



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

As we race towards the summer holidays, we have lots of exciting events to look forward to; Workshop Wednesday, a Planetarium visit, a residential to Lockerbie and a residential to London, Sports Day, Move up day and a school picnic (weather permitting!)

This term also brings with it the statutory tests that children in primary schools have to take, from the Year 6 SATs, to Year 1 phonics screening to the Multiplication times table check in Year 4. Some of these have already been administered and the children have been so focussed and determined to do their best; they have been a real credit to us all.

Move up day will be on Tuesday 8th July where children will progress to their next year group and some will be meeting a new teacher or entering a new classroom. The organisation for next year is below and we also have an open evening for our new Reception cohort on Thursday 12th June at 3:20pm to welcome our new children.

Best wishes,

Mr Glenton

	Teacher	Classroom Assistant
Reception	TBC (Mon, Tues) Mrs L.Jameson (Weds, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs J. Jameson
Year 1.2	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Bell (Mon, Tues) Mrs Turnbull (Weds, Thurs, Fri)
Year 3.4	Mrs Olsson	Mrs Hall
Year 5.6	Miss Munro	TBC

This week in Tyne Class, our maths focus is around 'sharing'. We have read the story of The Squirrels Who Squabbled to help us embed our learning of sharing and to encourage us to apply these values in our own play. We have taken part in lots of practical activities including sharing out chunks of celery between our hungry caterpillar friends, we came up with our own interesting ways of sharing the food and had fun learning through exploration. We weren't keen on the smell of the celery though! In English, we are writing sentences about what we enjoy doing at school. We're becoming amazing at remembering our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! In PSED we are learning about our bodies and how amazing they are. We'll begin to think about what happens when we eat and exercise and how we are all unique. We have loved learning through play in the areas of our classroom and we have especially enjoyed the sandpit in the sunshine!

Thames class have been busy listening to the story of Katie Morag and the two grandmothers in preparation for writing a diary entry. They have been using pronouns and writing in the past tense. In Maths they have been finding thirds and looked at writing unit fractions as well as recognising the whole. In science they have continued to look at habitats and have researched facts about elephants. In history we have looked at Elizabeth II and put kings and queens in chronological order on a timeline.

In Rhine Class this week, we have started our new theme 'Interconnected World'. The children have been finding out how to plot symbols on a map using compass directions. In science, we found out all about our teeth and what their functions are. In art, we have been creating our contributions for the Roman Wall Show making landscape pictures, which fitted in really well with our theme 'Vista'. In maths, we have been finding out about coins and their value. We have been counting amounts, making amounts and estimating amounts. In English, we have started our diary entry. We are writing an diary entry as though we are Lil - the main character from our guided reading text 'Secrets of a Sun King'. In P.E., we have started to practice our athletics for sport's day and have had our first rounders session.

In Nile Class this half term, the children will have the opportunity to read 'The River Prince' written by the author Saviour Pirotto. This will be the final book in the trilogy and the children are already predicting who the prince might be and what he might do during his Amazon adventure.



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Learning Award - Chloe

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Hayden, Harrison, our Year 6 children

Etiquette Award - Eve, Zach

Environmental Award - Sophie, Eva, Lincoln, Christopher, Lilly H, Emily T, Emily S, Ellie, Aria

Kindness Award - Jack Bd, Ollie, Mia, Fearne, Tabitha, Lilly L, Emily S

Inclusion Award - Freya

Friendship Award - Archie, Makai

Role model Award - Ava J, Makai, Emily S



Attendance:

Tyne - 96.36%

Thames - 95.59%

Rhine - 95.7%

Nile - 94.86%

Whole School - 95.58%

Currently, our whole school attendance is getting close to national average - please support our school and your child's education by ensuring children are in school every day, where possible.

Headteachers can no longer authorise family holidays during term time. As per our partnership agreement with our 12 other local schools, an unauthorised absence of 5 days or longer will result in a fixed penalty notice.

Teacher Training Days 2025 - 2026

Our teacher training days have been confirmed for next year and there will be three of these:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dogs on school premises

As a community school, we welcome every member of families, including dogs. However, please can I remind our community that dogs should not be present in the playground (either on lead or being carried). There are members of our community who are nervous around dogs, and it is difficult for children/parents if at the end or before school, there are dogs present at pick up/drop off. Can I remind everybody that dogs are only permitted on the path (outside our fenced perimeter) and at the entrance to school but not on our playground. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Teacher Vacancy at Henshaw Primary School

At the end of the first Summer term, we said goodbye to Mrs Albert as she started her maternity leave. We wish her family all the best and will bring you news when the baby arrives! We currently have a teacher vacancy that is being advertised by NorthEast Jobs and Mynewterm for a 0.5 Early Years teacher. Details can be found on our website and online by searching North East jobs and Henshaw primary school.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th June - Workshop Wednesday, 9am - 10am

Wednesday 18th June - Father Steve Worship assembly

Thursday 19th June - Year 6 visit to Newcastle Cathedral - Leavers' celebration

Monday 23rd June - Planetarium into school (for Year 5-6)

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th June - Year 4 residential to London

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th June - Year 5.6 residential to Lockerbie

Monday 7th July - West Tyne Federation Sports Day at the Wentworth Leisure Centre - 1pm to 3pm. All family members welcome to attend.

Friday 8th July - Move up day - all children to next years' classes

Monday 14th July - School picnic 2pm

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 leavers' assembly 2pm

Friday 18th July - Last day of school. School reopens Tuesday 2nd September

A final thought

When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory
becomes a treasure

Anon