



# **Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

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### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

Dear parents and carers

As we race towards the summer holidays, we have lots of exciting events to look forward to; Workshop Wednesday, a Planetarium visit, a residential to Lockerbie and a residential to London, Sports Day, Move up day and a school picnic (weather permitting!)

This term also brings with it the statutory tests that children in primary schools have to take, from Year 6 SATs, to Year 1 phonics screening, to the Multiplication times table check in Year 4. Some of these have already been administered and the children have been so focussed and determined to do their best; they have been a real credit to us all.

Move up day will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July where children will progress to their next year group and some will be meeting a new teacher or entering a new classroom. The organisation for next year will be confirmed as soon as possible and parents and children will be informed soon.

Best wishes

Mr Glenton

### **Are our children active?**

We have been working with RISE to monitor how active our children are during the school day. They have asked if parents could fill in the quick survey to help with their data gathering and with ideas on what we can do to increase the physical activity of our children.

Please use the link below if you would like to share your views.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPLXSLK>



### Eden Class

Reception have had a great first week back and have enjoyed routines in preparation for starting year 1, such as joining in with whole school assembly and morning break. They have also begun writing the full date in their exercise books, well done! In maths we have explored sharing and grouping, we discovered that sometimes there is one left over and linked this back to our prior learning of odd and even numbers. In literacy we have continued to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing sentences. In PE we are working on our athletics skills and had fun learning how to long jump. At home you could play games that involve sharing out cards/items equally between players such as snap or dominoes.

### Clyde Class

This week we have been looking at features of a diary in English and started to think of our own ideas to include in our diary linked to Katie Moran.

In maths we have been exploring fractions of shapes and quantities.

During RE we have been looking at how different religions show belonging by identifying symbols linked to their religion. We have also had great fun creating some artwork linked for the Roman Wall show. Please continue to read with your child at home daily.

### Danube Class

In Danube Class this week, we have started our new theme 'Interconnected World'. The children have been finding out how to plot symbols on a map using compass directions.

In science, we found out all about our teeth and what their functions are.

In maths, we have been finding out about coins and their value. We have been counting amounts, making amounts and estimating amounts. In English, we have started our diary entry. We are writing a diary entry as though we are Lil - the main character from our guided reading text 'Secrets of a Sun King'.

### Mississippi Class

In English, we have looked at arguments for and against using animals to intervene in human medicine, inspired by our current in-class book Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. The children considered the ethics around animals and medical research with some excellent discussion. We then wrote persuasive speeches based on how each of us felt. This half term we will continue with Pig-Heart Boy and begin the final book in a trilogy, The River Prince by Saviour Pirotta. In maths, we are currently learning about perimeter, area and volume, moving onto ratio shortly. In science, our new topic is living things and their habitats and in Geography we will be learning about our everchanging world. Please continue to support your children through daily reading,

Sumdog, Spelling Shed and times table practise.

Ask them to test you on their times table knowledge!





### Our School Promise

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

Learning Award - Andrew

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Hope, Theon, Ruby

Etiquette Award - Charlie

Environmental Award - Melody

Kindness Award - Shay

Inclusion Award - Phoebe

Role model Award - Jack (Y6)



### Attendance:

Eden	-	80%
Clyde	-	99.4%
Danube	-	92%
Mississippi	-	100%

### Whole School - 95.3%

Currently, our whole school attendance is just above the national average - thank you so much for working with us to give your child the best education by having them in school as much as possible.

Headteachers can no longer authorise family holidays during term time. As per our partnership agreement with our 12 other local schools, an unauthorised absence of 5 days or longer will result in a fixed penalty notice.

### Teacher Training Days 2025 - 2026

Our teacher training days have been confirmed for next year and there will be three of these:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026



### Emotional coaching Workshop for Parents

After training sessions for all staff regarding helping children to emotionally regulate and support their mental well-being, we have been offered a parental workshop on helping parents support their children through emotional coaching. This will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 3pm in the school hall. Please contact the office if you would like to secure yourself a place in this free workshop.

### Developing our classrooms

We have been developing our classrooms at Greenhead and now have a single Early Years unit for Reception and Nursery, which is bursting with provision and activities for our youngest children to enjoy. We have been able to move Year 1.2 into a larger classroom and have now made a dedicated areas for group work and for a library, we can't wait for you all to see it!

### Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Planetarium into school (for Year 3-6)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Workshop Wednesday, 2:15 - 3:15pm (Early Years to Year 2)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Workshop Wednesday 9am - 10am (Year 3 to 6)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 visit to Newcastle Cathedral - leavers' celebration

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Father Steve Worship assembly

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 residential to London

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5.6 residential to Lockerbie

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Emotional coaching workshop for parents

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - WHS transition day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - West Tyne Federation Sports Day at the Wentworth Leisure Centre - 1pm to 3pm. All family members welcome to attend.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Move up day - all children to next years' classes

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - HBHS transition day

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - School picnic 2pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 leavers' assembly 2pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of school. School reopens Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### A final thought

When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure