

6th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fayre: It was great that the school was so busy and full of festive cheer on Wednesday; it really made our Christmas season begin on a high. The enjoyment on faces as prizes were won, or when children emerged from Santa's Grotto, was lovely to see. I was also so impressed with our community stalls – the range of goods on offer for gifts or treats was another highlight, and it was so good to be able to support our local community. If you bought a raffle ticket, it was drawn today at school by members of the school council and year 6 – the video of this will be uploaded on the school Facebook page and all prize winners can be found below. Congratulations if you were one of our winners - all prizes can be collected from the school office. Mrs Watson has been very busy counting the money and I am so pleased to announce that the fayre raised an astonishing £1150 for the school. Thank you to Mrs Appleby for leading on the organisation and for the fundraising team who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure everything was ready. Finally, thanks to everyone who came and supported this event.

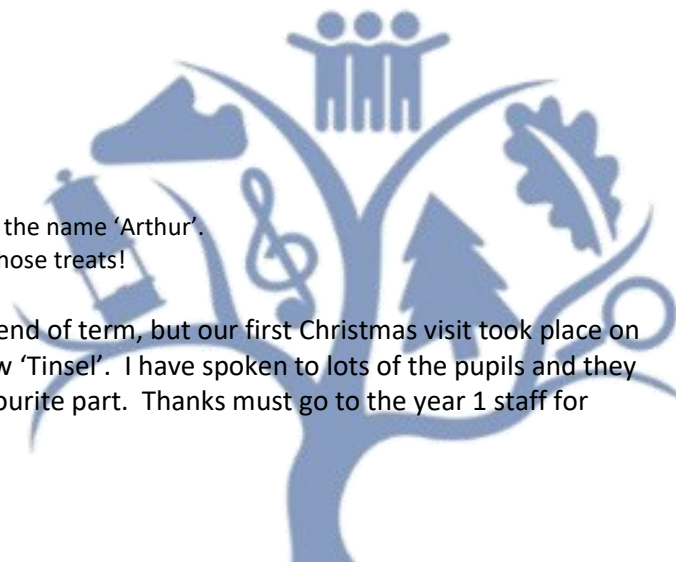
Raffle Winners:

Luxury Hamper – Darcy (6PP)
Hibiscus Therapies voucher – Imogen B (1MT)
Washington Wetlands Centre family pass – Max A (3DF)
MR Recycling voucher – Jorgie T (3DF)
Gaming Headset – Joseph C (3GB)
Gaming Headset – Travis (3GB)
Gaming Headset – Heidi (6PP)
Marshalls The Drive voucher – Darcy (6PP)
Ottoman Barbers voucher – Sophia H-H (5RN)
Polished voucher – Jack (5RN)
Celebrations chocolates - Carla Forrest
Christmas teddy/bunny – Emily-May (5RN)
Bottle of luxury wine – James Phelps
Bella's Fish & Chips voucher – Alana (2MA)
Passion 4 Fruits voucher – Adam W (6PP)
May Hong Chinese voucher – Mia W (5RN)
May Hong Chinese voucher – Joseph B (6PP)
Fraidy Cats game – Carla Forrest
Phlat Ball – Lewis (3GB)
Toy car – Thea T (6LM)
Beamish Museum voucher – Samuel B (6PP)
Lego set – Lexi (4AF)

Prize Winners:

Name the Gonk – well done to Lucas B (1AP) who correctly guessed the name 'Arthur'.
Guess the Sweets – the closest guess was by Poppy H (4BK). Enjoy those treats!

Year 1: There may still be another two weeks to go until the end of term, but our first Christmas visit took place on Thursday, with year 1 going to the Arts Centre to see the show 'Tinsel'. I have spoken to lots of the pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed the show, and told me all about their favourite part. Thanks must go to the year 1 staff for planning and organising the trip for the children.



Polar Express: Final call to all believers! There's still time to book tickets for J.F.K Polar Express evenings. KS1 night is Tuesday 10th December 3:45pm – 5:45pm. KS2 night is Thursday 12th December 3:45pm – 5:45pm. Tickets can be booked via ParentPay. Please see Facebook for more information.

Christmas Performances: Just a polite reminder of our year group performances next week:

Year Group	Date	Location
Year 5	Tuesday 10 th December	Wharton Park
Treehouse	Tuesday 10 th December	West Boldon Lodge
Reception (RES)	Tuesday 10 th December	ArtVenturers
Reception (RAM)	Wednesday 11 th December	ArtVenturers
Nursery	Wednesday 11 th December	Hardwick Park
Year 2	Friday 13 th December	Gibside
Year 3	Monday 16 th December	Sunderland Live Arena
Year 4	Tuesday 17 th December	Durham Gala Theatre
Year 6	Tuesday 17 th December	Silksworth Ski Slope

Nursery Christmas Trip: We're very excited for our Christmas trip to Hardwick Park next week. Please arrive at our nursery gates no later than 8:30am. We will arrive back at school at 1:30pm, we will keep you updated with texts if there are any changes to this time. Children are to come into school dressed in warm non-uniform clothing (Christmas jumpers are welcome). Please ensure your children wear a warm coat, woolly hat and gloves as some of the activities will take place outdoors in the forest area. Children will have a lunch break so please send a packed lunch in your child's backpack. We can't wait to go on the Stick Man trail and to get into the festive spirit!

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 89.44%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 93.67%. Unfortunately, this is significantly below the government attendance targets, as the expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. There is still time for all pupils to be included in the attendance prize draw at the end of term for either a family games night bundle or a Mister Twisters voucher. The draw will be for all pupils who have 96%+ attendance, or improved attendance since half-term. As a school, we need everyone's support to improve our attendance.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	83.67	89.00	86.00	85.00	89.17	73.46	96.15	87.41
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.00	95.77	94.07	95.04	87.08	95.38	97.86	84.58

JFK Superstar: I am so happy to share with everyone that Evie (5RN) completed her radiotherapy treatment at the Freeman Hospital today! After more than 5 weeks, she has been able to RING THE BELL to signal the end of her treatment!!!! Evie has been so brave and her family are immensely proud of her – as are we. She has been able to pop into school to join her friends on several occasions over the last few weeks, and it has been lovely to see her.



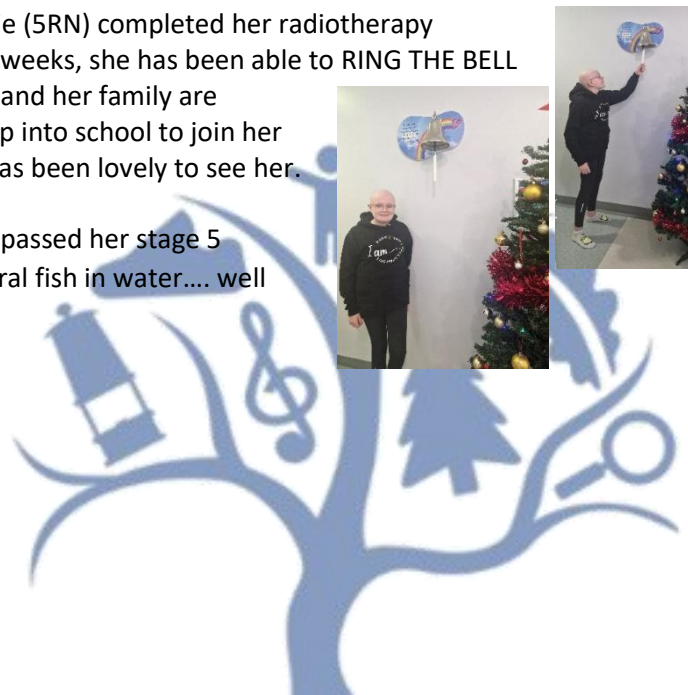
Congratulations to Poppy H (4BK) who recently passed her stage 5 swimming and is now started in stage 6! A natural fish in water.... well one Poppy!



Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



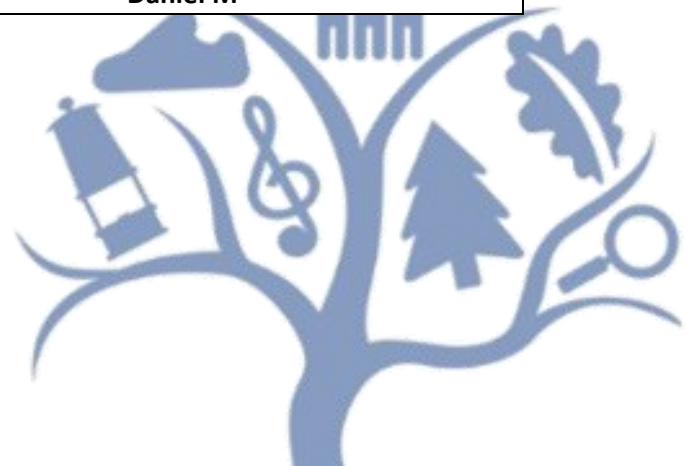


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Stars of the week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Zachary M Jessica F
	RAM	Dougie H Max M
Reception	RES	Beau H Thomas S
	1AP 1MT	The whole of Year 1 for their excellent behaviour on their Christmas trip!
Two	2MA	Elliott H Lachlan C
	2JW	Cecil R Mia M
Three	3DF	Stanley R Flynn W
	3GB	Evelyn M Sorch G
Four	4AF	Lara AM Tilly R
	4BK	Sofia S Isla Y
Five	5RN	Evie O
	5MA	Oliver H Ben G
Six	6PP	Chloe W Melody D
	6LM	Layla L Hope D
Treehouse	TLC	Mia J
	TNP	Daniel M



Timetables

PE Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE may still be held outdoors, therefore please ensure your child bring appropriate clothing.

Week Commencing: 9 th December		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		RAM
Wednesday		Nursery will not be doing Forest School as it is our Christmas trip day.
Thursday	Treehouse	
Friday		5MA – P.E 5RN - Swimming

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – ***long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible***. No additional accessories should be worn. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

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Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday	Nursery	1MT

