



Message from Mrs Shaw

This has been a super half term with our usual mix of quality, connected teaching and learning. I have been delighted to view some super work in books this term from beautiful presentation and handwriting to challenging maths and inspired writing. Some of the Year 5 prayers and poems are excellent (and were read aloud in assembly). I have really enjoyed our Easter Assemblies where pupils presented their Big Questions and shared their knowledge and opinion with the audience. Pupils have taken part in a variety of sporting events and demonstrated their skills and sportsmanship well. Our Lego League team performed with determination, competing with high schools and other primaries. KS2 enjoyed their trip to the cinema and our 2YO pupils loved their visit to Whitehouse Farm. Year 2 went further afield to Alnwick Castle and Gardens. Our project work with Amber continues with strength as pupils learn with comparisons to local context promoting a deep pride in where we live. We are grateful to our friends at Freudenberg for inviting a group of pupils to visit them at their premises to learn about careers in engineering. The Spring Disco had the bonus of lovely weather so we took it outside and created our own outdoor event with KS2 pupils teaching our staff some new dance moves. Thank you to those who attended and supported various events. Year 3 parents will not have been disappointed at the quality and quantity in the year group assembly on Anglo Saxons and the choir cannot have failed to impress with their Spring concert in school. The most recent event has been the Enterprise Fair where pupils have enjoyed being entrepreneurs, choosing, designing, making and selling - competing to make the most profit. None of this happens without the support of families and staff in school. Thank you all for what you do to contribute to another happy and successful half term. See you back in school on Monday 20th April and have a wonderful Easter holiday. Mrs Shaw.

Medical Reminder

Please remember to collect any medication including Calpol which has been sent into school recently from the school office if your child no longer requires it.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.0%

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
23/02/26	96.2%	Mrs Smith	100%
02/03/26	96.2%	Miss Eiles	99.5%
09/03/26	95.3%	Miss Ransome	100%
16/03/26	95.9%	Miss James	98.2%
23/03/26	95.9%	Miss James	98.6%

Careers Week

We celebrated Careers Week across school in March. During the week we had assemblies by engineers at Freudenberg, a PhD student from Northumbria University, Volunteers from the RNLI and Miss Anderson who teaches our music. As well as this, Year 6 visited a Careers Fair at Newcastle College and children had visitors in classes from people such as an author, paramedic, police officer, librarian and a nurse – plus more! Thank you to all of the visitors who came in to speak to classes. It is brilliant to hear the aspirations of our pupils.



Year 6 visit to Careers Fair

Year 6 enjoyed our visit to Newcastle College Careers Fayre. We had the opportunity to explore lots of STEM jobs related to the highways. We talked to lots of professionals and discovered jobs that we didn't know existed! What a fantastic day!



Year 5 Girls visit to Freudenberg

To celebrate International Women's Day, our Year 5 girls had an exciting opportunity to visit Freudenberg Sealing Technologies and learn about the many careers available for women in STEM.

The girls met four inspiring women who each work in very different roles within the company including a Customer and Foreign Trade Specialist and a Maintenance Technician. The girls enjoyed hearing about the different career paths the women had taken, the skills they use in their jobs, and what it is like to work in a modern engineering company.

They were given a tour of the factory floor, where they were able to see the machinery in action and learn how the products are made. It was a fantastic chance to see engineering and technology up close.

The visit was both inspiring and informative, helping the girls to see that there are many exciting opportunities for women in STEM careers in the future!



WORLD BOOK DAY

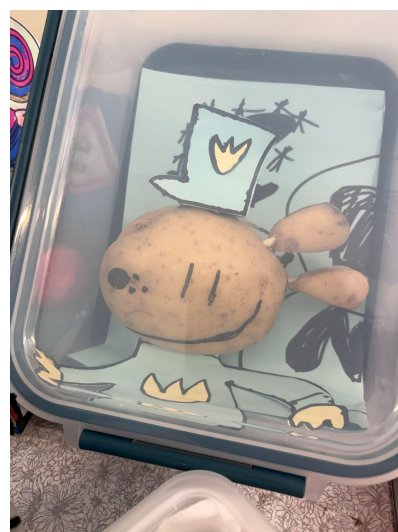
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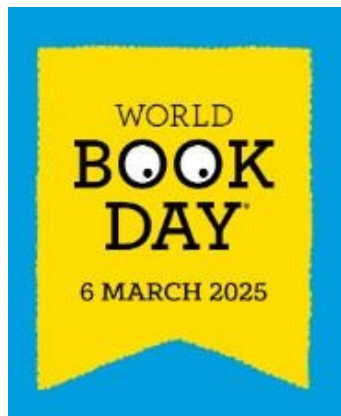
World Book Day

On March 5th, 2026, we celebrated World Book Day with a range of exciting and creative activities. Pupils took part in a potato decorating competition inspired by their favourite books, explored new genres, and joined an interactive BBC live lesson.

Each child also received a World Book Day book to continue their reading journey at home, helping to foster a love of reading beyond the classroom.

Bryan from Amber had the difficult task of selecting the potato winners—no easy feat with so many imaginative and impressive entries! Take a look at some of the fantastic creations below.





Reception

During World Book day we learnt about the job of an author and illustrator and we were lucky enough to have a visit from Lucy Wraight, local author who came and read one of her books to us.



Year 5

In year 5 we enjoyed time to read for pleasure! We came up with mini riddles for others to guess our favourite book characters.

Year 4

In Year 4 we had a Book Buffet where our teachers shared different books from home. We had the chance to look through the different books and share these with a friend.

Year 6

In year 6, we had lots of opportunities to read for pleasure. We shared our favourite authors and wrote our own riddles!

Year 1

In Year 1 we listened to the story of Mr Majeika and designed our own magic carpets.

Year 2

In Year 2 we had a Book Cafe and sampled lots of different books. We also designed our own book cover and wrote a blurb!

Year 3

In year three we played a game of book bingo, made story cubes and explored a wide range of books in the classroom. We also enjoyed a Little People Dream Big live lesson!



Year 3 Church Visit

On 11th March, Year Three visited St Aidans to help us explore our big question 'What is good about good Friday?' We discussed the last supper, salvation and Jesus' betrayal.

Y2 Visit to Alnwick Castle

On Monday 30th March Year 2 visited Alnwick Castle in Northumberland. We have been learning all about castles this half term and wanted to find out more about what castle life was like. On our trip we explored the castle and grounds learning about Alnwick's history. We also met an artisan, a knight and even Lady Percy herself!



Year 6 – Amber Photography Walk

As part of our ongoing learning about World War One, Year 6 took a walk to our local War Memorial to deepen their understanding of the impact the war had on our community.

Along the way, the children stopped at different sites where local residents who had served in the war once lived and worked. They took photographs and discussed the lives of these individuals, helping them to make a personal connection with the history they have been studying in class.

When they arrived at the memorial, the pupils took part in a short remembrance service. They observed a moment of reflection and laid a wreath as a sign of respect for those who lost their lives in service.



Comic Relief

Thank you for all of your kind donations. We made a fantastic £250 to go towards good causes.



Lego League at Village Hotel

On Tuesday 11th March, two teams from Year 5 and 6 headed to the Village Hotel to take part in the regional finals for Lego League. They have worked hard to code their robots to complete missions to compete against other teams in the robot game. They have also developed their own archaeology-related innovation projects to find a solution for a problem about this year's theme: Unearthed.



Enterprise Week

Each class was tasked with designing and creating a product to sell at this year's Enterprise Fayre. Every class had a £10 budget to use to buy materials to make products. Classes were busy on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning creating their products as well as posters to advertise them for the fayre in the afternoon. Well done to Mr Coxon's class for making the most profit in this year's Enterprise Fayre!



EYFS Caterpillars

Nursery got a special delivery this half term...it was five tiny caterpillars! We have been learning all about the life cycle of a caterpillar, discussing each stage and linking this to our class text *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We have watched our caterpillars grow bigger and bigger and are now eagerly awaiting them spinning their cocoons ready to turn into beautiful butterflies!



High Borrans

From Friday 6th March until Monday 9th March, 32 pupils in Year 4 visited High Borrans with 6 members of staff. We had a fantastic time doing a range of outdoor activities including a hike up Orrest Head, a gyll scramble, orienteering, canoeing, a tree top climb and the ropes course. During these activities children demonstrated a range of qualities including team work, resilience and so much determination. While staying at the house, pupils helped with housekeeping jobs such as making the beds, clearing the tables and feeding the composter. Staff were so impressed with the behaviour and the bravery shown by all the pupils.



Music @ New York



Sing Up Day – March 26th 2026

On Thursday 26th March, we celebrated the joy of singing through Sing Up Day. This year the theme was resilience and the song was called 'We get up again' which is a song all about trying your best, even when times are tough. We sang in parts and sounded amazing together! We especially enjoyed the body percussion part!

sing up
Help kids find their voice



Spring Sing – Choir

We are so proud of our school Choir and wanted to invite parents in to hear some of the songs we have been rehearsing over the last 12 months. We took our audience on a journey through the events of the past year, singing some of our favourite songs.. Songs included Spirit of the North which we performed as part of the North Shields 800 celebrations, Nobody Knows from the Winter Sing and People Watching from the Mercury Music Prize.



OPAL

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

At New York Primary School, OPAL means that playtime is designed to be fun, active and creative so children can learn important life skills while enjoying the outdoors. Play is seen as an important part of learning, helping children develop creativity, problem-solving skills and independence.

We are looking for donations of the items on the bingo grid. If you have any of these please consider donating them to help your child's class win an OPAL PLZ.



We need your help!
OPAL BINGO

Fill your class
board and get
OPAL PLZ



Reminder!

If your child has some spare shoes or wellies, they are welcome to bring these into school and keep them on their pegs. This means your child can go outside in all weathers and ensures school shoes are looked after.

Sporting News

Littleton League

The boys Year 5-6 Football team played their final games of the Littleton League on the 5th March. They won both their games against Collingwood and Spring Gardens. Finishing a close second to the eventual winners King Edwards. They should be very proud of their achievements this year, they displayed brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the campaign.

North Shields Dance Festival

On Tuesday 2nd March, a number of our Key Stage 2 pupils showcased an excellent performance in the North Tyneside Dance Festival. We worked extremely hard, spending a lot of time and effort to create our dance based on the theme of 'Living World'. We are very proud of how the team performed on stage, demonstrating excellence and teamwork.

Well done, dancers!

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



Sporting News

Year 6 Bee Netball Competition

Year 6 recently took part in a High 5 netball competition against six other North Tyneside schools. The team showed fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork and self-belief throughout the tournament, winning 5 out of their 6 games.

One of us was also nominated by another school for the Determination Award, recognising his great attitude and effort on the court.

A brilliant team performance!



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Dates for your diary

- Monday 20th April – Children return to school
- Friday 24th April – Reception Vision Screening
- Friday 1st May – Reception visit to Discovery Museum
- Monday 4th May – Bank holiday Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Week beginning Monday 11th May – KS2 SATS
- Week beginning 18th May – Walk to school week
- Tuesday 19th May – Friday 23rd May – Book Fair
- Friday 22nd May – Children's last day – Half Term
- Monday 1st June – Teacher Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 2nd June – Children return to school
- Friday 19th June – STEM Fayre (pm)
- Friday 26th June – Non Uniform Day
- Thursday 2nd July – Book Look am & pm
- Saturday 4th July – Shiremoor Treat
- Saturday 11th July – Mouth of the Tyne Festival
- Thursday 16th July 2026 – Last day of school
- Friday 17th July – Teacher Training Day

No Nuts in School – WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.

There have been several occasions where school staff have noticed packed lunches with items containing nuts. These have been in sandwiches, chocolate bars, biscuits and packets of nuts. There are pupils in school who suffer a nut allergy and their reaction can be severe if they come into contact with nut products. Please do not send your child in to school with any nuts or products containing nuts.

Protocols on the School Yard.

I would like to remind parents and carers that **smoking and/or vaping** are not permitted anywhere on the school yard and grounds.

Dogs are not permitted on the school yard (even if carried and in your arms). Please leave dogs on the path or if you request it a member of staff will walk your child to the gate to meet you so you can remain with your dog.

Please ensure if arriving on a **bicycle or scooter** that you **dismount** when on the school yard and do not ride around the yard.

Please respect these protocols – Thank you.

Early Collection of Pupils

Please note that if early collection of a pupil is required, this must be arranged in advance via the school office and the appointment details must be provided for our records.

Thank you.