



Message from Mrs Shaw

Welcome back to Spring Term. It certainly has not felt like Spring with torrential rain and winds and snow. Officially Spring starts on 20th March this year so we still have some weeks to go! Those collecting children from the KS1 yard cannot help but notice the extension to the 2 Year offer. This provides a lovely additional space for the increased numbers we have welcomed into that setting. Our Year 3 pupils have been enjoying their Road Safety programme and can explain the safest way to cross a road. Well done to the Year 6 pupils who have embraced the opportunity to attend booster sessions to support preparation for SATS. As ever we have welcomed visitors in to school and there have been many visits out of school in the 6 weeks of this half term. We have taken part in gymnastic, skipping, football, and swimming events. A group of Year 5 pupils did us proud in presenting to a large audience at the Holocaust Memorial event. They spoke beautifully and linked their learning to our local area during WWII. Thank you to all who attended our Spring Book Look - is it an event we all enjoy and Year 2 parents returned to school the following day to watch the lovely assembly and showcase of learning from Year 2 pupils.

See you back on 23rd February.

Mrs Shaw.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance target is 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
05/01/26	95.9	10GL/JB & 11JS	99.2
12/01/26	96.8	7EJ	100
19/01/26	96.0	7EJ	99.1
26/01/26	93.1	11JS	96.9
02/02/26	92.2	5AT	98.3

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Year 3 Road Safety

This half term, we have had several workshops with North Tyneside Council, teaching us the green cross code and how to cross the road safely. We learnt how to find a safe place to cross, how to cross safely at a T-junction and where to cross between parked cars.



Online Safety with Neil Brown

On Wednesday 14th January Neil Brown, from the local authority computing team, came in to work with pupils about online safety. KS2 classes received personalised sessions based on their curriculum.

Parents also attended a session based on parental controls and app support. Thank you to those parents who attended.



Year 5 Holocaust Memorial Event

On 23rd January 2026, eight pupils from Year 5 represented our school at the Holocaust Memorial Day event held in the council chambers. The theme for the Memorial event was "Bridging Generations." Children from Year 5 delivered a presentation based on the learning of the Holocaust, as well as displayed Wordart on the experiences of those who suffered during the Holocaust.

Year 5 children spoke confidently and thoughtfully in front of a large audience, demonstrating their understanding of the theme and the importance of remembering the past, showing exceptional respect and empathy.

SafetyWorks! Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to SafetyWorks on the 15th of January. We participated in 5 different activities in realistic situations, illustrating every day hazards and how to prevent them. They included road safety, antisocial fires, peer pressure, water safety, road safety and how to stay safe near railway lines.



Book Look

Our Spring Book Look was, as ever, really well attended by our families. Thank you those who were able to come along and be wowed by the learning and progress of their child. One of my favourite moments of every Book Look is observing the positive relationships that our younger children have with our Upper KS2 pupils as they escort them safely to and from their class, carrying their books.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 were pleased to welcome our grownups to an assembly sharing and celebrating our learning from this half term. We spoke about our lessons, which have been inspired by Roald Dahl, and sang and we performed a short musical piece about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Afterwards, we showed our audience some of the learning in our books,



One Day Creative Workshop Year 1

Wow! What an amazing learning experience for Year 1. We were transported back to 1799 to learn all about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries. Did you know that she was not recognised for her work because she was a woman! We acted out her story in preparation for our topic next half term where we will learn more about her in History and Science.



One Day Creative Workshop Year 3

On Friday 6th February, Year 3 enjoyed an active workshop where we learnt key facts about the Anglo Saxon times alongside actions to help us remember the fact.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week, our school community took part in Children's Mental Health Week (9th–15th February 2026), which focused on the theme 'This is My Place' – a celebration of belonging, acceptance and well-being. The theme encouraged everyone to think about what it feels like to belong somewhere safe and supportive, and how important that sense of belonging is for our mental health. Across all year groups, from Reception through to Year 6, children engaged in meaningful conversations and learning about how we can support each other to feel valued, included and understood.



National Storytelling Week

As part of National storytelling week, all classes held our bedtime story event. Adults and children came into school dressed in their pyjamas, for a bedtime story, hot chocolate and biscuits. Teachers enjoyed sharing their favourite books and as always thank you to our families for supporting this.



Music @ New York



The Role of the Conductor - Year 3

Year 3 has been listening to the music of the twentieth century composer, George Gershwin.

They created their own soundscapes using untuned percussion instruments before taking turns as the role of the Conductor, leading their ensemble to play in unison as well as changing the tempo (speed) and dynamics (volume)



Preparing for Class Assembly in Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been working with Miss Anderson to learn a short echo song about Charlie and Chocolate Factory on the chime bars. We practiced playing the right notes and following the correct rhythm. Finally, we performed our song in our Class Assembly!



Lunchtime Clarinet lessons with Miss Anderson

Since September, some of our children in Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity to learn clarinet with Miss Anderson. Those who were interested in playing have had access to half a term of lessons. Children begin by learning how to put the clarinet together and putting on their own reeds (the little piece of wood which vibrates to make a sound). Children are taught the correct embouchure (mouth shape) and where to put their fingers to make notes E, D and middle C before moving on to other notes. We have been impressed with how quickly the children have taken to the instrument.



Sporting News

Key Step 3 Gymnastics

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Key Step 3 Gymnastics competition at The Parks on Thursday 22nd January. All participants demonstrated excellent skill, control, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Our Year 6 team proudly secured a bronze medal, while our Year 5 team finished in 10th place. We are very proud!



Year 5 Sports Leaders at The Linskill Centre

Some of your year 5 sports leaders attended a workshop at the Linskill Centre. They were introduced to a range of skills and qualities of a sports leaders, how to communicate as well as trying out some games they could play at school. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and worked co-operatively with other schools that attended. Well done.



Year 4 Skip 4 Fit

Pupils from Year 4 have been developing their skipping skills each week with Skip 4 Fit. We have developed our speed bounce, double bounce, side swing and hop skip as well as working with a long rope. All of our skills came together for our Skipping Festival on Wednesday 11th February. Children challenged each other in the two classes and Mrs Bourne's/ Mr Lisle's class came away with the trophy! We were so impressed with the resilience shown by all children.



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Dates for your diary

- Friday 13th February - Finish for half term
- Monday 23rd February - Spring term 2 begins
- Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th March - Parent consultations
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Friday 6th-Monday 9th March - High Borrans
- Monday 16th March - Year 1 Phonics parent meetings 9am & 2.45pm
- Wednesday 18th March - Spring Disco
- Tuesday 24th March - High Borrans Celebration
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 3 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 25th March - SEND Coffee Morning - 9am
- Thursday 26th March - After School Clubs finish
- Tuesday 31st March - Easter Assemblies - UKS2 - am / LKS2 - pm
- Wednesday 1st April - Easter Assemblies - EYFS - am / KS1 - pm
- Thursday 2nd April - Finish for Easter
- Monday 20th April - Return to school
- Monday 27th April - After School Clubs begin
- Wednesday 29th April - Year 4 Class Assembly - pm
- w/c 11th May - Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 22nd May - Finish for half term
- Monday 1st June - Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday 2nd June - Children return to school

Reminders.

- Please remember that no dogs are permitted on the school yard - even if carried.
- Please remember to park respectfully and responsibly when picking up and dropping off.
- Please remember - smoking and vaping are not permitted on school premises

Thank you

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