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Exciting Visits,

Sports Success & Chicken Pox!



It has been a positive start to the term for many reasons. Children have returned to school ready to learn and follow the routines and expectations that support their personal and academic progress. As ever, there has already been a range of exciting visits and visitors such as a river field trip, 'dinosaurs' coming into a classroom, and a chance to see a secondary school theatre performance. Sports teams have competed well in various competitions with medals already being won.

In amongst the curriculum work, we've managed to fit in Parent/Carer consultation meetings and our annual Halloween Disco. We're not quite sure which the children were scared of the most!

Unfortunately, some children have missed out on events because we have had an unusually high number of children coming down with Chicken Pox, which we hope will have gone by the time we return in November – we can't keep having children missing out on the excitement!

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Notices



Open Evenings

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who were able to partake in meetings with teachers to talk about how children have settled into school. These events are an important part of our collaborative working which provides the best chance of supporting each child to reach their potential.

Harvest Collection

We greatly appreciate all the donations of food for our collection, this year. Your generous contributions will be so important in helping those who need support this winter.

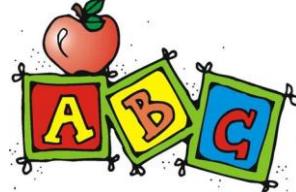
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Message from Year 6

This half term has been hugely successful throughout the school. Children came back from the Summer ready to learn and still following the rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. There have been numerous achievements such as the athletics team going through to the county finals, wonderful work being displayed on the presentation board in the hall and Year 3 making improvements in their reading with the support of Year 6 buddies. It has been a busy time - in a good way - and now everyone is ready for a half-term break before coming back and getting ready for Christmas festivities.

Early Years



Nursery – Super Scissors!

Nursery have been practising their scissor skills, learning how to cut safely and confidently. A fun rhyme helped them remember finger placement, and they carefully followed straight, wavy, and spiky lines. They even used scissors in baking, snipping bread rolls to make hedgehog spines!

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Reception – Explore the Five Senses

Reception have been learning about the five senses through stories, games, and hands-on activities. From guessing smells and sounds to tasting fruits and feeling textures on a sensory walk, the children had a fun-filled week discovering how we use our senses to explore the world around us.

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Fossil Excavating

The children loved learning about Mary Anning, the pioneering fossil hunter. After reading *Dinosaur Lady*, they created portraits of Mary with her tools and fossils. The highlight was a fun palaeontology activity – carefully removing “fossils” (chocolate chips) from cookies! It gave everyone a real appreciation for Mary’s patience and perseverance.

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Year 2 – Fairy Tale Fun in Forest School

The children in Forest School embraced fairy tales with creative outdoor play. Inspired by *The Three Little Pigs*, they built houses from sticks, bricks, and even straw. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and independence shine as they followed our school rules of being Ready, Respectful, and Safe. Miss Rowe even treated them to cinnamon apples cooked over the campfire!

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – How is our school connected?

This term, Year 3 have been learning how digital devices connect through networks. They explored how switches, wires, and Wi-Fi can all link devices like iPads and printers. A highlight was touring the school to map out its network and visiting the server room to see how everything connects!

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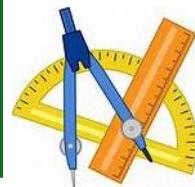
Year 4 – Sails away!

In DT, Year 4 children have explored Viking longships, linking with their History topic. They designed sails and built pulley systems to raise and lower them, learning how pulleys make lifting easier. The children enjoyed experimenting with different materials to make their mechanisms work!

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Harmful Substances

In PSHE, Year 5 learned about different substances like alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, and medicines, and how they affect the body. Through games and discussions, they explored the importance of making safe choices and how to say “no” if they ever feel pressured. We were proud of their thoughtful and mature approach to this important topic.

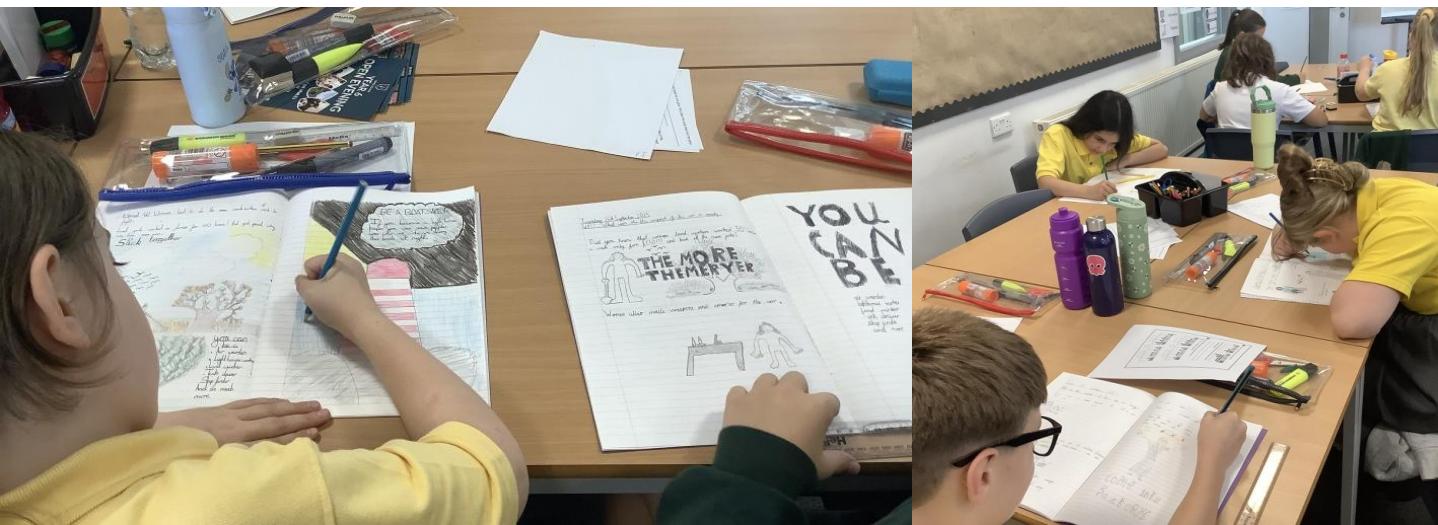
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Year 6 – Life on the Home Front

Year 6 have been exploring how war changed everyday life, especially the role of women. They learned how women stepped into vital jobs during the second world war and created their own *Horrible Histories*-style pages to show the impact. From factory work to propaganda posters, the children enjoyed getting creative.

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Sports Update

Tag Rugby

This half term, our Year 5/6 rugby team competed in the Gateshead Tag Rugby finals. The children played so well as a team and have been unbeaten all the way from qualifying rounds to the finals. The team finished 2nd in the whole of Gateshead with 50 school in total taking part. What a fantastic achievement!



Year 5/6 Football Team

This half term, one of our Year 5/6 football teams took part in the Felling schools FA Cup. We had to go into penalties in the last match to see who would go through to the final....and we came out victorious, qualifying for the cup final which will be held after half term. Fantastic teamwork from everyone!



Indoor Athletics

Our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics teams took part in the Gateshead SSP Competition. After a wide range of events, Harlow Green finished 1st out of 10 schools and have qualified for the finals next month!

Attendance



The highest attendance this term has again been for **Year 5** with a fantastic **97.29%**.



02/09/25-17/10/25

Rec	95.93%
Year 1	96.22%
Year 2	95.11%
Year 3	95.61%
Year 4	92.02%
Year 5	97.29%
Year 6	95.64%
All	95.2%

220 children attended for 96% or above

163 children still have 100% attendance

Coming soon ...

Initial Christmas Info ...

For 2025, we will follow our usual pattern of Christmas events once again:

- Christmas performances for Reception to Year 6 will take place w/b Monday 8th December.
- Christmas parties will take place during the last week of term, w/b Monday 15th December
- The Nursery nativity performances will take place on Wednesday 17th December.



Specific Christmas dates will be sent via School Ping after half term.



We can't tell you about everything that is going on but ...

Remember, the events and club calendar can be accessed on the  SchoolPing app.



Some Important Dates

Date	Event	Group
24/10/2025	Last Day of Autumn 1	All
03/11/2025	First Day Day of Autumn 2	All
06/11/2025	Safety Works Visit	Year 6
07/11/2025	St Mary's Heritage Centre	Year 2
11/11/2025	Jarrow Hall	Year 5
19/12/2025	Last Day of Autumn 2	All
06/01/2026	First Day of Spring 1	All