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New York Primary School
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Message from Mrs Shaw

As we come to the end of the school year I would like to thank all our parents and families for their continued support in all that we do here at New York. The Summer term is a particularly busy one with Sports Days, STEM Fair, Book Look, Class Assemblies, Reception and Nursery New Starters meetings, Summer Fair, Mouth of the Tyne parade and the highly important Year 6 assembly (and leavers meal). Thank you for turning out in all weathers to support us in supporting your children. We have no staff changes for the coming year (although some internal moves) and I am delighted that our strong and dedicated team of staff remains. New York is a very happy and welcoming school for pupils but also a very happy and supportive place to work. There is always a tinge of sadness as we say farewell to our hardworking Year 6 pupils. They have worked very hard towards their SATS and deserve success in their attainment. As they move on to their various high schools we wish them all well and hope that they take with them the PROUD words and high standards that have been instilled in them so far. Many of our past pupils keep in touch and we hope they will too. Have a lovely summer everyone. See you on Wednesday 2nd September.

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
2.6.26	94.6%	Miss Turner Y2 and Miss James Y3	100%
8.6.26	94.5%	Miss Leckie Y1	100%
15.6.26	93.8%	Miss Turner Y2	97.8%
22.6.26	94.8%	Miss Turner Y2	96.7%
29.6.26	93%	Miss James Y3	100%
6/7/26	95.7	Miss James Y3	100%

Year 5 Amber Project

Year 5 continued our work with Amber on our project "Remembering Algernon Colliery". As part of our work we visited the site of the former Algernon Pit, which is now the Silverlink Biodiversity Park. We used our photography skills to capture the flora and fauna present in the park. We were so impressed by the focus and determination of the children and this resulted in fantastic photos, some of which were displayed at our class assembly and at the Shiremoor Treat. We ended the project with our class assembly that was extremely well attended by parents and members of the community- what a fabulous celebration of our learning!

Year 4 Amber Project

On Wednesday 1st July, Year 4 visited the Wagonways to document the wildlife there and look at the flowering and non flowering plants from our science learning. We had looked at our photography skills with Amber and used these skills during the trip to document what we saw. Staff were so impressed with the patience shown by the children when looking for wildlife and for their attention to detail.

STEM Week

Tarmac visited us and brought a wagon onto our school yard. Year Three sat in the driver's seat and couldn't believe the size of the steering wheel. We then had a workshop where we found out about how tarmac is made.

Inventors and Makers

As part of STEM Week, Katie from Inventors and Makers visited Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to deliver assemblies and set engineering tasks. Year 3 and 4 were tasked to build the tallest, free standing tower.

Year 6 Visit to NUcastle STEM Hub

During STEM week, year 6 had the opportunity to develop our Lego coding skills. We worked in teams to create a catapult and programme our own robot to compete in robot wars!

STEM Week

Bugs n Stuff

We were lucky enough to welcome Guy from 'Bugs n Stuff' into school during STEM week. We were introduced to lots of different creatures and even got to stroke and hold some of them!

Year 1 firefighter visit

Year 1 had a special visitor in for STEM week and he told us all about being a firefighter. We asked him lots of questions and tried on some of the equipment!

PSQM

Primary Science Quality Mark

PSQM Outreach

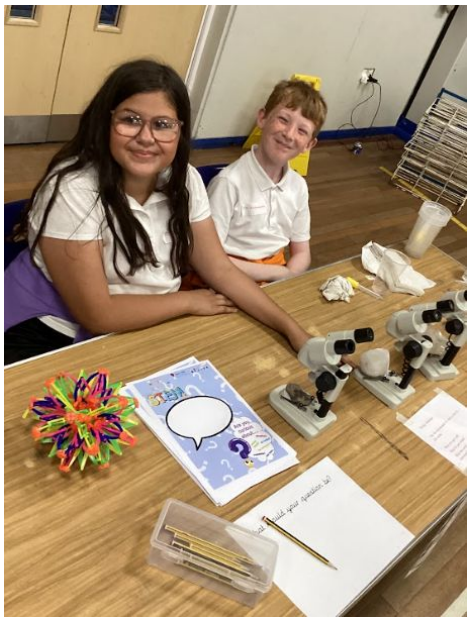
Valid 2026 – 2029

Primary Science Quality Mark

New York Primary School is proud to announce that it is one of 136 schools that has achieved the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** this month, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning. We are thrilled to have been awarded the highest award; Outreach.

STEM Fayre

On Friday 19th June, we held our annual STEM Fair and families joined us to celebrate all things STEM. The two halls and our yard were filled with a range of activities and families had the chance to explore a variety of stalls. Thank you to all the families who were able to support this event.



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Shiremoor Treat

Another fantastic turnout of New Yorkers to support the Shiremoor & District Children's Treat on Saturday 4th July. Thank you to all of our families who joined us and our banner as we marched from Boundary Mills Outlet along to the treat field. A big thank you to families who spent the afternoon cheering our our teams and performers and took a look at the artwork in the Art tent.

Our choir did us proud with a fantastic set of songs including Byker Hill, I am and People Watching by Sam Fender.
The KS1 and KS2 Dancers performed brilliantly to K-Pops Golden and Meghan Trainor's Better When I'm Dancing
Our Netballers put up a brilliant performance against Wellfield Middle in the final, receiving the Runners Up Trophy.

Our Girls football team played 3 great games of football against some very tough opponents. They played with determination and sportsmanship even when the results didn't go our way.

The Year 3-4 Football team played five games winning the first 3 convincingly, unfortunately they were beaten in their final two games. They played some great football, displaying great resilience and workrate.

The Year 5/6 Football team played five matches against strong opposition, finishing the day with one win, one draw and three narrow defeats. Despite the results not always going their way, the team showed tremendous resilience and determination, continuing to play excellent football throughout the tournament.

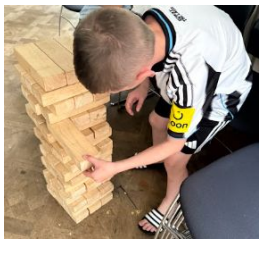
Our runners Arlo, Evie, and Ellie put on a great race, despite the headwind! They all walked away with a participation medal and should be proud of their efforts.

Year 3 Rising Sun Visit

On Friday 12th June, Year 3 visited the Rising Sun Country Park as part of their Stone Age topic. Whilst there we learnt the different processes associated with making flour and created our own bread around a campfire. We undertook some orienteering and created our own Stone Age inspired dens.

Biking - Broomley Grange

At the end of June, sixteen dedicated pupils from Year 5 went on a biking residential trip all the way to Stocksfield! Led by Steven from Better on Bikes and with experienced bikers Miss Hubbard and Mr Schofield, the children started their journey on the Thursday from New York Primary, and cycled along many different waggonway routes in North Tyneside, passing the Quayside and then Wylam, before arriving at Broomley Grange after an outstanding effort of 27 miles. The children showed many examples of our Proud words to get there, including determination, resilience and positivity. The final part of day one's cycling included two very uphill moments on country roads, but the children took it all in their stride, not giving up and resisting the urge to stop. The adults involved couldn't have been prouder. In the evening, a well deserved meal was ready for us at the accommodation, and the evening's games were enjoyed by all. After a restful sleep, and a full English breakfast for most children the next day, we started our return journey on bikes back to school. Tired legs and fatigue did not stop these intrepid bikers, though. They showed renewed grit and strength to cycle another 27 miles to return home in time for the STEM fayre. That was a 54 mile round trip - very impressive. This was a first for us - but will definitely become an annual event going forward.



Year 5 Beamish Visit

As part of our Amber learning about the Algernon Pit, we visited Beamish Open Air Museum to step back in time and discover what life was like in a pit village. During our visit, we learned about a 12-year-old boy who had sadly died in the mines. We became detectives, interviewing teachers, neighbours and pit workers to uncover more about his story and the conditions in which he lived and worked.

One of the highlights of the day was going down into the mine, where we experienced the dark and challenging environment faced by pit workers. It was fascinating to learn that many miners spent up to 12 hours a day working underground in these difficult conditions.

The visit brought our learning to life and helped us gain a deeper understanding of the lives of those who worked in the coal mining industry.

French Day

Towards the end of term, the whole school took part in our celebration of all things France for French Day. The day began for children at breakfast club, where children could choose a range of French foods. The croissants were a particular favourite! Children came into school wearing red, white and blue, and each classes' timetable was dedicated to French learning. Year 2 learnt about French colours and greetings, while Year 3 had a session about impressionist art, and had a go at painting inspired by Monet. Year 4 did some food tasting and also tried the pointillist technique inspired by Georges Seurat. As well as this, lots of fun was had by the children playing boules on the playground. C'est magnifique!

New York Booknic

On Friday 3rd July we took part in North Tyneside's 'booknic'. This is a reading picnic where the whole school comes together to celebrate the joy of reading. We were lucky with the weather this year and got to enjoy sharing books and biscuits with our friends in the sunshine!

Field Days

During July, different year groups enjoyed a different field day where we spent the day enjoying the outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather! On these days, children took part in a variety of sports, crafts, water fun, bubble fun and plenty of games! Children enjoyed an ice lolly treat with their friends and many enjoyed reading a book in the sunshine.

Beach Visits

As part of our Summer Topic on 'Beautiful Beaches' Reception classes visited the coastline that we had been learning all about on Tuesday 7th July. We stepped off the bus and named many of the local features we had seen photographs off in our classroom. As part of our day we went rockpooling on Longsands beach finding a huge crab! We enjoyed our picnic on the beach before spending the afternoon building sandcastles and playing on the sand!

We went to Wimbledon

A group of Year 5 pupils with 100% attendance were lucky enough to make a day trip to Wimbledon on Saturday 11th July. It was an early start and late finish but we had a fabulous time. We watched some super tennis in Court One whilst enjoying our strawberries and cream and had a good look around the grounds and various activities. It was incredibly hot but with factor 50 we were safe.

Year 6 Surfing

On 22nd June, Year 6 had a fantastic day at Tynemouth Longsands Beach, enjoying a surfing taster session with Longsands Surf School. Throughout the day, the children embraced the challenge, cheered each other on, and had lots of fun making the most of their time by the sea. When they weren't in the water, everyone enjoyed beach games, building impressive sandcastles, and spending time with friends in the sunshine. It was a brilliant day full of laughter, teamwork, and unforgettable memories to round off a fantastic year together.

KIT Car

On Tuesday 16th June we took our Kit car team to Gateshead Stadium to a Green Power event, having built the kit car in the Summer term. We competed in the slalom, drag and full circuit race. All of the children were a credit to the school and displayed fantastic determination, bravery and teamwork.

School of Sanctuary

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the School of Sanctuary Award. This recognition celebrates our commitment to creating a culture of welcoming, inclusion, and safety for everyone in our school community. This award reflects our school values and our ongoing commitment to helping children develop an understanding of diversity, inclusion, and the experiences of people from different backgrounds. Our school community is enriched by children from many different backgrounds, cultures, and countries. Together, our pupils represent the inclusive and welcoming spirit that makes our school a place to learn and grow.

As part of our commitment to maintaining our School of Sanctuary status, our Diversity Champions continue to play an important role in promoting kindness, respect, equality, and inclusion across the school. Diversity Champions from Year 4 and Year 5 accepted the School of Sanctuary Award on behalf of school at the Quadrant on Friday 10th July and took part in various activities with other schools and shared their learning linked to Refugee Week.

Year 5 Trip to Grimsby

Year 5 recently visited the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre as part of a trip linked to the North Shields Local Fishermen's Heritage.

While visiting the centre Year 5 gained a fascinating insight into Grimsby's rich fishing history and the lives of the people who worked in one of the world's busiest fishing ports by exploring the museum and taking part in lots of activities. We were lucky enough to explore the authentic trawler the 'Ross Tiger' and discovering what life was like for fishermen spending days or even weeks at sea. The knowledgeable staff at the Fishing Heritage Centre was outstanding making the experience really enjoyable.

We would like to thank Terrence McDermott for his organising of the trip. Terrence is the Chairman of the North Shields Fishermen's Heritage and has worked closely with the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre and school around North Tyneside as part of the. Without Terrence's help with the North Shields Fishermen's Heritage Project we would not have been able to have had the opportunity to take part in this.

Year 1 Trip to Scotswood Garden

On Thursday 4th & 11th June Year 1 took a trip to Scotswood Garden to support their Science learning about plants. We arrived with great excitement and enjoyed naming plants as we walked through the winding paths. We wowed the volunteers with our knowledge of caring for plants before exploring the gardens. We all planted our own seed and we are going to have a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower.

Music @ New York

Big Sing

As a thank you for all of their hard work this year, Choir headed to the Big Sing Feels Good at The Glasshouse in Gateshead on Thursday 9th July. They represented New York impeccably and had a brilliant time singing along with the band! Standout songs were 'I am' and 'God gave me feet for dancing' Choir sang and danced their socks off!

Mouth of the Tyne Festival

On Saturday 11th July, some of our children took part in the Mouth of the Tyne parade in Tynemouth. We had amazing pixie and jack-a-mole costumes for our dancers who got in to the cheeky spirit, pulling faces at the crowd! Our samba drummers kept the beat for us to march to brilliantly and the atmosphere was amazing! Thanks to all who attended!

Sporting News

Sports Day

On Tuesday 23rd June KS1 headed out onto the field to take part in 8 different sporting stations. We enjoyed sprinting, hurdles, basketball shoot and a bean bag obstacle course. We ended with our running races before cooling down with an ice pop. Thank you to all of our parents who came to join us.

St Barts community shield

On Monday 29th June the Under 11 boys team took part in the a full day football tournament. We progressed out of the group phase and reached the semi final, before we were narrowly defeated by St Barts 1-0 who eventually won the tournament. The team played very well displaying great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

Girls Football

On Wednesday 3rd June our girls team headed to John Spence for the next round of fixtures. They played 2 games, the first game ended as a 0-0 draw but the second game the girls came away with a 1-0 victory. They played with real determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.
On Wednesday 24th June we played our final 2 matches and finished 3rd over all.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 1st September - Teacher Training Day
- Wednesday 2nd September - Children return to school
- Friday 23rd October - Finish for Half Term
- Monday 2nd November - Children return to school
- Friday 18th December - Children finish for Christmas
- Monday 4th January - Training Day
- Tuesday 5th January - Children return to school

Changes to pick up points for KS2

Please note that from September Year 3 pupils will be leaving the building through the large hall doors on to the KS1 yard. Parents of Year 3 (in September) just need to shuffle to the right to the next set of double doors where you pick up in Year 2 now!
Year 4 pupils will leave through our side entrance and walk along the side path to the KS2 yard.
There are no changes to the leaving points for Year 5 and Year 6.

Packed Lunches

Please see the guide from the national packed lunch guidelines.

- We want to ensure your child has a healthy, happy, and safe lunchtime experience with us. To help us keep all of our children safe, please note the following guidelines:
- **Strictly NO Nuts:** We are a **nut-free school** due to severe, life-threatening allergies among some of our children and staff. Please check all food labels carefully. Do not send in peanut butter, Nutella, hazelnut snacks, or any products containing whole, ground, or chopped nuts.
- **Healthy Choices:** We encourage balanced, nutritious lunches. Please include a mix of savoury items (like sandwiches, wraps, or pasta), fruit, and vegetables.
- **Labeled Containers:** Please clearly label your child's lunchbox and water bottle with their full name.