

WNA NEWSLETTER

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Ben's Blog

Dear Families,

Happy Friday. What a positive week back. As I mentioned in the letter to you on Wednesday, we are grateful for how well you have supported us to get the children back into the school routine. Whilst this can always be challenging at the start of an academic year, the vast majority of children have come back settled and full of smiles. **Please have a look at our new website which is now live! Any feedback is always welcome.**

One of the key phrases you will be hearing repeated this year is around building 'foundational skills' - what we mean by this is how we ensure your child develops in the following core areas:

- **Communication and Language:** Speaking clearly, listening carefully, and building vocabulary (oracy).
- **Reading:** Phonics knowledge and building reading fluency
- **Writing:** Transcription- is the mechanical process of putting spoken words and thoughts onto paper through handwriting, spelling, and correct letter formation.
- **Calculation (Maths):** Number sense, basic number facts, and simple problem-solving

In addition to this core offer, we will continue to provide a broad and creative curriculum with weekly opportunities to learn outside of the classroom, connect with nature, our community and beyond. Have a great weekend.

Kindest Regards, Ben



This week we said a huge 'Welcome back' to Ellie, who is back teaching our Year 4 children and to Renas who is enjoying her brand new role in the office alongside Jeanette. We have missed you both and are delighted to have you back!

Nursery News

Over the holidays, Hee Yun, our nursery teacher has unfortunately been unwell. While she is feeling better now she is not quite ready to come back to school. While she is recovering, the nursery children are in the very safe and capable hands of Grace and Donna. We wish Hee Yun a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to nursery very soon.



SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Years 1, 2 and 3
Voucher Prize Draw



£10



£10



£10

WNA 20 DAY CHALLENGE
Attend for 20 DAYS, WIN BIG!

22nd JUNE - 17th JULY

Attend every day for 20 days and be in with a chance of winning some awesome prizes! Prize Draw Friday 17th July.

Years 4, 5 and 6
Voucher Prize Draw



£10



£10



£10

Diary Dates

02.09.26- 20 day attendance challenge begins

23.09.26- Ways to wellbeing (Eating disorders) session for parents 9.00-10.15

29.09.26- Final day of 20 day challenge

02.10.26- National Poetry Day assembly at 2.30. All welcome.



School Uniform

We are delighted with the number of children who have arrived back to school looking smart in their school uniform.

We know how quickly your children are growing and might have found that their jumpers are a bit small for them. We have quite a big supply of pre-loved uniform thanks to some generous donations before the holidays.

If you'd like some more uniform please come and have a chat with Jeanette or Renas in the office.

Places we've visited this week...

This week has been very much focused on helping the children to settle back into the school environment. Some of our children did get to enjoy a visit to the Nature Park, where they noticed how the plants and environment have grown and changed over the summer weeks.

Reading books

Your child will be coming home with their new reading book over the next few days. Please take some time to share the book, talk about the story and enjoy the pictures. Having a chat about the book with your child really shows them how important and enjoyable reading is. Add a comment to their reading record to get them in with a chance to win a book too!

PE Clothes

On the day that your child is having their PE lesson, they can come to school wearing their PE kit.

This consists of a white tshirt and a pair of shorts. As the weather gets colder, they can wear their school jumper and a pair of jogging pants over the top to keep them warm. Your child's teacher will tell you which day this is.

No Football shirts to be worn.



Nature Park News

The children in Nature Park have had a fantastic few days back at school. It has been amazing to see their smiley faces, and they have had lots of fun catching up with their friends and staff. The children have been settling back into their new classes and have shown great resilience in their return to school. A special mention goes to our EYFS children, who have adapted brilliantly to the changes to our provision. Well done, everyone!



Home learning

We are in the process of printing and handing out log in details for Ed Shed and Times Table Rock Stars. These are programmes that we use in school to help the children with their spelling, reading and maths facts.

Children from Y2-6 will be able to log in from home and get some extra practice of their English and Maths skills.



Ways to Wellbeing

This month will see the return of our popular Ways to Wellbeing sessions, held by Children North East. Join us on 23rd September at 9am for our first session. Please see the flyer below for details of the sessions planned for this term.

