



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

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We have had another great week. I hope you have enjoyed seeing our very own snowman out and about. Although we haven't had any snow this week, our snowman has certainly managed to spread festive joy to everyone. Our raffle tickets will continue to be on sale right up to the beginning of the final week, when we will be drawing it to enable time for prizes to be collected.

It has been great getting around classes this week, seeing the lovely learning taking place and observing everyone's enthusiasm towards learning. In Early Years, it was lovely seeing the children making the most of both indoors and outside. All of the children are very welcoming when I pop in to say hello to them and join in with their play. Across KS1, activities have ranged from fitness lessons to meeting together to practise their songs for their Christmas performance. We are all looking forward to watching them perform in a few weeks' time. When down in KS1 the children have showed determination, resilience and great team work. Within KS2 I have heard beautiful singing with Mrs Fildes; it always brightens up our Tuesday mornings. It has been great hearing all about Year 3/4s learning about Ancient Egypt; always wonderful to hear children talking passionately about their work. Year 5 have started their learning on volcanoes which is always exciting to learn about. Year 6 have been working extremely hard this week. I have had the pleasure of working with many of them supporting them with their maths work. Next week, they are looking forward to their trip out of school.

Next week we will be commencing our preparations for Christmas. We are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Alison into school on Monday where she will be talking us through what advent means to Christians. We can't wait for next Friday for our cosy Christmas PJ day, where everyone can come to school in their pjs and take part in some fun activities including watching a nice film. We are also very keen to put up our class and school Christmas trees.

I hope you all have a great weekend. See you all next week.

Mrs Chard

NUT FREE SCHOOL:

As we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please can you be mindful if supplying a packed lunch that there are no items that include nuts of any kind. This includes chocolate spread or peanut butter sandwiches.

**THIS SCHOOL
IS NUT FREE**



CHRISTMAS:

We have some exciting Christmas events planned for this half term. These include singalongs, performances and carols and reading in church. Please save the dates in your diary.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Our Christmas lunch day is Thursday 11th December and is available to order on Parentpay from Monday.

Please can we ask you to order by 1st December so we have an idea of numbers for ordering. Many thanks

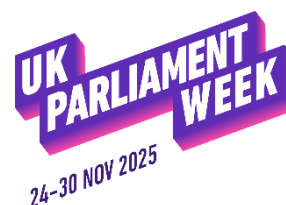


STAFFING:

As you already know, after ten years of working at Parkhead, Miss Crabtree is leaving at the end of this term to pursue her new adventure. We are pleased to let you know that Miss Young will be joining our wonderful team from January. Miss Young will be popping into school on the run up to Christmas to meet her new class and complete a thorough handover with Miss Crabtree. If you have any questions, please do catch Miss Crabtree who will be more than happy to have a chat with you.

PARLIAMENT WEEK:

This week in school we have been marking Parliament Week, an annual event in November designed to help children understand what Parliament does and how it works. Throughout the week, classes have explored the role of Parliament and revisited the British Values, looking at why these are important in everyday life. Children have also taken part in classroom voting and sharing their ideas on key topics with their School Council representatives, just as MPs would do in Parliament.

**TT ROCKSTARS:**

On Wednesday it was the return of the KS2 TTRS 'Top of the Rocks' battle! Last school year, some of you may remember we were victorious against another local Gateshead school! Each class were given a 30-minute slot to play and the school with the most correct answers were crowned as the champions. All of our children who took part gave it their all. Even though we didn't win, we are super proud of the effort all of our children who took part gave to the competition. Oak were our overall class band and the following were our most valued players. 3rd place was Zoe, 2nd place was Jensen and 1st most valued player went to Stephen. Well done everyone. We are looking forward to competing in our next TT Rockstars battle.

**WINTER RUNDERLAND:**

We are taking part in the Winter RUNDERLAND challenge again this December. This is a Christmas themed, physical activity challenge set by the Gateshead School Sports Partnership for schools in Gateshead. The aim is for children to take part in as much physical activity as possible to earn carrots to feed the reindeers, which will give them enough energy to travel around the world. There will be a treat for the winning class at the end of the challenge. Good luck everyone!

**NUSTEM:**

On Tuesday, in nursery, we were very excited to welcome Mel from NUSTEM. We read a story called The Not So Perfect Penguin and then we all played the role of glaciologists. We investigated what happened when warm water was put on to ice. We also painted pictures using coloured ice on sticks which was gradually melting!

If you would like to learn more or even try some of the activities at home, follow this link:

<https://nustem.uk/activity/ice-rescue/>

READING WORKSHOPS – YEAR 2:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 2 reading workshops. It was lovely seeing you, being able to work with your child, completing a short reading lesson. We hope that you enjoyed being able to see the teaching of reading in action! As always, if you have any queries around helping your child with their reading, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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SAFEGUARDING:

Please see attachment on your email named Online safety for under 5s.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

This week it was lovely celebrating swimming achievements and completion of a Gladiator Circuit!



CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

Details for Blaydon Youth and Community Centre's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December 11am-2pm



WINTER RAFFLE:

Our wonderful winter raffle will be on sale from next week. £1 per strip with many prizes to be won.

Top prizes include football boots signed by the one and only Sean Neave. There are also tickets for Newcastle V Aston Villa game January 2026. Please note, these tickets cannot be sold nor transferred.

We also have a children's digital camera, mengadash kids tablet, blue tooth earbuds, 2 vouchers for Activate in the Metrocentre, a family of four voucher for the upside down house, Greggs voucher, toys, games, hampers and various other prizes.

Look out for our winter friends selling tickets over the next few weeks or you can buy tickets on Parentpay.



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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Maisie
Acorns	Ollie
Saplings	Brooklyn
Beech	Sana
Elm	Evie
Willow	Laura
Cherry	Deniz
Maple	Ruby
Spruce	Gabriel
Cedar	Annalise
Oak	Lucy
Birch	Esme
Pine	Freya

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Darcie
Key Stage 1	Alfie
Key Stage 2	Max India

FunClub

Well done

