

# FRIDAY LETTER



27/3/2026



## Year 5/6 football report

It was great to get our 7-a-side team back into action for round two of our league fixtures along at Ryton Juniors last night. The winter break felt like it had gone on forever as there's been no games since October.

Preparations for match day were far from ideal (the school field being unplayable and injuries depleting the squad) so there was an air of pre-match nerves before kick off. With three games to play and only 7 available for the squad, Miss Brown had to have a team reshuffle, moving JW to defense. The first game against league newcomers Chopwell was a tight game with chances for both sides but eventually ending in a 0-0 draw. Probably a fair result.

Next up: Emmaville. Always a tricky tie but the lads kept the momentum going from the first game and, although they had backs to the wall for most of the game, it was another solid defensive display and this one also ended in a no score draw. Crookhill probably the happier of the two teams with the result. The lads had time to rest and catch their breath after those frantic opening two games. Coach decided to go for a change of formation in the final game against Highfield. JW was pushed further forward leaving DB to hold the line with AR alongside him. The change round paid off and although it took a while to break down the Highfield defence, eventually the goal we'd been wanting all night came. JW dribbled through the defence and slotted home to grab the winner. LB had been close before that - his first Crookhill goal is definitely coming! HW and CK kept the midfield ticking over all night and shout out to CW in goal who, despite preferring an outfield role, is writing a place in the Crookhill record books with his continuing run of clean sheets! We couldn't be prouder of the team and thanks, as always, to our loyal band of supporters - it wouldn't be the same without you! The final round of fixtures will be after Easter.

## Local History Project



Today, the Year 5/6 pupils had their first session in their local history project to commemorate the Stargate Pit disaster of 1826. The first session focused on learning about the history of coal mining in the North East as well as finding out what life was like for those working down the pit (including children) and the events of the disaster itself. On Monday, we head to Beamish Museum where we will take part in a workshop and explore the pit exhibit before the final session where pupils will take part in art and creative writing activities back in school.

Thanks again to Building Self-Belief for funding this project for our pupils.



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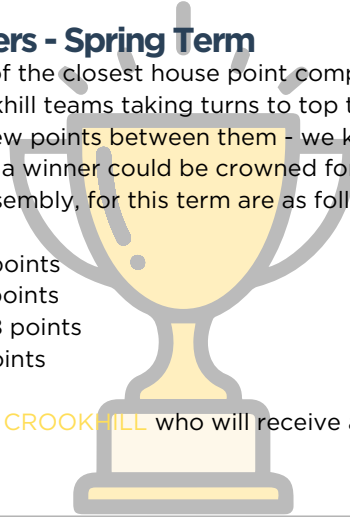
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## House Point Winners - Spring Term

This term has seen one of the closest house point competitions for some time! With Stargate and Crookhill teams taking turns to top the table each week - sometimes with only a few points between them - we knew it was going to come down to the wire before a winner could be crowned for this term. The final results, announced in assembly, for this term are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **CROOKHILL** - 6140 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **STARGATE** - 6108 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **HEDGEFIELD** - 5728 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **RUNHEAD** - 5418 points

Congratulations to team **CROOKHILL** who will receive a team winners' treat before the end of term.



## Easter Egg Competition:

Don't forget that we will hold our annual decorated egg competition next week. Entries can be brought to school on Thursday morning (via the main entrance).

A reminder that the theme for the egg is 'read what you're into' to tie in with our National Year of Reading activities. We hope this theme provides plenty of inspiration for your egg creations.



## Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday. All money raised will go towards our playground fund. Please send any tickets you wish to purchase back to school along with payment (or pay via the fundraising bank account). Tickets are £2 per strip or all three strips for £5. Don't forget to write your child's name on the back of any tickets purchased and return any unwanted tickets please. Thank you as always for your support.

## After school clubs:

Reminder that our after school clubs are not on next week - **even Year 6 can have a night off booster club on Monday!**

## Parent Consultations:

Parent consultations for Reception to Y4 take place next week. We look forward to seeing you in school. Call the office if you don't yet have an appointment



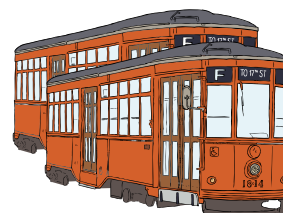
## Open afternoons

Thank you to parents (and grandparents) who came along to the year 2 and year 3 open afternoons this week. Both classes were completing their Design Technology projects and needed an extra hand to get their sewing project done. We're sure you'll agree that their finished articles look amazing!



## Coming up at Crookhill:

- 30.3.26 - Year 5/6 visit to Beamish Museum
- 31.3.26 / 1.4.26 - Parent consultations
- 2.4.26 - Easter Egg Competition
- 2.4.26 - END OF TERM
- 20.4.26 - Summer Term Begins
- 21.4.26 - Year 2 and Year 3 visit to Great North Museum
- 23.4.26 - Football League games (round 3) @ Ryton
- 4.5.26 - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 11.5.26 - 14.5.26 - Year 6 SATs exams
- 22.5.26 - Last day of half term
- 1.6.26 - School reopens after half-term break



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# Holy Week and Easter

at St Paul's Winlaton and Holy Cross Ryton

## Holy Saturday - 4th April

St Paul's 9am Morning Prayer with Reflection

Holy Cross 8pm Easter Vigil

In this special service we trace the story of God's salvation from creation to the cross, we greet the resurrection with light and fire, and we celebrate by sharing bread and wine together in the Eucharist, and sharing other refreshments after the service!

## Easter Day - Sunday 5th April

Celebrate the Resurrection!

St Paul's 9.30am All-Age Eucharist

Holy Cross 10.30am Holy Communion  
(with Easter egg hunt for children)



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Palm Sunday - 29th March

St Paul's 9am Eucharist

Holy Cross 10.30am All-Age Communion Service

Monday 30th March

Holy Cross 5pm Evening Prayer with Reflection

Tuesday 31st March

St Paul's 5pm Evening Prayer with Reflection

Wednesday 1st April

Holy Cross 5pm Evening Prayer with Reflection

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

Both churches 7pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday  
(includes Holy Communion)

Good Friday - 3rd April

Ryton 10am Walk of Witness

- gather at Methodist Church to walk to Holy Cross

11am-12pm Good Friday Meditations at Holy Cross

- During this service children are invited to help with making the Easter garden. Following the service the church will remain open for prayer until 3pm

St Paul's 1.30-3.00pm Good Friday Meditations



## Message from Northumbria Police:

Northumbria Police are asking for support from parents and carers - after recent anti-social behaviour at "ride out" events in Newcastle. This has seen large numbers of young people on bicycles gather in the city centre on Saturday, March 14, and Saturday, March 21.

The latest "ride-out" saw around 300 attendees turn out, after the event was advertised on social media including on TikTok. Police received a series of calls from the public, with riders travelling on the wrong side of the road, weaving in and out of traffic, and ignoring traffic measures. They also heard of a handful crowding around vehicles and causing damage to them, with others shouting at passers-by. Officers were already on duty in a bid to disrupt them - and they issued dispersal notices.

An investigation is ongoing to identify any of the young people who have been involved in criminality, and increased patrol activity will continue. It is recognised that most young people are just out to have fun with their friends, but they could be at risk of serious harm. Officers would urge parents and carers to ask their children not to attend any future events - and to check in with them around where they're headed, and who with, before they get mixed up in any wrongdoing.

Anyone involved faces action being taken against them, including the seizure of bikes. Ultimately, they could face criminal action. We need your support to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the city - and anyone with specific concerns to stop and chat with officers on duty. People can share information by sending us a direct message on social media, or by using live chat and report forms on our website. Those unable to make contact in these ways can call 101. In an emergency, or where a crime is taking place, always dial 999.

Kind Regards, Northumbria Police



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