



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as the weather is starting to turn more wintry and with Christmas on the horizon! It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening last week and see children so excited to share the amazing work they have been doing in class with you all. If you could not attend, please email your child's class teacher on the class email to arrange a follow up appointment.

I would like to send a HUGE thank you to the PTA for organising two wonderful events; a film night and a pumpkin carving session. This has raised funds for enrichments for the children and has been enjoyed by all.

Finally, please take a look at our 'dates for the diary' section on the newsletter; we have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks to celebrate Christmas,

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Christmas time!

We are starting to get to the time when we begin to prepare for Christmas plays and performances, as well as all the festivities that Christmas brings with it! Please have a good look at our 'dates for the diary' page, which lists all the upcoming Christmas events which the school has to offer on the run up to the end of term.

Children are starting to come home with lines and scripts to learn and are very excited to be involved with this. Thank you for your support in helping your child learn these and we are looking forward to seeing you all for some great shows!

Recently, Tyne Class have been focussing on the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have loved building houses with different materials and testing whether the wolf could knock them down with a huff and a puff! Children enjoyed role playing the story and coming up with their own ideas on how the pigs could trap the wolf - some of us even built wolf traps on the field! We have also been learning all about some seasonal celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Children in Need. We created some beautiful firework art and organised a fashion show to show off our amazing spotty outfits!

This week, we have been busy in Thames Class doing lots of practical activities. In R.E., we have found out about the Festival of Sukkot in Judaism and have made our own Sukkah in our classroom. Sukkot is their Harvest Festival. In Music, we have started to practise the songs for our Christmas Nativity. In English, our phonic work has continued, and we are starting to write our own diary entries. In Science, we have been exploring UV rays using UV beads. In Geography, we have been thinking about what 9 photographs will represent our school the best. In Dance, we have started our animal dance. In Maths, we have been learning how many sides and vertices different 2D and 3D shapes have and have been learning how to draw shapes on squared paper. Look for shapes in the environment with your child and see how many of each shape they can identify.

Rhine class have been busy working on their knowledge of multiplication and division in Maths. In English they have started to plan their own narrative, based on the story Blast to the Past. In Science they have planned an experiment to identify the suitability of different soil types in order to grow plants. They had a wonderful time at Wark celebrating Remembrance Day. They have also looked at advantages and disadvantages of technology in the world today. They had some super questions and answers. Perhaps they could share this information at home. They are also very excited about the production of Aladdin and have already started to practise the songs.

The children in Nile class are having great fun with Miss Hannah this term. They are working collaboratively to create a dance performance to share with all of the parents and others class in the Federation at this year's Christmas production, which is Aladdin.



Let's Celebrate!

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

Learning Award - Christopher, Lewis, Sophie

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Scarlett, Lincoln, Arlo, Georgia

Etiquette Award - Charlie

Environmental Award - Christopher, Aidan

Kindness Award - Year 2, Lincoln, Lewis

Inclusion Award - Freya, Ruby

Friendship Award - Tom, Mia C

Role model Award - Charlie & Nile Class, Hannah, Harvey

Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 97.78%

Thames -94.07%

Rhine - 93.21%

Nile - 84%

Whole School - 92.84%

Children who attend primary school regularly (96%+) and much more likely to achieve well at GCSE and A-Level than children with poor attendance in their early years of education.



Congratulations!

HUGE congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bone, from our school community, who won **Best Café in England 2025** for their business; **The Pillar Box Café in Haltwhistle** - an amazing achievement and well-deserved!

Children in Need

A big thank you to our whole community from us at school and Henshaw Nursery, you raised a wonderful **£119** for this worthy cause.

Our Federation Sycamore Sapling

We are thrilled to share with you that Our Federation will be receiving a sycamore sapling from the Sycamore Gap Tree in the next few weeks. This sapling has been gifted from The National Trust as part of our ongoing work with them and other broadcasting agencies.

A total of 49 saplings have been awarded to communities across the UK and we are excited to be part of this. On **Wednesday 10th December**, children will be joined by our CEO; Paul Rickeard, Audrey Kingham; Executive Director of Children, Young People & Education and HelenAnn, the Bishop of Newcastle, for a special event. As well as singing songs and taking part in activities, the children will be creating an art display. Please could we ask that each child brings a **washed and clean** 4-pint plastic milk bottle into school before **Monday 8th December** so they can take part in this activity.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 26th November – Fire Brigade Visit

Tuesday 9th December – Nasal Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 10th December – Sycamore Seedling planting day

Friday 12th December – Henshaw Christmas Performance, Reception and Year 1.2 in the School Hall. 2pm.

Monday 15th December – Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School for Rehearsals - all day, drop off and pick up as usual at Henshaw School.

Tuesday 16th December – Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School for Rehearsals, afternoon performance at 2pm and 4:30pm. Children to be collected from HBHS after the second performance.

Thursday 18th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 18th December – Henshaw Christingle 2:00pm at All Hallows, all family welcome

Friday 19th December – Class Christmas parties (afternoon)

Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas holidays

A Final Thought...

Trust and belonging are formed and earned by consistent action, not by words

Anon