



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It is lovely to see the summer finally arrive with some glorious weather! Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and (if needed) suncream in school.

We are very much looking forward to our yearly Federation Sports Day on **Monday 6th July from 1pm**. Can we please ask that you return the Sports Day letter stating if your child needs transport back to school as soon as possible; if we do not need this, we will not have to order a bus for the return journey.

Our Federation Beach Day is coming up on **Thursday 16th July** and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with everyone.

Finally, we are thrilled to tell you that we have recruited Mrs Burrows, a very experienced and talented teacher, who will be joining Mrs J in Year 1.2 next year. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Attendance - We need your help!

For the first time in three years, we are currently sitting just below national average for our attendance figures. Schools are judged on the attendance data for the year as this shows the amount of learning missed throughout the school year. We understand that there is illness where children can not be in school but please can we ask for a big push on ensuring children are in EVERY DAY for the next three weeks. This is so children can benefit from the last cycles of learning and we can finish our schools in a stronger position.

Thank you for continuing to support us in this.

Reception have had lots of fun so far this half term delving into our 'Big wide World' topic. We have focussed on transport, travel and what we can do to look after our environment. Our core stories so far have been 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' and 'Meerkat Mail', which we have all thoroughly enjoyed. In maths, we have continued working on our number bonds to 5 and 10 and have also began thinking about manipulating and rotating shapes. In RE we have learned about the religions Islam and Judaism. We have focused on the similarities and differences between Christianity and other religions. In PSHE we have been focusing on what changes happen in our body when we exercise, we have also been looking at healthy and unhealthy food choices. We have been enjoying our outdoor grounds with lots of opportunities for physical development and have enjoyed team building exercises in our Forest School sessions

Thames Class have made the best of the outdoor areas this week in their learning. In maths, we have been finding out about capacity by measuring and comparing amounts of liquid. We have been doing field work in geography by looking for physical and human features in our local community. We have also been to visit our local church to find out what is special to Christians and what happens in a church. In English, we have been writing our own school reports. In P.E., our focus has been athletics in readiness for our Sports day. Luckily, we have had the weather on our side.

Rhine class have had a very busy half term so far. They have been calculating amounts of money in maths and finding change. They are now looking at different angles and working out which angles are obtuse and which ones are acute. They should be able to explain this if you ask. In English they have been looking at figurative language to use in a narrative about a volcano. They have wonderful imaginations. In Science they have confidently built their own circuits as part of their work on electricity and discussed which materials are conductors. In DT they have been very creative with their book cover designs and now can't wait to begin using their sewing skills to make a cover with fabric.

This term the children in Nile class have been designing a stuffed toy in design and technology. They are currently at the stage of cutting out the fabric ready to stuff and sew their toy. Once the designs are finished we hope to sell the stuffed toys at sports day. Please encourage your child to research when the UK first started to produce stuffed toys and what was they toy?



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 – Ollie, Lilly, Ava, Ed, Fox, Riley, John James, Archie, Esmae, Niall, Charlotte Cw, Freddie

Resilience & Teamwork Award – Miah, Ruby, John James, Margo, Ava, Koa, Sophie, Rohan, Parker, Aria, Ivy, Grace S, Ollie, Billy, Jacob, Georgia, Jack By, Emily T, Arthur, Mia, Ellie, Grace M

Etiquette Award – James, Charlie T, Ivy, Esmae, Tommie

Environmental Award – Marley, Ellie, Kaitlyn

Kindness Award – Reuben, Tom, Eva, Tobin, Ruby, Aidan, Arlo

Inclusion Award – Rosie T, Frankie

Friendship Award – Jack Bn, Rosie J, Chloe

Role model Award – Isla Ellie, Parker, Rhys, Sophie, Emily S, Aria, Fox, Tobin



Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 77.5%

Thames - 98.3%

Rhine - 89.8%

Nile - 88.5%

Whole School - 89.59%

Our attendance target is 96%, please help your child's class reach this target by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Dodd and the volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past month to replace our allotment Beds. The children are very eager to start planting in these wonderful beds and this would not have been possible without the support of our local community. A big thank you to our local Leek club for their donations for new wooden sleepers and to Mrs Clarke for coordinating this.



Classes for next year

| | Teacher | Teaching Assistant |
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| Reception | Mrs Clarke | Mrs Jameson |
| Year 1.2 | Mrs Jameson (Mrs J) Mrs Burrows | Mrs Bell |
| Year 3.4 | Mrs Olsson | Mrs Hall Mrs Jameson |
| Year 5.6 | Miss Munro | Mrs Mowbray, Mrs Hall |

Teacher training days confirmed for 2026-2027

Teacher Training days have now been confirmed with our Trust and Northumberland County Council these will be:

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September.

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May

Wednesday 21st July

Dates for the Diary

W/C 29th June - Transition days for William Howard and HBHS

Wednesday 1st to 3rd July - Lockerbie Residential for Year 5 and 6

Monday 6th July - Federation Sports Day at The Wentworth - 1pm

Wednesday 8th July - Move up day for all children

Thursday 9th July - Year 3.4 to Garrigill, Alston Moors

Tuesday 14th July - Leavers' assembly for Year 6 - 2:30pm

Thursday 16th July - Federation Beach Day

Friday 17th July - School Closes for Summer Holidays - reopens **Thursday 3rd September**

A Final Thought...

'Summertime is the best time to be wherever you want to be'

Anon