



Message from Mrs Shaw

I really enjoy when pupils return to school after a break and they immediately begin to evidence the school PROUD words. We have had some brilliant examples of pupils showing tolerance, respect and taking responsibility for their actions so far this term. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge well done to our pupils for their super Harvest assemblies with quality speaking and singing – getting the harvest message across. Thank you for all your kind donations. It was lovely to see so many of you attending the Book Look and sharing your child’s learning with them. We have also welcomed Andrea from OPAL who came into school to present our platinum award (for the second time). This is in addition to our School Games Mark platinum award. The School Games Mark awards schools for their commitment to competition in sport. The third of this trio of awards is of course our Ofsted inspection that graded all categories outstanding – with an OUTSTANDING judgement overall. None of what we do here at New York is possible without the dedication and determination of all staff, the positive attitudes and respect of our pupils and the support and encouragement of our families.

Thank you.



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.6% which is just above our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
2/9/24	95.6%	3KT 9GS 12KJ/JB	100%
9/9/24	95.9%	3KT	99.1%
16/9/24	95.6%	10RH	99.6%
23/9/24	95.2%	12KJ/JB	98.9%
30/9/24	94.9%	4RE	100%
7/10/24	94.8%	10RH	100%
14/10/24	96.6%	1SH 12JB/KJ	100%



Homework

Across school pupils are allocated weekly homework. In every year group, pupils will be given some spellings to learn, some times tables to practise and some topic homework. Spellings and times tables supports pupils basic skills. The topic homework can be chosen from the homework grid that is sent out at the start of the half term. Pupils are given a week to complete and return homework. Sometimes the topic work has a 2 week completion. Completing a homework task is a good habit to get in to. The homework we send out will never be onerous and will always be based around learning that your child has already been working on in school i.e. it will not be new to them. Please support your child's learning by supporting and encouraging them to complete their homework. If there are any issues with homework, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We are always happy to supply resources to take home. We are hopeful that parents/carers/families will read with their child at home and we send reading books home with pupils to enable this.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September we hosted a MacMillan coffee morning. Thank you to all of the families and friends who came to support us. We raised £66.10 for the appeal.



Nursery visit to Stephenson

We were invited along to trial a workshop at Stephenson Railway, we had the opportunity to play with some equipment donated from RISE charity, water play and we even watered the plants on site. We then went down to the new woodland walk and had the opportunity to use binoculars and magnifying glasses to find the dinosaurs hidden in the stumps. We had so much fun and were grateful for the opportunity.



National Poetry Day

This year, National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 3rd October 2024 and the theme was 'Counting.'

Below are just a few examples of the creative poetry written by pupils across school.



Me

One of me

And nobody can get a second
one

From a photocopier machine.

Nobody has the love of my family,

Nobody can dance my ballet,

Or have beautiful green grey eyes
like me.

But anybody can mimic my
actions,

Anybody can dress like me,

And mirrors can show my beauty
many times,

With love and heart for my family.

I am one.

Megan

(Year 5)



Leaves are Falling

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my nose.

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
Once fell on my toes.

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
One fell on my head.

Leaves are falling,
Leaves are falling,
Yellow, Orange, Red.

Nursery

Flying Bats

5 little flying bats
Sat on some flying mats
Eating some most delicious fruit
Yum Yum!

1 black bat flew away
So it could go and play
Now there are 4 flying bats
Flap Flap!

Year 1 Puffins

One!

Nobody can have the same identity
Not even if they got plastic surgery
Nobody is me!

Nobody can have the same fingerprints
as me
Not even if they try to clone me
Nobody is me!

Nobody can have the same smile or
laugh as me
Anybody can be like me, but nobody is
me!

I am unique in my own way!
I am brave in my own way!
I am smart in my own way!
I am creative in my own way!

I am me and me only!

**Kaylee
(Year 4)**



Buzzing Bees

10 Little buzzing beads
Sat on some leafy trees
Eating some most sticky honey
Yum Yum!
I flew into the hive
To give some high fives
Now there are 9 buzzing bees
Buzz Buzz!

Year 1 Owls



The Iron Gates

The child turned toward the Workhouse
One step closer, the wind throws mud and dirt
on my face.

Two steps closer, the hunger cries from my
tummy.
Hopelessness, as darkness follows me it pushes
me closer to the end.

Three steps closer, the disease spreads through
the whole town.

Four steps closer, the misty smoke wraps
around my neck.

At the iron gates, the world falls away.
A child stands alone, with nothing left to say.

**Tia
(Year 6)**

Year 6 @ Robinwood

Between the 25th and 27th of September, some of Year 6 visited Robinwood in Cumbria. When we arrived, we were greeted by the Robinwood team and began our hike up the hill to the centre. The start of an amazing adventure!

During our three-day stay, pupils (and staff) pushed themselves to complete a range of activities, including the Zipwire, Giant Swing, and Trapeze. We are extremely proud of the resilience and determination displayed by all pupils as they conquered their fears and encouraged others throughout our stay.

Pupils were true New Yorkers, representing school brilliantly. Robinwood staff were full of compliments each day about behaviour and attitude of New York! Our time away, provided a chance for pupils to develop their independence; packing their kit bags, tidying their bedrooms and getting dressed and changed each day.

The memories made will last a lifetime; well done Year 6!



Discover RE – Y2 & 4

Year 2 enjoyed a session with Mrs Yates where they explored the story of St. Cuthbert using props from her story bag. I wonder if they can remember one of the kind things St. Cuthbert did in his life?

Year 4 also enjoyed a session with Mrs Yates. She told us and explained about how she has been on many pilgrimages and why Durham Cathedral is so important to her. This linked to our big question in RE 'Does visiting a Cathedral help Christian pilgrims to deepen their faith?'



Knife Crime Workshop Year 5/6

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in a Knife Crime Workshop with Northumbria Police in October. During the sessions, children were told about the laws around carrying and owning knives and the devastating consequences that this can have. The children listened respectfully and answered questions in a mature manner. Northumbria Police were impressed with the discussions that our pupils were able to have.

Fire Safety – Year 4

Year 4 took part in a fire safety workshop delivered by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. First, we learnt about the three factors that can cause a fire. Then, we looked at images of different rooms within a home and identified the fire hazards. We learnt that one way to prevent a fire is to carry out night time checks around our home as well as other different ways to prevent a fire.



Mosque Trip

Year 6

On Monday 14th October, Year 6 visited Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural Centre as part of our learning. We have been learning about religious diversity and how this impacts our local area. We were fortunate enough to meet Imam Syed Al-Anin, who shared how the Mosque supports everyone in the community. He explained the key concepts of Islam and took the time to answer our questions.

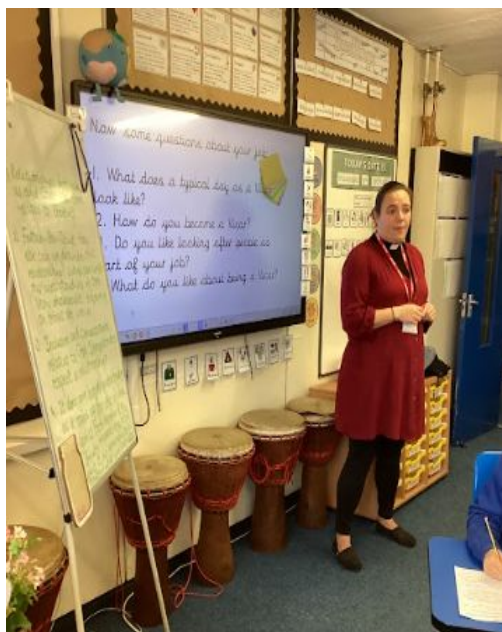


Visit from Rev'd Stephanie

Year 5

Wednesday 9th October

As part of our work on The Holy Trinity in RE, Year 5 invited Reverend Stephanie into school. We prepared and asked her questions about the role of the Trinity and what it means to Christians. We also asked her about her job and what it is like to be a Vicar. We learned a lot about her role and how she supports people in our community. Reverend Stephanie was impressed by our knowledge of the Trinity!



Book Look

Thank you to all of our families and friends who came to our termly book look to share your child's learning with them. This is one of our favourite events in school and we hope you are as proud of your children's progress over the first half term as we are. Our pupils burst with pride as they bring their books to show you evidence of their learning so far this term. Thank you for your evaluations and letting us know that you value this event.

During the Book Look the School Council held a cake sale and raised £190! A huge thank you to staff, students and family members for your donations.



Halloween Craft

All children across the school were invited to Halloween Craft sessions on Thursday 24th November - check out some of our spooky crafts



School Council Elections

On Wednesday 9th October we held our School Council Elections. We were blown away by all of our candidates. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of your year group and deliver a speech! You could tell all of the candidates put a lot of hard work into their speeches and were proud of what they had written. We were also extremely proud of the children who were showing respect by listening to all of their classmates and thinking about who they would like to choose to represent their year. A number of children said they were struggling who to choose because they were all fantastic! Well done everyone.



Congratulations to

Theo and Lois
Ryan and Aubree
Loui and Holly
Edward and
Chimamanda
David and Savana
Oscar and Isabelle

Who were elected to
our school council
this year.



Eco Team

We have been back along to our project at Stephenson Railway and planted some wild flowers and looked around changes on the site. We also made some nature pictures - we are looking forward to the year ahead.



Music @ New York



Welcome, Miss Anderson!

Some of our classes have been lucky enough to spend some time with our new specialist Music teacher, Miss Anderson this half term. She will visit each class throughout the year, teaching many different genres of music as well as delivering some whole class instrumental teaching to each year group.

Year 5 - Djembe drum



Choir News

Choir has proved to be very popular this term with almost 80 members from Year 2 to Year 6!

Choir is currently preparing for the Winter Sing at the Whitley Bay Playhouse in November where some of our choir members will perform three songs alongside other local schools.

Choir are also planning to sing at the Victorian Christmas Market in North Shields on Saturday 7th December so save the date!



Sporting News

Reception Balance Bikeability

At the beginning of October, Reception took to their balance bikes to see how many children we could get confidently balancing on their bikes before taking on the challenge of pedalling around the yard. After an intensive few days of bike yoga, scooting about, following the leader and the floor is lava, we were very proud to see how many children developed confidence on the bikes. Resilience was the proud word of the week and our Reception children did us proud.

Year 5 Better On Bikes

Pupils in Year 5 have enjoyed their Friday lessons where they are learning to ride their bikes safely in and around the school. Children understand the importance of wearing a helmet and are learning how to ride safely on the streets. Some children have ridden as many as 9 miles on their weekly rides! We look forward to seeing their confidence grow further throughout the year.

For any children in Year 5, please remember to bring gloves to school – they are a must when riding bikes!



Sporting News

Girls County Trials

Two of our Year 6 pupils attended North Tyneside County Trials during September. They went to various training sessions and participated in many football drills and games. Well done to Mylie who has been selected to represent the County this academic year!

Quicksticks Hockey

On Tuesday 15th October, Year 4 took part in a Quicksticks event hosted by North Tyneside Council. Children worked together in their selected teams and enjoyed showing their developed skills in Hockey. Year 4 certainly showed their skills, teamwork and resilience.



Littleton League

The school football team travelled to John Spence on the 10th October to kick-off the start of the Littleton League. We made a fantastic start to the season winning the first two games, without conceding a goal! The team displayed great teamwork skills, showcasing excellent passing and scoring lots of impressive goals! All players contributed positively and encouraged others throughout. A successful start! Well done team!



Follow all of our sporting events with our NYPS Sport X(Twitter!) @NYPSsport



Dates for your diary

- Monday 4th November - Autumn Term 2 begins
- Wednesday 6th & Thu 7th November - Parent Consultations
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need
- Friday 22nd November - Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre
- Wednesday 27th November - Winter Sing at Whitley Bay Playhouse
- Tuesday 26th November - Fr 29th - Book Fayre am & pm
- Thursday 5th December - Y1 Christingle @ St Aidan's
- Friday 6th December - Santa's Grotto & Christmas Fayre
- Saturday 7th December - Victorian market @ North Shields
- Tuesday 10th December - KS1 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Christmas Performance
- Thursday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Performance
- Monday 16th December - Christmas Crafts
- Wednesday 18th December - Carols on Yard
- Thursday 19th December - Panto @ Theatre Royal
- Friday 20th December - Finish for Christmas
- Monday 6th January - **Teacher Training Day - School Closed**
- Tuesday 7th January - Spring Term 1 begins
- Wednesday 29th January - Bedtime story night
- Thursday 13th February - Valentines Disco
- Thursday 20th February - Book Look am & pm
- Friday 21st February - Finish for Half term



Vaping and Smoking



New York Primary School is a no smoking and no vaping site. This includes the school building and grounds. Please do not enter the yard smoking or vaping or begin to smoke or vape whilst on school premises or grounds. Thank you.

Parking

Once again I have been contacted by residents to express concern about parking at school drop off and pick up times. Please do not double park, blocking neighbours cars in. Please do not park across driveways or garages.

School Lunches

Over the half term holidays, please sit with your child and order their school lunches on the Hutchison Appetite system.

Hutchison
appetite

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.

