



Message from Mrs Shaw .

I can hardly believe that it is 8 weeks since we returned from the summer holidays. It has been lovely to see pupils settling so well into their new year groups and life at New York continues with its warm welcome and high standards. We have welcomed several new pupils and their families and a number of visitors into school as the Autumn term progressed. Our Harvest assemblies were brilliantly supported by families – thank you – and our Book Look events enabled pupils to share their learning with pride. At this time of the school year I cannot fail to mention the youngest of our New Yorkers as our 2 Year Offer and Nursery pupils move around school in the smartest of lines, sit on the carpet beautifully and eat their lunch as though they are guests at the palace! Our school council has been democratically elected and they are active around school representing the voice of pupils – our Parliamentary visitor was very impressed with this. Our visitor from The Royal Navy answered some brilliant questions from KS2 pupils as he talked about his role. Year 6 Robinwood pupils embraced challenge, pushed themselves and encouraged others and I cannot fail to mention the amazing opportunity for 10 choir members who took part in the Mini Mercury Festival and made it onto BBC Look North.

I would like to spare a thought for those local schools who are in consultation for merger or closure and the uncertainty families and pupils will be facing.

Enjoy the half term break and thank you for your support, Mrs Shaw.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.8%

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
1/9/25	96.9	2BK, 3BL, 7EJ, 11JS	100%
8/9/25	95.6	1SH,	100%
15/9/25	95.6	1SH	100%
22/9/25	93.4	11JS	98.5%
29/9/25	96.6	11JS	100%
6/10/25	95.3	11JS	99.2%
13/10/25	95.8	14DC	99.6%

Year 5 Heritologists

Year 5 were extremely lucky to have Keith, Sue and Dave from the North Shields Heritology Project come in to talk to us about our History topic. They supported us with our big question of 'How did the people of North Shields contribute to the Abolition of slavery?' through immersive activities and in depth discussions. We learnt about Mary Ann Macham - an escaped slave who ended up living in North Shields, and Frederick Douglass - a public speaker who spoke at North Shields Baptist Church on the abolition of slavery.



Author Day

Year 1

We looked at books by Oliver Jeffers and listened to the story *The Way Back Home*. We described the alien using adjectives.

Year 2

We looked at 'Rainbow Bear' which is written by Michael Morpurgo. We created expanded noun phrases to describe the polar bear.

Year 4

We looked at our class text, 'Escape from Pompeii' and created our own volcano art work inspired by the story.

Reception

We looked at one of our favourite authors, Kes Gray, and became pirates inspired by his book *The Hoys*.

Year 3

We looked at books written and/or illustrated by Tony Ross. We created our own artwork in the style of his illustrations.

Year 6

Using our class text, *Another Twist In The Tale*, we used powerful vocabulary to create some word art.

Year 5

We looked at classic children's authors, we took part in a quiz about children's novel through orienteering.

Parliament Assembly and Year 6 workshops

On Tuesday 30th September, we had a visit from Gillian Bell who told us about the roles of the House of Lords, House of Commons and King Charles within making changes that affect people in Great Britain.



Polite Notices

To ensure safety on the busy yard at the end of the day we ask that those on a bigger bike do not ride their bikes on the yard. There are a lot of people and younger children moving around the yard and to prevent accidents we ask that riders push their bikes when on the school yard. Thank you.



The Royal Navy Assembly

On Thursday 2nd October we were visited by Lieutenant K Horvath to talk about his career in the Royal Navy and his route to getting there. As a previous St Thomas More pupil he was able to describe his studies and the opportunities he now has. Pupils were very impressed with all the countries that he has visited in his role as a meteorologist.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning for Macmillan. It was a lovely morning with an excellent community feel, and we raised £115.60 for an amazing cause.

Poetry Day

Year 1

We used the poem 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and made it our own by changing the animal. Miss Leckie's poem was about bats and Miss Eiles' poem was about cats!

Year 3

Year 3 created their own free verse poems based on things we enjoy doing during the Autumn months.

Year 4

We read the poem 'One' and linked this to mental health day where we thought about what made us unique and what we are good at.

Year 5

We read the poem 'Say how you Feel', which uses similes and metaphors to explain the changes you feel through different emotions. We used this as a model to create our own.

Reception

Show a ball
Throw a ball
Bouncy, bouncy, bouncy!
Roll a ball
Bowl a ball
Bouncy, bouncy, bouncy...
Drop a ball
Stop a ball
Bouncy...bouncy... b o u n c y...STOP!



Year 6

Year 6 created a Victorian themed poem about the life of a child in a workhouse, focussing on the use of personification.

Year 2

Year 2 created their own compound word poems based on 'Word Play' by Michaela Morgan.

Year 5 & 6 Police Workshops

Kerry from Northumbria Police came into school to talk to children about consent and our privacy. We discussed what our private parts are and what safe and unsafe touch is. Children discussed how consent can be removed whenever someone wants it to be and it is important that we do not keep bad secrets, even if we are asked to by someone we care about.



Book Look

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our Autumn term Book Look. It is one of our favourite events as we welcome families in to school to share and celebrate their child's learning so far this year. We received some lovely comments from many of you, expressing how impressed and proud you are of your child's progress. Here are a selection of comments from the feedback sheets:

I thought it was fantastic and my child's love of learning and progress really shows.

I am super proud of my child's progress in all his letters and sounds

My child loved showing me her science work and explaining the projects

I just love seeing my child's work and what they have been working on

*So nice to be able to sit and share this - what a great event
Fabulous to see - particularly number sequencing*

Robinwood

Year 6 packed their bags and headed over to Alston for their annual adventure to Robinwood on Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th October. The weather was perfect for three days of adventuring in the outdoors. The children put into action many of our PROUD words, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and communication skills to complete the many challenges and quests assigned to them.

A fabulous few days to try some new activities and challenge themselves. We are very proud of all of them and know that the skills they have developed will help them conquer Year Six!

We have already booked for next year, so Year Five... look out for letters coming home very soon!



Halloween Crafts

On Wednesday 22nd October, pupils stayed after school to take part in halloween crafts. What an excellent turn out from pupils and some hauntingly good crafts were made.



Harvest Assemblies

In Key Stage 1 we welcomed our families in to celebrate Harvest with us. We shared our Harvest learning through our Science and Art topics, wowed our audience with our clear and eloquent speaking and our fantastic singing. We even had an encore of a lovely poem by Year 2. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Years 3 and 4 performed their harvest assembly based on their topic of The Romans and the season of Autumn. Year 3 read individual poems and Year 4 read a class poem. Children enjoyed singing for their families and speakers spoke brilliantly in front of an audience.



Years 5 and 6 performed a harvest assembly based on diversity and understanding. Year 6 spoke about religious diversity and how different religions show they are thankful. Year 5 discussed the difference between harvest in the UK and Africa.



Car Parking.

Each week we receive a number of complaints about parked cars causing an obstruction to neighbours. This is both on Phoenix and Lanark. Please park responsibly and never block a resident's driveway or garage.

Thank you

Sporting News

Littleton League

The year 5 & 6 football team began the defence of their league title, playing their first two league games. The team showed great teamwork and organisation to keep two clean sheets. The team drew the first game 0-0 and won their second game 1-0. A positive start to the season!



Under 11 National Trophy

On Wednesday 15th November we entered a national football competition at Valley Gardens we played two games drawing with Holystone 2-2. The team were narrowly beaten by Greenfields 1-0 who reached the final of the area competition. The team showed great endeavour and resilience throughout both the games.

Vaping/Smoking

Please do not smoke or vape on the school yard. This is not permitted as we continue to promote a healthy school environment.

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



Music @ New York



Choir – Mercury Music Prize 2025

In October, some children from our fantastic school choir were lucky enough to be invited to sing at an exclusive event as part of The Mercury Music Prize. The prize is usually awarded in London but this year, for the first time in its history, the ceremony would take place in Newcastle.



We sang 'People Watching' by Sam Fender, rehearsing at St James' Park along with children from other schools, before heading to the Tyneside Cinema to perform for Mercury Music Prize stakeholders and VIPs. Following this, we also performed at Newcastle Central Station. Look North followed our journey and many of us appeared on the local news. We were so proud to be part of this event and represented New York brilliantly!



Dates for your diary

3rd November - Children return to school
W/C 10th November - Anti Bullying week
12th November & 13th November - Parent consultations
12th November - Winter Sing at the Whitley Bay Playhouse
14th November - Children in Need - Crazy Hair Day
19th November - Robinwood Parents celebration
21st November - Non uniform Day
W/C 24th November - Book fair
4th December - Year 1 Christingle at St Aidans
4th December - After School clubs finish
5th December- Christmas Fair
9th December - KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm and 4pm)
10th December - EYFS Christmas Performance (10am and 2pm)
11th December - KS2 Christmas Performance (2pm and 4.30pm)
15th December - Christmas Crafts
16th December AM - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party
16th December PM - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
17th December AM - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
17th December PM - EYFS Christmas Party
18th December AM - Carols on the Yard
18th December PM - Theatre Royal Pantomime
19th December - Children Break up for Christmas
5th January - Children return to school

School Times Reminder

With so many different start and end times across school - here is a summary:

2YO morning - 8.30 - 11.30

2YO afternoon - 12.30- 3.30

2YO 30 hours - 8.30 - 3.00

Nursery morning - 8.30 - 11.30.

Nursery afternoon -12.30 - 3.30

Nursery 30 hours - 8.30 - 3.00

Reception - 9.00 - 3.30 (Gates open at 8.50)

KS1 - 9.00 - 3.30 (gates open at 8.50 and close at 8.55)

KS2 - 9.00 - 3.30 (gates open at 8.45 and close at 8.55)

All lessons start promptly at 9.00 and pupils should be in class seated by this time.

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.

