Our PE lessons have focused on invasion games and we have applied a variety of passing, dribbling and dodging techniques in Rugby and Hockey games. It has been fantastic to see such super teamwork and resilience when the game has not always been an easy win!

Another exciting addition to Year 6 has been our new Pokemon Club. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing all of our cards, teaching new skills and having lots of fun!

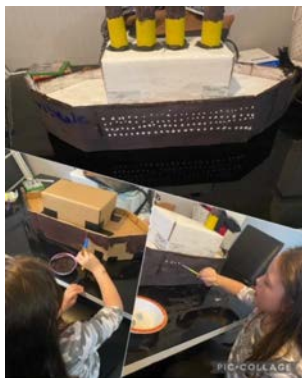


Home Learning

This half term, children have been asked to create homework projects that reflect their learning in school. It is always fantastic to link our learning between home and school so that our families can hear about all of our new knowledge.

Year 3

Thank you to everyone who has created a Titanic model at home this half term- we have been super impressed and cannot wait to showcase them next half term!



Year 6

In Geography we have been learning about the layers of the Earth. At home we created models to represent each layer.



KS1 Yard Updates

We so enjoy using the various wooden structures and activities in the EYFS yard that we have decided invest in something built to improve the offer of play, creativity and imagination in the KS1 yard. Work has begun to provide wooden storage and wooden role play and activity areas. We are very excited and will invite parents to come and have a look and play with their child once it is complete.

Our School Day- Reminders

Thank you to all families for ensuring that your child arrives to school on time. The change to the times of the school day has improved punctuality and ensures a dedicated Reading for Pleasure session at the end of each day. Pupils are expected to be sat in class at 9.00am ready for learning so please do not aim to bring your child into school for 9.00am, aim to arrive a few minutes earlier. The school gates will be open from 8.50am (often before that) and will close at 8.55am. All pupils apart from 30 hour Nursery children finish the school day at 3.30pm.

I have written to parents of 30 hour pupils in Nursery to offer them the option of a 3.30 pick up where their child can remain in school until 3.30 instead of 3.00pm. Please look out for the letter and form and speak to Nursery staff if you have any queries.

From Monday 17th October we welcomed back from maternity leave our Nursery teacher Mrs N Cole. Nursery parents have received a letter detailing this.

School Council

On Wednesday 28th September, the whole school took part in an election to choose members of our school council. We are extremely proud of all the pupils who participated and made interesting and inspirational speeches setting out how they would represent their classmates in school. Voting was extremely close and we are delighted that our new school council has been elected with the following pupils representing each year group:

Year 1 - Ashton and Willow

Year 2 - Jenson and Isla-Rose

Year 3 - Paridhi and Jacob

Year 4 - Olly and Alicja

Year 5 - Shania and Kai

Year 6 - Neha and Kayden

We are really excited to hear pupils' views and ideas and hope that our council members make a lasting and positive impact!



Year 1 Church Visit

During RE we have been learning all about the religion of Christianity. We made links with our local Church - St Aidan's and arranged a visit. Once we arrived we had a look around the Church, looking for signs and symbols that represent Christianity. We then listened to a story from the Bible and sang a hymn. Thank you to Reverend Stephanie for hosting a mini service for us.



Year 2 Church Visit

We were lucky enough to visit St. Aidan's Church and talk to Reverend Stephanie. We asked her lots of questions, such as, 'Why is the bible important to Christians?' She even told us about a local Saint called Saint Cuthbert and let us try on some of her favourite robes



Harvest Festival

We have thoroughly enjoyed practicing our Harvest songs over the past few weeks ready to perform them in our Harvest assemblies. We hope you enjoyed watching our video assemblies.

It was fantastic to see so many families joining us for our Harvest Singing on the Yard on Friday 21st September. Thank you for supporting us.



Year 4 Newcastle University Workshop: The Tooth About Dentists

Year 4 welcomed Emily from the Newcastle University Outreach programme on Thursday 13th October. Emily spoke to the children about the role of a dentist before looking at the different types of teeth we have; something that we have been learning about in Science. The children then had a go at using real dental tools in a safe environment to try and take the dirt off some clay teeth. We looked at the sugars that are found in different foods and talked about the importance of brushing our teeth every day. Talk to your children at home about ways to look after their teeth and speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions!



Music @ New York



Band Club

On Mondays after school, KS2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed creating a new band with Mrs Vasey. They have been allowed to choose their own instruments and have experimented with a variety such as ukuleles, keyboard and djembes. Over the last few weeks they have practiced a piece together and we are looking forward to hearing their final piece!

Ukulele and Keyboard Club

Pupils in Year 4 and 5 have been working with Mrs Vasey during the school day to develop their ukulele and keyboard skills. They have thoroughly enjoyed extending their learning outside of lesson time.



Choir News

What a fantastic turnout we have had in choir this year! We are so excited to be rehearsing ready for our first performances of the year. Look out of the following dates where we will be performing:

- Winter Sing at the Whitley Bay Playhouse
- North Shields Victorian Market
- Christmas songs at Newcastle Cathedral



Information on dates, times and tickets for these events to follow after half term.

Sporting News

Littleton League

On Thursday 6th October the under 11 boys football team played their first round of fixtures in the Littleton League. They drew their first game 0-0 and won the next two games 3-0. Which currently places us joint top of the league. We are yet to concede a goal and were complemented by onlookers regarding our style of play and attitude. We can not wait for the next round of fixtures.



Girls Football

Our Girls Football team have been lucky enough to join a friendly league with 5 other schools to get match practise. We have played 3 out of 5 games, showing fantastic communication and teamwork skills. We are already looking forward to the next games in the Spring term.

**WE WANT TO PLAY OUR
GAME - THE WAY WE
WANT TO PLAY IT - AND
WIN THE WAY WE WANT
TO WIN.**

- LUCY BRONZE



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Sporting News

Bikes for Health

Over the course of the Autumn term children in year five have developed their cycling skills. They have built their confidence starting off in the playground and then gradually venturing further a field. Pupils have taken care of the bikes and done checkups on the bikes to ensure they are safe to ride.



Reception Balance Bikes

Reception classes blew the socks of the Balance Bike instructors recently when they showed how a positive mindset can help you learn new things! They started each session with some bike yoga before following the leader on an ever increasingly complex adventure! By the end of the week our children were invited to bring in their own bikes with the chance to ride them without stabilisers. What a fantastic week of cycling!



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Sporting News

Year 5 Trail and Challenge

We completed a trail and challenge task at the Rising Sun Country park. We used orienteering skills to plan a route around the park and collect stamps for our score cards. We competed against each other in teams to see who could get the most points, there was even point deductions for being late back to the checkpoint...



Year 5/6 Hoops for Health

In our hoops for health workshop we discussed what it means to have an active balanced lifestyle. The children showed a great knowledge of the body and how it reacts to physical activity. We played some basketball mini games with players from the Newcastle Eagles!



Year 6 Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 18th October Year 6 attended a Rugby Festival at Percy Park Rugby Club. We have worked on our invasion game skills in PE this half term, so it was a good opportunity for year 6 to demonstrate those attacking and defending skills against other schools. All 7 teams played extremely well and represented New York excellently, showing wonderful teamwork and respect.



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Dates for your diary

- Friday 21st October - Finish for Half Term
- Monday 31st October - Children return to school
- Monday 31st October - Halloween Crafts (3.30 - 4.30pm)
- Tuesday 1st November - Y6 to Laing Art Gallery / Y3/4 Quicksticks Festival
- Wednesday 2nd November - Y4 Church Visit
- Thursday 3rd November - Y1 NUSTEM Workshop
Y6 Parents Robinwood Meeting
- Friday 4th November - Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
- Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th November - Parent Consultations
- W/C 14th November - Odd Socks Day / Anti Bullying Week
- Tuesday 15th November - Winter Sing @ Whitley Bay Playhouse
- Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th November - Year 6 Robinwood
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need
- Monday 21st November - Teacher Training Day - school closed
- Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto
- Tuesday 6th December - Year 5 Rugby Festival (1-3pm)
- Thursday 8th December - After School Clubs Finish
- Monday 19th December - Family Christmas Crafts
- Friday 23rd December - Children finish for Christmas
- Monday 9th January 2023 - Children return to school
- Monday 23rd/ Tuesday 24th January - Year 4 Bikeability
- Tuesday 14th February - Year 4 Rugby Festival (1-3pm)
- Friday 17th February - Children finish for half term
- Monday 27th February - Children return to school
- Tuesday 28th March - Year 3 Rugby Festival (1-3pm)
- Friday 31st March - Finish for Easter
- Monday 17th April - Children return to school
- Friday 26th May - Children finish for half term
- Monday 5th June - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 6th June - Children return to school
- Thursday 20th July - Children finish for Summer
- Friday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

TOP TIP

Did you know you can add our calendar to your mobile? Log into the school website, find the calendar and click on this symbol then add to your calendar - all our important dates will now appear on your mobile calendar.

