



Message from Mrs Shaw

It has been a busy 5 weeks full of learning and progress. We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have embraced their SATS with determination and positivity – not just during the week of the tests themselves but on the run up. They have consistently attended morning and after school boosters and should be very proud of themselves. I have enjoyed watching the progress of Reception pupils mastering the skills of skipping and I admire the increased stamina of our Year 5 bikers who travel further afield each Friday.

Never short of visits out of school and visitors in to school, we have welcomed a live band called Castillo Nuevo to entertain and educate us. Castillo Nuevo means Newcastle in Spanish. Pupils in KS2 are really enjoying the new trim trail which was designed by pupils using their preferred elements of apparatus – hence why there are 2 set of monkey bars. Many of you will have read or heard the national and local news about sand. We have followed all protocols as required and have removed sand from classrooms and prevented pupils from playing with any outdoor sand by covering it and taping off the area. We continue to celebrate reading across school with close curriculum links to texts and reading in school every day. Did you know that 10 minutes of daily reading at home boosts a child's vocabulary and academic progress across all subjects – even strengthening emotional resilience.

Have a great week off – [see you back on Tuesday 2nd June.](#)

Mrs Shaw

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.0%
which is below our target of 96.5%.

w/c	Whole school %	Winning class	% of winning class
20.04	94.5%	4RE	99%
27.04	92.9%	11JS	99.2%
05.04	94.3%	13LS	100%
12.05	94.3%	5AT	100%



Year 5 Amber Project

This half term Year 5 have started their Amber project, focusing on our local mining heritage. We are focusing on the old algernon pit and have looked at detailed maps to see how the local area surrounding the pit has changed over time. We have begun using our camera focusing on flora and fauna photography and how to create detail in our images. We then invited members of the community in to school to teach them everything we have learnt so far! Children were so respectful and courageous when speaking to these adults, and the feedback from this event has been extremely positive.



New Trim Trail KS2

We are all delighted with the new KS2 Trim Trail which has been designed from ideas of pupils in school. These ideas were pulled together by the school council seeking pupil voice. We deliberately requested the work was done during school time so that pupils could watch the progress and be excited by that. Also we did not want to wait until the summer holidays for this work to be complete. We have been saving up for a couple of years to complete this project. The old trim trail has been in place for 18 year. I am hoping that we get 20 years out of this one.



Discovery Museum - Reception

On Friday 1st May all of the Reception children headed off to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle to attend a 'Beep, Beep - Here We Come workshop'. We have been learning all about different forms of Transport and were lucky enough to be able to have hands on experience of objects from the past, trying to guess the different forms of transport they were from. After our workshop we spent time in the galleries looking for transport from the past and marvelling at the Turbinia ship in the main foyer, which we ate our lunch sitting underneath!

After lunch we listened to the story 'Lost at the Toy Museum' and Miss Hollywood & Miss Keay set us off looking for the toys that had been lost in the museum!



Your Turn Board Games

A group of children have been learning different skills of strategy and communication in a board games intervention. For their final session, they visited Bay Games in Whitley Bay to use some of the skills they had developed.



Eco Club – Aquarium and Beach visit

Eco club have been working alongside Northumberland Wildlife Trust and are working on a project all about water pollution. We were given a grant to fund a visit to Blue Reef Aquarium, where we had a workshop on plastic pollution. Our children were complemented from the staff on how much they took in and how well they could represent their ECO club with lots of knowledge. We then went down to Longsands beach and carried out a litter pick and made our own museums with items they could find on the beach. Well Done Eco Team, onto our next project for the Summer.



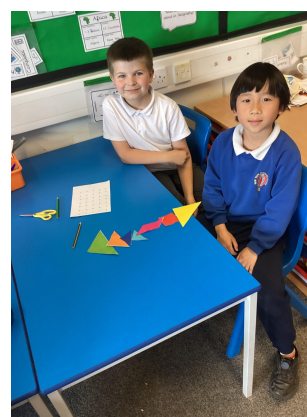
Reception Skipping

This term reception have had the opportunity to develop their skipping skills. They have made fantastic progress learning how to skip forwards and backwards. They have demonstrated fantastic resilience and determination.



Big Maths Party

On Wednesday 20th May, we held our Big Maths Party and joined in with other schools across North Tyneside to celebrating 'Magic in Maths'. On this day, we had Maths parties in our classrooms and took part in problem solving lessons, looking at the excitement involved with numbers and maths.



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.



GUTTERING



BUCKETS



PIPES



TUBES



CABLE DRUMS



SCOOTERS



PUSH CHAIRS



PUSH ALONG BIKES

Loose Parts

Loose parts play is a valuable way to improve the quality of our playtimes. Open-ended materials provide opportunities to move, combine and redesign in a varied, engaging and inclusive environment.

We are looking for donations of these items to support with our OPAL provision.

KS1 Sunflower Project

To celebrate Alnwick Garden's 25th birthday they have sent sunflower seeds to schools and communities across the North East. We planted some of these at school and watched them grow. In their Science lessons Year 2 recorded how tall the sunflower seedlings grew, while Year 1 wrote a set of instructions for growing sunflowers in English. The sunflowers have now been taken back to Alnwick Gardens where they will join thousands of others in a community sunflower field!



School of Sanctuary

We are proud to share that our school is currently working towards achieving the School of Sanctuary Award. This is awarded to schools in recognition of the commitment to create a culture of welcome, inclusion, and safety for everyone.

Working towards this award reflects our school values and our ongoing commitment through curriculum learning, the understanding of forced migration and the experience of different people's lives and beliefs. We strive to ensure that every member of our school community feels safe, heard, and included.

We look forward to continuing our journey and sharing more updates with you as we work towards becoming an officially recognised School of Sanctuary. As part of our commitment to School of Sanctuary, we have started a group of Diversity Champions that represent our school values.



Year 4 Class Assembly, Jarrow Hall Visit and Amber Work

On Wednesday 29th April, Year 4 held their Class Assembly where they shared their learning with families. Year 4 talked about their work on The Vikings and their visit to Jarrow Hall at the end of the Spring Term. Here, they worked with Amber Photography to learn the skills of taking photographs and then documenting what they had learnt on the day. The children spoke clearly in the assembly and we were so impressed with their oracy skills. After the presentation, families were invited to take part in a range of Viking themed activities before viewing the photography gallery and taking home their own special souvenir – a photograph that they had taken. We want to say a huge thank you to Amber for these special photographs.



Music @ New York



A visit from the Castillo Nuevo trio

Castillo Nuevo, which means “Newcastle” in Spanish, is a band that plays lots of exciting Afro-Cuban and Afro-Caribbean music, as well as salsa, samba, and Latin jazz. The trio use saxophone, electric piano, and percussion to create lively rhythms and songs. On Wednesday 6th May, they came to New York and performed a mix of traditional and modern Afro-Latin music for both KS1 and KS2. They taught us about the instruments they play and the history behind the music. We loved dancing to the upbeat songs and even got to join in by clapping along with the percussion.



Sporting News

Girls Football

On Wednesday 6th May our Girls Football Team played in the first round of fixtures at John Spence Community High School. This was the first time we had played as a team, we showed determination and resilience and ended the night with a 2-0 win and a 3-0 win! We are already looking forward to our next round of fixtures on Wednesday 3rd June.



Tennis Tournament

On Friday 22nd May, a group of Year 3 children took part in a tennis tournament at John Spence Community High School. They took turns playing in single matches. Children showed enthusiasm, sportsmanship and passion when participating. Well done!



Dates for your diary

- Monday 1st June - Teacher Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 2nd June - begin Y4 Times table checks
- Tuesday 2nd June - Children return to school
- 8th June - begin Y1 Phonics Screener
- Friday 12th June - Year 3 Rising Sun Visit
- Friday 12th June - Y4 Kwik Cricket Festival
- Tuesday 16th June - Kit Car Day
- Wednesday 17th June - Y4 Waggonways visit
- Wednesday 17th June - Y6 NUcastle STEM hub visit
- Friday 19th June - STEM Fayre (PM)
- Monday 22nd June - Y6 Tynemouth Visit & Surfing Session
- Tuesday 23rd June - KS1 sports day (AM) and KS2 sports day (PM)
- Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports day
- Thursday 25th June - Year 5 Class Assembly
- Friday 26th June - Non Uniform Day
- Monday 29th June - Y6 New York Wood
- Wednesday 1st July - Y5 Grimsby visit
- Wednesday 1st July - Reception class assembly
- Thursday 2nd July - Book Look am & pm
- Friday 3rd July - French Day / Booknic / American cars
- Saturday 4th July - Shiremoor Treat
- WB 6th July - Y6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 7th July - Reception Tynemouth Visit
- Tuesday 7th July - Lego League festival
- Thursday 9th July - Last after school club
- Thursday 9th July - Big Sing
- Friday 10th July - Summer Fair
- Saturday 11th July - Mouth of the Tyne Festival
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July - Transition days
- Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Leavers assembly and leavers meal
- Thursday 16th July 2026 - Last day of school
- Friday 17th July - Teacher Training Day

Year 5 Class assembly

Please note change of date for Year 5 class assembly to Thursday 25th June at 2:45pm.