



FRIDAY LETTER

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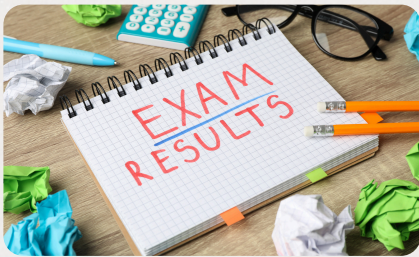
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SATs Success

Our Year 6 pupils who left us in the summer had to wait until the very last day of term to receive their SATs results – but they were certainly worth the wait!

We were delighted to see **95% of pupils achieve the expected standard** in each of Reading (75% nationally), Maths (75% nationally) and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (74% nationally). In teacher-assessed Writing, 86% of pupils achieved the expected standard (73% nationally), while 81% achieved the expected standard across Reading, Writing and Maths combined (63% nationally).

We are incredibly proud of these results, but most importantly, we are proud of the pupils themselves. They worked tremendously hard throughout their time with us, approached their learning with determination and positivity, and thoroughly deserve to feel proud of all they achieved. We wish them every success as they continue their journey at secondary school.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

As part of Recycling Week, we were delighted to welcome Lydia from Groundwork Gateshead, who led a special assembly for our pupils. Lydia delivered an informative and engaging presentation about the importance of the Three Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – and explained how we can all make simple changes to help care for our environment. The assembly ended with a fun quiz, which challenged pupils to identify which everyday items can and cannot be recycled. Back in the classroom, pupils continued to explore and reinforce these important messages. Year 6 put their learning into action by creating eye-catching posters to encourage our whole school community to follow the advice shared during the assembly and make thoughtful choices about reducing waste, reusing items and recycling whenever possible.

later in the week, Lydia returned to visit Year 2 with a wonderful activity linked to their current Science topic, growing plants. The children made 'wild flower seed bombs' using recycled paper. They can't wait to plant their bombs soon and seeing how they grow.



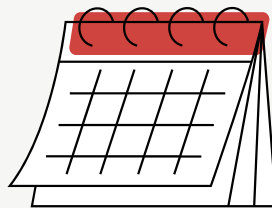
Year 2 getting messy in their wildflower workshop this week.

Fundraising

We are delighted to be continuing our fundraising efforts this year, with an exciting new project to extend our school playground. We have lots planned for the year ahead and will share more details about our fundraising plans soon.

Alongside raising funds for our own school projects, we are also very proud of our long history of supporting local and national charities. **Next week, we will be holding Frosty Friday, when ice lollies will be on sale to pupils for £1 each, with all money raised being donated to Cancer Research UK.** Our support will continue over the weekend, as some of our staff will be taking part in the Cancer Research UK Moonlight Walk around Newcastle on Saturday night, raising further funds for this important cause.

We wish them the very best of luck and thank everyone in advance for their support of this fundraiser.



Dates for your diary:

6.10.26 - Harvest Festival 9.15am / 2.15pm

9.10.26 - FROSTY FRIDAY (NEW)

10.10.26 - World Mental Health Day

20.10.26 - Pantomime in school / Residential Meeting (Y6 parents / carers) 3.30pm

22.10.26 - Spooks and Sparkles Disco

23.10.26 - End of half term

26.10.26 - 30.10.26 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

2.11.26 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)

3.11.26 - School reopens



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New Books for Crookhill

We were delighted to see the arrival of a wonderful selection of new books, courtesy of our Scholastic Book Fair! Thanks to the fantastic support for the fair back in February, we amassed an impressive amount of book credit to spend on new titles for our pupils – and they were only too happy to help us choose! Some of our Year 5 girls recently came up with the brilliant idea of setting up a break-time reading club, so they were given the opportunity to select a range of books they felt would capture pupils' interest and encourage a real enthusiasm for reading across our school. We can't wait to see the new books being enjoyed and hope they will inspire even more children to discover the pleasure of reading.

Harvest:

The last chance to grab Harvest Festival tickets will be on Monday – any donations to our People's Kitchen food bank appeal can also be brought in next week.

