



## Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents,

Although it has been a short half term, there has been lots going on at school; an art afternoon for our school's entries for The County Show, Parents Evenings, educational visits and SATS week. May I take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children during this week, we are all so proud of their determination, resilience and maturity they have shown - they are a true credit to our community.

Next half term, we will begin selling lolly pops on a **Wednesday and a Friday**, with all profits going towards School Fund. These will be priced at 50p each.

Please remember it is Workshop Wednesday at 9am on Wednesday; all parents and family members are welcome to attend for an hour of History learning with their children.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### Sports Day and Beach visit!

We are pleased to announce that our annual Federation Sports Day will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm at The Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham**. Thank you to our wonderful PE lead, Mrs Makepeace, for leading this again this year. All family members are welcome and there will be our summer fair held in the grounds afterwards.

As well as this, we will be holding our **Beach visit on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, a letter will follow regarding this and we are thrilled to give the children this opportunity, every other year.

**Eden class** have enjoyed reading the story *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. We have been observing our class caterpillars, we are thrilled to see that they are growing bigger and are beginning to head to the top of the enclosure ready to make a chrysalis. Reception have learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and Nursery have enjoyed painting butterflies and threading beads to make caterpillars comparing them to see who had the longest. We have been super busy in our allotment and the children are enjoying taking care of the plants, watering them and by making our own fertiliser using banana peels, eggshells and coffee grounds. At home you could play 'snack subtraction' with your child. Put a small number of snacks on the plate (start with 5 or fewer). "Let's count: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5." Ask the child to "take away" some snacks. "Can you eat 2?" Count how many are left together. "Now let's see how many are left: 1, 2, 3."

This week in **Clyde class** we have been exploring money, identifying which coins we would need to make a particular amount. We have also been solving money problems using the four operations to support us. In English we have been looking at using expanded noun phrases and creating a plan to start writing a narrative Linked to our class reader *Tiddler*. Year 1 have continued to practise reading nonsense words and applying their phonics knowledge within their writing. During PE we have had lots of fun exploring outdoor and adventurous activities which has helped improve our listening skills. In Science we have been looking at a variety of habitats including micro habitats and learning what living things you can find within them. To continue to support your child's learning at home explore the value of different coins and allow them to use the money when you go to the shops.

This half term has gone incredibly fast in **Danube class**! In English, we have been learning about the features of a diary and will be using our new knowledge from our guided reading book '*Maximus Gladiator*' to write our own diary entry from the perspective of a gladiator. The children are very much enjoying '*Matilda*' by Roald Dahl, our class author this year. In maths, we have had a fantastic start to our topic decimals and will move onto money after half term. In science, we have been investigating states of matter and the changes in characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. In History, we are coming to the end of our topic Emperors and Empires which will culminate in an exciting sensory visit to Housesteads in the last week before half term. Please continue to support your children through daily reading, Spelling Shed and Sumdog. The Year 4 national statutory multiplication tests begin after half-term. The children can practise their times tables on Emile - [Emile Education Games](#) (login details in their diary) and I will set a multiplication challenge on Sumdog over half-term. If you have any problems, please email in.

This week, **Mississippi Class** have enjoyed linking our History topic, '*Groundbreaking Greeks*', into our writing. The children explored Ancient Greece using the VR headsets and have begun writing narratives inspired by Greek mythology. In maths, the children have been solving decimal calculations, using tens frames and number lines for support. We focussed on using decimal complements to one to help us solve problems. We also enjoyed another chapter of our guided reading text '*Who Let the Gods Out?*' which the children are loving. They made predictions on what could happen and enjoyed sharing these with each other. Can the children summarise the story so far at home?



## Let's Celebrate!

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

**Learning Award - Bonnie, Brooke, Harriet**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - Harris, Parker**

**Etiquette Award - Cameron, Phoebe**

**Environmental Award - Jasper, Poppy**

**Kindness Award - Oscar, Ruby**

**Inclusion Award - Charlotte**

**Friendship Award - Cooper**

**Role model Award - Cadence, John-Paul, all of Year 6**



### Weekly Attendance:

Eden -	92.55%
Clyde -	94.68%
Danube -	96.58%
Mississippi -	95.88%
Whole School -	95.15%

Our attendance target is 96%, please help your child's class reach this target by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

### **Workshop Wednesday and Homework**

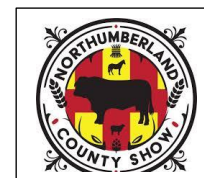
Just a quick reminder that our next Workshop Wednesday will be next week on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Parents/families are welcome to attend to join in the learning with their children.

If possible, please can homework be in by this date too as we would really like to display these in the hall for all our community to see.

## The Northumberland County Show

We are thrilled to tell you that both Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools have been asked to produce artwork and enter the Northumberland County Show's children's competition this year.

The County Show will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and celebrates the agriculture, farming, food and culture of our local area. As we are taking part in the competition, every child in our Federation has received a free child entry to the event via the wristbands given out today.



### Teacher training days confirmed for 2026-2027

Teacher Training days have now been confirmed with our Trust and Northumberland County Council these will be:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027      Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027**

### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 - 6 Roman Housesteads visit**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Workshop Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Trust Training Day, School closed**

**Half Term - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - School Class Photos**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 5 and 6; Lockerbie Residential**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - West Tyne Federation Sports Day - Wentworth**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3.4 to Alston Moors**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Federation Beach visit - whole school**

### A Final Thought...

Rest is not the absence of activity but the presence of peace

**Jo Saxton**