Friday Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Friday 26th September- INSET Day

Our first INSET Day this year is next Friday, 26th September. School will be closed to all children on this day and open again on Monday 29th September.

Spare Uniform

We are collecting spare uniforms to build up our stocks of extra clothes in school. If you have any pre-loved uniform, with or without school badges, which no longer fit your child or children, we would be grateful to receive them in school. Many thanks!

Halloween Decorations

We are also collecting Halloween decorations for some seasonal events. If you have any left over from previous years that you no longer need, please send them into school. Thank you!

Football

Our school football kicked off yesterday with our first game, the Autumn Cup. Miss Young and Miss Roxburgh were really impressed by the attitude and support the children showed to each other. The team played three matches in the competition. We lost two games but drew the other with a fantastic goal from Olly! An excellent performance from all. We look forward to our next home game next Thursday. Well done, Team!

Start Small; Dream Big Primary Careers Pilot Programme

Last year we took part in an exciting government pilot programme to improve careers education in primary schools. The aim of the programme is to ensure that all young people are supported to develop the right skills and knowledge to enable them to thrive in their future careers.

Funding for the government programme has now been extended for a further year, and we will be taking part again.

Parent Expert Visitors

As part of the Start Small; Dream Big project, we arranged for parent visitors to come into school to speak to the children about their careers through lessons and assemblies. We were very lucky to have such a range of interesting visitors at our finger tips! The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and were inspired by the different career paths they learned about.

If you are interested in coming into school to share what you do with the children, we would love to hear from you!

Black History Month

Next month, October, is Black History Month, and this year's theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which honours the strength, commitment, and resilience of the Black community throughout history.

Throughout October, we will be celebrating Black History Month in school, engaging in a range of activities in celebration of Black people's outstanding contributions to society, focusing on achievements past and present.

Year 5 Visit to Segedunum- Tuesday 7th October

As part of their local history study of Hadrian's Wall, year 5 are going to visit Segedunum on Tuesday 7th October. Segedunum, which means 'Strong Fort', was built to guard the eastern end of Hadrian's Wall, and once housed 600 Roman soldiers. It is the most excavated fort along the Wall with surviving foundations of many buildings, a large interactive Museum and part of the Wall itself. We are sure year 5 will have a great day out!

Special Mentions!

Year group	Names	
Year 1	Jesse Robinson and Martha McKenna	
Year 2	Charlotte Mackay and Cassie Gill	
Year 3	Greyson Clifford and Libby Boyle	
Year 4	Will Hunter and Jake Wildish	
Year 5	Reuben Gibbard and Luca Davison	
Year 6	Millie Rouse and Marley Brady	

Head Teachers Awards

This week's Head Teacher awards go to Amber Ohre for her fantastic positive attitude in all subjects and to Alexandra Brown for her brilliant writing!

Well done, Amber and Alex!

Lunchtime awards will be back next week!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Parrish

Headteacher

Key Dates, Autumn

Autumn Term 2025

Date	Event	Year Group
26.09.25	INSET Day (school closed to children)	Whole School
09.10.25	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 6
14.10.25	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year 1
20.10.25	Food Collection for Washington Community Food Project (throughout week)	Whole School
20.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
22.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
27.10.25	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
03.11.25	School re-opens	Whole School
19.11.25	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting 4:00pm	Year 6
21.11.25	INSET Day (school closed to children)	Whole School
25.11.25	Year 5 Residential Information Meeting 4:00pm	Year 5
02.12.25	Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
TBC	Customs House Pantomime Visit	Whole School
08.12.25	Year1/2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Year 1 and 2
09.12.25	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 5 and 6
10.12.25	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 9.30am	Nursery and
	and 2.00pm performances	Reception
11.12.25	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 3 and 4
12.12.25	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
15.12.25	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
16.12.25	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
17.12.25	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
18.12.25	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
22.12.25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School