



# Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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## A Message from the Head Teacher

It is lovely to see the summer finally arrive with some glorious weather! Please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and (if needed) suncream in school.

We are very much looking forward to our yearly Federation Sports Day on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm**. Can we please ask that you return the Sports Day letter stating if your child needs transport back to school as soon as possible; if we do not need this, we will not have to order a bus for the return journey.

Our Federation Beach Day is coming up on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of the academic year with the children.

End of year reports will be out in the last week of term and please find enclosed classes for next year, best wishes, Mr Glenton

## Attendance - We need your help!

For the first time in three years, we are currently sitting just below national average for our attendance figures. Schools are judged on the attendance data for the year as this shows the amount of learning missed throughout the school year.

We understand that there is illness where children can not be in school but please can we ask for a big push on ensuring children are in EVERY DAY for the next three weeks. This is so children can benefit from the last cycles of learning and we can finish our schools in a stronger position.

Thank you for continuing to support us in this.

### EDEN

In Eden class we have been reading the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' and we have learnt about the issue of plastic pollution, particularly in the ocean. We have been exploring how we could make a difference through recycling and reusing. We reused plastic milk bottles as watering cans to help water our allotment. In Maths we have been exploring 2D shapes further. We used shapes to create pictures and puzzles. We loved learning about Tangram puzzles. We have explored what other shapes we can make when manipulating shapes, for example using two triangles to make a rectangle. At home ask your child if they can retell the story of Someone Swallowed Stanley.

### CLYDE

Clyde class have been busy learning to tell the time in maths and applying what they have learnt throughout the day using the class clock. We have been exploring our local area identifying human and physical features linked to geography. In science we had lots of food and great discussions on creating food chains and finding out what sea animals like to eat. We have started to look at what adjectives we can use to describe Zog from Julia Donaldson to create a character description using expanded noun phrases. In RE we have explored special objects within holy places and we visited the church to see if we could identify these objects. To support your child with their learning at home discuss what time they do certain activities at home using a clock.

### DANUBE

How have we got to the final half term already?! In English, we have been learning about narrative writing and the children will write their own adventure story linked to our geography topic volcanoes, using figurative language. In maths, we completed our money topic and have now moved onto shape. In science, we have been investigating electrical circuits and exploring different components. In geography, the children are enjoying volcanoes and earthquakes and asking questions such as where they tend to happen and why. Please continue to support your children through their homework, daily reading, Spelling Shed and SumDog. The year 4 children were superb during their statutory multiplication checks and their secure knowledge of times tables will help them exponentially throughout their maths learning journey. Ask the children about similes, metaphors and personification!

### MISSISSIPPI

This week in Mississippi Class, we have been re-telling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur, using a playscript to support us. This involved using lots of direct speech and the use of 'show me, don't tell me' sentences to show character emotions or actions. In maths, we have been learning about shape and exploring types of angles as well as how we can measure angles. In PE we have been practicing athletics in preparation for Sports Day and in DT, we have been designing our own stuffed toys which we are beginning to create using running, blanket and cross stitching. We have also been continuing our learning on Ancient Greece. This week, we have explored how men and women lived in Ancient Greece and wrote a letter to King Minos regarding this. Can the children explain the roles of men and women in Ancient Greece?



## 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 - Henry, Harrison, Niamh, Hannah B**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - John-Paul, Charlotte, Katie**

**Etiquette Award - Benjamin, Faith, Jonah**

**Environmental Award - Daniel, Brooke**

**Kindness Award - Harris, Jett**

**Inclusion Award - Phoebe, Briar**

**Friendship Award - Brooke, Jack, Bonnie**

**Role model Award - Gracie, Charlie, Poppy**



### Weekly Attendance:

Eden - 76.92%

Clyde - 93.95%

Danube - 97.22%

Mississippi - 100%

**Whole School - 94.38%**

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

## A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Ritson, who has made and donated over 70 bird house sets for the children to decorate, construct and take home. The children have been very eager to start these, and it is a wonderful project for all our community to get involved in.

Look out for a bird house 'winging' its way home with your child in the next few weeks!



### Classes for next year

	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Early Years	Miss Thompson	Mrs Brachtvogel, Mrs Liddle
Year 1.2	Mrs Makepeace	Mrs Rowland, Mrs Crawford
Year 3.4	New teacher (to be recruited next week)	Miss Eames, Mrs Mowbray
Year 5.6	Miss Teasdale	Miss Eames

### 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**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### Dates for the Diary

**W/C 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Transition days for William Howard and HBHS

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Federation Sports Day at The Wentworth - 1pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Move up day for all children

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' assembly for Year 6 - 2:45pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Federation Beach Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - School Closes for Summer Holidays -  
reopens **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

### A Final Thought...

'Summertime is the best time to be wherever you want to be'

**Anon**