

27th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

After what seems like weeks of cloud and rain it has been lovely this week to see some bright spring sunshine. Equally bright and shining have been the smiles and excitement from the children as they returned from their half term break. Despite it being a slightly shorter week this week they have been very busy in school starting their new topics. So that you know what they are doing the children in Years 1-6 will be bringing home their curriculum leaflet tonight so you might want to check their bags!

Looking forward, next week is National Careers Week and each class will be having planned activities as well as exploring different careers through books and videos. Please ask the children about the careers they have found out about and it would be great if you could talk to them about what you do too.

We also have World Book Day coming up on Thursday 5th March along with our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the studio. Details for the book fair are later in the flyer. There will be lots of exciting things happening on this day including visiting Heddon library, sharing books with children in other classes, a 'guess the reader quiz' and a special World Book Day themed school lunch! To make it easier, the children can come in PJs / onsies, dress as a book character or just come in non-uniform if they would like to. We look forward to an amazing day of fun and reading.

The children in Key Stage 2 are excited to share their poetry with you at our Poetry Exhibition which takes place on Wednesday 4th March between 3.15pm and 4.15pm in the studio. Please feel free to pop in after school to read some poems, complete our treasure hunt and maybe have a go at writing your own poem!

This week we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Piggott, lunchtime supervisor, who has left to take up new challenges and ventures. We would like to thank her for her long service and wish her all the best for the future.

Well done to Reception and Year 5 with the best attendance this week: an amazing 100%.

Well done to Year 6 for the best attendance for this year: 98.2%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and you have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,  
Headteacher



'Let all that you do be done with love'

1 Corinthians 16:14

Attendance Matters



**ATTEND** today...  
**ACHIEVE** tomorrow...  
**ATTENDANCE** matters.

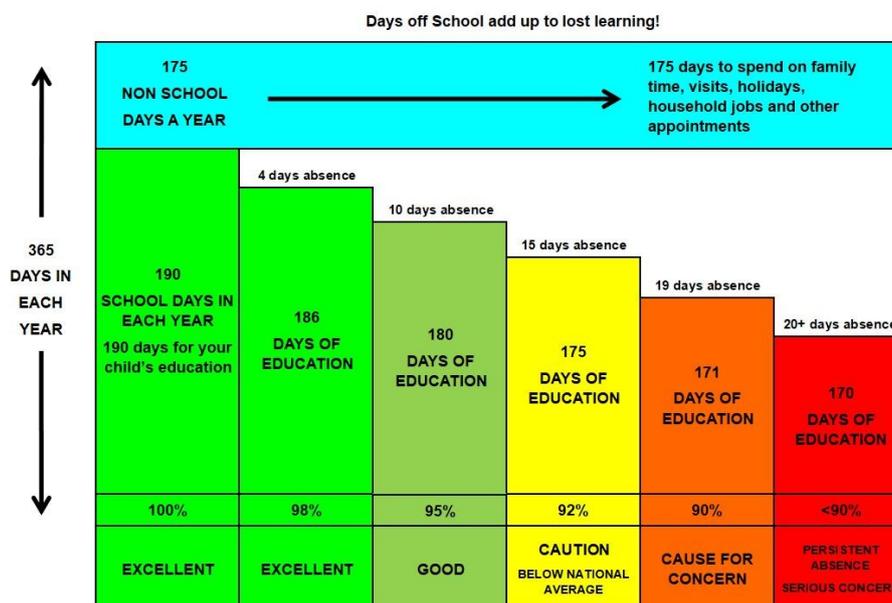


We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year	Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year
Nursery (Hedgehogs)	98.8%	96.7%	Year 3 (Gibside)	97.5%	97.2%
Reception (Owls)	100%	97.6%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	97.3%	95.5%
Year 1 (Wallington)	99%	96.4%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	100%	98.1%
Year 2 (Cragside)	96.8%	97%	Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	99.1%	98.2%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time .



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The Hedgehogs have loved playing in some much needed sunshine this week! They have also enjoyed learning all about the lifecycle of a butterfly in our new topic, 'How Does it Grow?'



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## A Busy Week in Reception.

Reception have had a brilliant first week back focusing on Little Red Riding Hood. We practised some traditional tale rhymes using Mrs Below's giant scrunchie; made puppets to re-tell the story and created story maps. A lovely week full of surprises!



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Learning

## Learning Joining Techniques in Year 1

In Design Technology this half-term we will be learning how to make our own hand puppets. Before we can make it we must first practice the key skills we will need. This week we were practicing how to join different materials by gluing and stapling them together.



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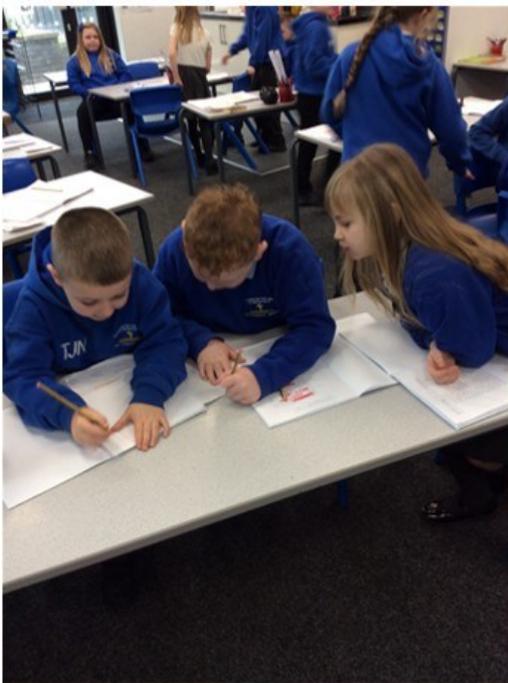
## Watercolour Portraits in Year 2.

This week Year 2 have been busy adding their finishing touches to their portraits of their Mum's ready for our Mother's Day cards. We used watercolour paints and mixed the colours and shades we needed before going over our outlines in a black fineliner. We think they look great and we can't wait to give our cards to our Mum's!



### A Busy Week in Year 3.

This week in Year 3, we have started the term with our new topic in PE - basketball. The class had an excellent time with Mr Walker learning how to dribble and control the ball. In English, we have started our new book 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. The class had fun predicting what the book was about and imagining how problematic the life of a miniature person would be.





In our science lesson today, we began our new topic of learning about different states of matter using different objects and generated discussions of this throughout the classroom.



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## Gymnastics with Year 5.

This week in gymnastics, Year 5 challenged themselves to travel along the bench with control, co-ordination and strong balance. They worked brilliantly in teams, encouraging one another and giving thoughtful advice to help improve each other's performance. During partner activities, they demonstrated excellent teamwork and focus, particularly when throwing and catching a ball whilst balancing on the bench. We are incredibly proud of their resilience, co-operation and the positive way they supported one another throughout the lesson.



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Ourselves

Others



## Converting Fractions, Decimals and Percentages with Year 6.

Year 6 children have been working hard in Maths lessons to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have used their knowledge of division and equivalence and will continue to apply these skills in our learning next week.



## Scholastic Book Fair: Thursday 12th March - Tuesday 17th March

We are excited to be hosting a Book Fair between Thursday 12th March and Tuesday 17th March. Every book that is purchased helps to fund free books for our school library and classrooms.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. It's also a great opportunity to purchase a book as an Easter gift!

How it works:

- If you'd like more information about the books available, visit

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

- Your child will be given a copy of 'My Book Fair Wish List' and the opportunity to look around the book fair during school time.
- If you are able to, come and browse the book fair straight after school, in the Studio, on Thursday 12th March, Friday 13th March, Monday 16th March or Tuesday 17th March.



Learning

Life



## Friends of Heddon Penny Drop

Heidi has asked me to let you know that our Penny Drop pot is starting to fill up. If you have any spare change, including coppers, feel free to drop them in and they will go to provide additional resources for the children in school.

Keep your eyes peeled as there will be some exciting OPAL Play developments happening in the near future!



Others



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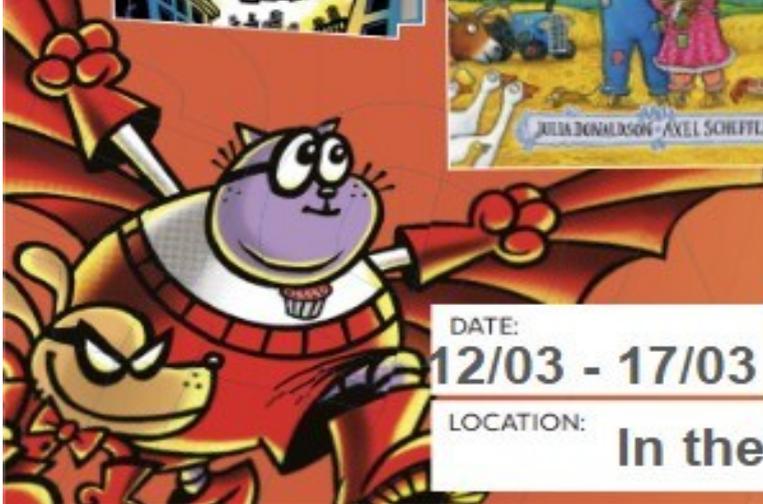
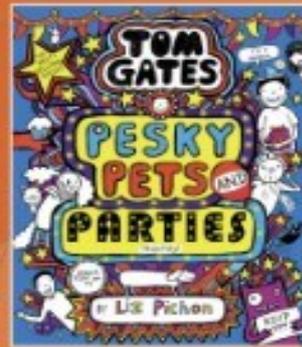
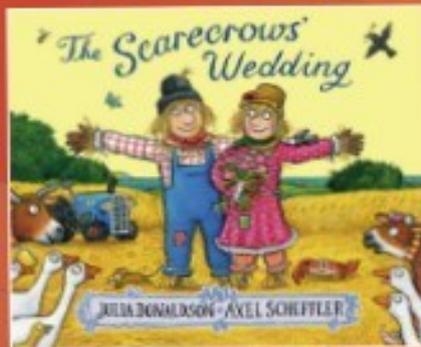
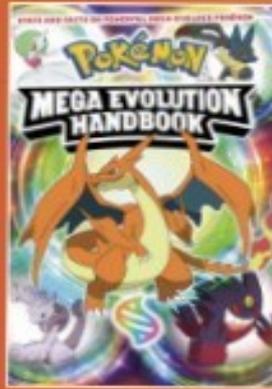
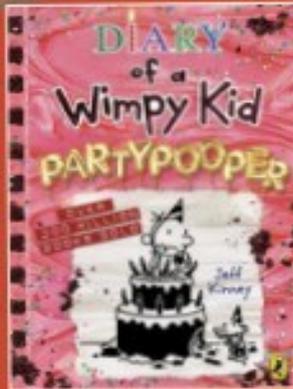
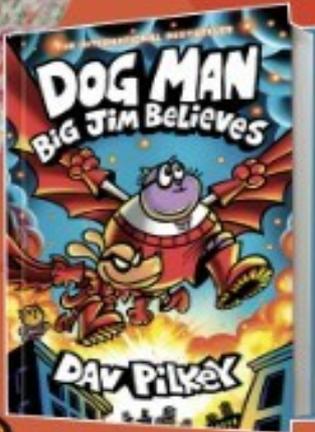


SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book  
you buy earns  
**FREE  
BOOKS**  
for our school!

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!



DATE:  
12/03 - 17/03

TIME:  
3:15 - 3:30

LOCATION:  
In the Studio

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National  
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Reading  
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## Dates for your Diary - Spring Term



w/c Monday 2nd March 2026	National Careers Week
Wednesday 4th March 2026	Northern Gas visit to Year 6
Wednesday 4th March 2026	Key Stage 2 Poetry Exhibition in the Studio from 3.15pm-4.15pm
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day
Monday 9th March 2026	Reception visit to Seven Stories
Thursday 11th March 2026	Y5 visit to the Discovery Museum
Thursday 11th March 2026	Toby Henderson Trust Pele Trust Coffee Morning at Ponteland Primary School—9.15am
Thursday 11th March 2026 - Tuesday 17th March 2026	Scholastic Book Fair in Studio
Friday 13th March 2026	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Mothers Day Service at St. Andrew's Church - 9.30am
Friday 13th March 2026	Key Stage 2 Mothers Day Service at St. Andrew's Church - 10.20am
Friday 13th March 2026	Choir at Ryton Festival (pm)
Monday 23rd March 2026	Year 6 SATS meeting for Parents in Year 6 classroom - 4.45pm-5.15pm
Thursday 2nd April 2026	Key Stage 2 Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church - 9.30am
<b>Friday 3rd April 2026</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

## Dates for your Diary - Summer Term



<b>w/c Monday 5th April 2026</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Monday 4th May 2026</b>	<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
w/c Monday 11th May 2026	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
<b>w/c Monday 25th May 2026</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAYS</b>
w/c Monday 1st June 2026	Made in the North East Week
Wednesday 10th June 2026	School Photographs (Class photos)
Tuesday 16th June 2026	Year 6 Diocesan Leavers Service at St. Nicholas' Cathedral
Wednesday 24th June 2026 - Sunday 28th June 2026	Year 6 Trip to France
Friday 3rd July 2026	School Summer Fair