



Spring 2 e-News

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Reading is the key



This term, has definitely had a reading theme with a range of events being organised to support children to see how important, but also fun, reading can be.

Like with the majority of schools, World Book Day was scheduled with children coming in dressed as various characters. On the day, there was the opportunity to build upon the work from our author/illustrator visit from Liz Millions who had inspired children across the school.

Additionally, children have been involved in a sponsored read which raised over £2,000 which will go towards purchasing new books.

Wow ... what a lot of reading!

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Notices



 **Mark Your Calendar**

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place week beginning Monday 12th May. This is a very important week as it supports children to understand the exam process and feel what is like before the transition to secondary school where they will have tests on a regular basis. We know our children will do the only thing we ask of them, which is to try their best.

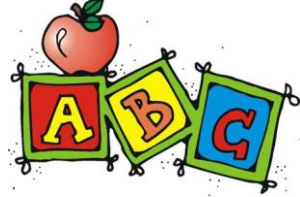
Short Half Term

Just a reminder that it is a very short half term after Easter. There are only four weeks and within those there is a Bank Holiday (05/05/25) and a training day on the last day before the May holiday week (23/05/25).



Message from Year 6 Head Children
One of the highlights of this term was the Dance Festival which avid dancers from Year 5 & 6 participated in. Trips and visitors have come in which everyone loved. The English Touring Opera recreated the Shakespeare comedy play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for KS2. Some children now aspire to be opera singers! The Easter egg competition has also taken place, and it was very hard to choose a winner. Everyone's ideas were fantastic!

Early Years



Nursery – All About Birds

During our Forest School sessions this term, the nursery children have been learning about birds. Through games, activities and observations the children have widened their knowledge. However, it was much more exciting when the school hens paid a visit!

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Reception – Mothering Sunday

The children have been learning about Mothering Sunday, the Christian celebration that follows the end of lent. The children listened to the story 'My Mum is Fantastic', by Nick Butterworth, which led to a conversation about how fantastic mothers and mother figures are. The children were very good at explaining all the wonderful things their mothers do for them everyday!

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Beamish Visit

In March, the Year 1 classes had the opportunity to experience Victorian Britain when they visited Beamish museum. On the day, they were taught by a strict schoolteacher, helped clean a pit cottage, and visited the local bakers and sweet shop. Everyone had a brilliant time enjoying their local history.

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Year 2 – A visit from Brother Khadim

Brother Khadim, from the Newcastle Central Mosque visited the children in Year 2 to support their learning about Islam. During his visit, he shared different artefacts and information about how Muslims live their daily lives. After the visit, the children learned about the special things that happen when a new baby is born.

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Exploring Mass

In maths, the boys and girls started a new unit focusing on mass and capacity. To start, they had the chance to hold and compare a range of weights so they could get a feel for difference between grams and kilograms. The children then worked together in pairs use balance scales to weigh various classroom objects.

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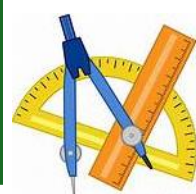
Year 4 – Perfect Puppets

This term we have been making hand puppets as part of our design and technology work. The children began reviewing the running stitch, which the children have learned previously, before learning an over stitch and, if really confident, the back stitch. A lot of focus and attention was displayed to make the final puppets.

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Spectacular Shakespeare

The children got an insight into what they would be learning about in Year 6 – Shakespeare!

The children were introduced to the story of Macbeth after which they worked in groups to produce some freeze frames whilst posing with dramatic facial expressions to show the characters' dramatic emotions.

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Year 6 – Budding Chefs

There was great excitement in Year 6 as the children were given the chance to peel, chop, slice and dice a range of vegetables to create their own pasty. During history, children discovered that the miners used to take pasties as a snack as they could fit in a pocket easily and the folded shape helped to keep them warm.

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Sports Update

Dance Festival

At the end of the term, 46 brave children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Gateshead School Sports Partnership Dance Festival at The Glasshouse International Centre for Music (The Sage) in Gateshead.



The theme this year was 'Respect' which we flipped on its head and said – What would you do if someone disrespected you? Our song choices – 'Gravity', 'Break Free' and 'Free' – reflected the fact that our children are encouraged to develop accountability, freedom of choice, strength to challenge, and courage to walk away. Well done to everyone - you smashed it! Also, thanks to family and friends who came along to cheer and clap; your support was amazing!

Football Team

It has been a fantastic season for our Year 5/6 football team. The focus on dedication and teamwork, whilst working in a respectful manner, paid off big-time as Harlow Green won their very own cup double and are this season's league and cup champions! We are all so very proud!



Attendance



The highest attendance this term has been for **Year 4** with a fantastic **96.8%**.



02/09/24-04/04/25

Rec	92.8%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	94.9%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	94.1%
All	94.4%

**196 children
attended for
96%
or above**

**35 children
still have
100%
attendance**




Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer 1

Club	Morning	Midday	Afternoon
Monday			Year 5/6 Cricket
Tuesday	Year 3/4 Football Team Training	Violin	Choir
			Steel Pan Band
			Athletics Team Training
Wednesday	Year 5/6 Football Team Training		
Thursday	Girls Football Team Training		Guitar
Friday	Tennis		

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
11/04/2025	Last Day of Spring 2	All
14-25/04/2025	Half Term	All
05/05/2025	Bank Holiday Monday	All
23/05/2025	Training Day	All
26-30/05/2025	Summer Half Term	All
18/07/2025	Last Day of Summer Term	All