



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

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I can't believe that our penultimate week has come to an end. As always, what a lot of fun we have had across school. We have had a few visitors joining us, from our work with NUSTEM in Reception and Year 1 to our Brush up session with Northumbria University for Year 5 to the school photographer coming in today, taking some great photos of the children.

It has been lovely getting around school this week. From playing outdoors over lunchtime to popping in and out of classes seeing the wonderful learning taking place. When outside, I have enjoyed seeing our older children looking after the younger children, helping them where needed and supporting them within their play. I even had a go on our outdoor gym equipment and can see why our children enjoy using it. When in Nursery and Reception, it has been great to see how all of the children have settled in well to the routines of the day. They are always keen to show me what they are up to. On Tuesday I popped into Key Stage 1 where it was great to see all of the children actively engaged in their lessons and applying the correct behaviours for learning. I also enjoyed listening to our Year 3 and 4s singing beautifully with Mrs Fildes; always lovely to see them giving 100% effort during their sessions. Our Year 5 children have had an amazing week in school, showing great enthusiasm towards all learning. On Thursday, I popped back down to the woods with our Y6s; always a lovely way to spend the day.

I hope you have a great weekend. Hopefully the lovely weather will continue for us.

See you next week for our final week of this half term.

Mrs Chard

READING WORKSHOPS:

This week we held our final Year 1 reading workshop. Our Reception children also welcomed in their parents/carers to see what they get up to during a phonics session. It was lovely welcoming all of you into school. We hope you found the sessions useful.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Year 6 parents/carers - the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school is 31st October 2025.



For Primary school admissions, the deadline is 15th January 2026.

TIMETABLES:

PE timetables will be available from next week for the next half term. Please check to see when your child's PE sessions are as there are a few changes to the timetable. Just a reminder that on PE days, children can come to school in their PE clothes.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Our school photographs were taken today. Order forms will be sent to school for us to send home. We will email to let you know when we send them.



REMINDER:

Half term is Monday 27th – Friday 31st October. School will be closed.

PARENTS EVENINGS:

As we hurtle toward half term, please note that parent night consultations will take place during the week beginning 17th November. It is always lovely to welcome you into school to look at your child's books and give you the opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made since September. It is also a great way for you to ask any questions you have. You will be able to sign up for an appointment on **Arbor**. Please make sure you have logged in if you haven't already. We will email to let you know when the appointments are available.

NUSTEM PROJECT:

We were very lucky to have NUSTEM from Northumbria University working with us this week. On Wednesday the Reception children were delighted to welcome Mel from NUSTEM, who helped them step into the role of meteorologist. The children showed how **CURIOS, OBSERVANT, and COLLABORATIVE** they could be as they made their own windmills to study the wind and drew beautiful pictures after observing the clouds above. Everyone had so much fun learning about the weather, and we can't wait for Mel to visit Nursery next!

On Friday, our Y1 children took part in a workshop. As part of the session, it was great to see parents/carers coming into school to be part of it. Thanks for your support.



HARVEST:

Year 3 and Year 4 are well underway with learning their harvest songs. Next week they will be attending church to lead a harvest celebration. If you are able to join us, please do (see date sent out separately).

Next week, Early Years will be hosting harvest craft sessions for both children and parents/carers. Again, it would be great to see as many of you as possible at these sessions (see dates and times on information sent out)

BRUSH UP WORKSHOP:

Year 5 enjoyed our Brush Up workshop on Monday led by students from Newcastle University. We learned how to care for our teeth, what foods are good for them and what happens when you go to the dentist. We also had the opportunity to ask questions and find out about careers in dentistry.



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HALLOWEEN DISCO:

We are excited to be holding our Halloween parties next week. Please remember children need to come to school in their school uniform and bring in their costumes in a bag as they will get changed just before the parties start. Children don't need to bring in facepaints or fake blood as they won't have time to apply it. Please only send in costumes, and do not send accessories such as swords.

As ever, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help us decorate the halls prior to the parties and also to help on the night with the tuck shop. Please let us know if you are able to help.



SAFEGUARDING

As the clocks go back shortly and it starts getting darker earlier, please see below a link for a game linked with 'Be Bright, Be Seen.' <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

**5 top tips on how to
BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Hunter
Acorns	Malinsa
Saplings	Harlow
Beech	Boux
Elm	Laylah
Willow	Harley
Cherry	Logan
Maple	Rosie
Spruce	Blake
Cedar	Alfie
Oak	Imogen
Birch	Harrison
Pine	Lenny

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Trent
Key Stage 1	Ebenezer
Key Stage 2	Marley Imogen



FunClub

