



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to summer term as we now find ourselves in May (where has this year gone?) We hope you have all had a fantastic Easter holiday and it has been wonderful to see all the children come back to school rested and ready for the opportunities our new term will bring.

There will be a lot to look forward to this term; with 2 residentials, a beach visit and sports day - details of these events will soon follow in the next few weeks. As the weather continues to (hopefully) turn more sunny and warm, please could parents and carers ensure that children have water bottles, suncream and hats in school with them at all times.

As it is such a short half term, there will be no homework projects set for the coming three weeks, however, please continue to read with your children at home and complete activities on Sumdog and Spelling Shed.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Our Federation Dance Festival

Greenhead and Henshaw Primary schools, once again, competed in our Federation dance festival this year at Haltwhistle leisure centre. As you could see from the videos posted to our Facebook page, the standard of dance was very high across all classes. It was really wonderful to see the children's confidence blossom as they performed their routines to the other children.

Unfortunately, the judges had to choose only one winner from each school (a very difficult decision) - congratulations to Danube class and Nile class; this year's proud winners of our Dance Festival. Check out the wonderful dancing on our Facebook pages.



EDEN CLASS

Eden class have begun our growing topic by reading the story Errol's Garden. We discussed the difference between life in the city and life in the countryside, looking at why some children might not have a garden. We have started to plan our allotment and have made a list of what we would like to grow this year. The children have created wonderful drawings of plants after looking for plants in our local environment. We really like the bluebells in the forest. In maths we have started to explore teen numbers using our super subitising knowledge and ten frames. We know that a teen number is made of ten and ones. We will play games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf' and games involving recording scores using a tally to further develop our understanding. At home you could go on a walk and make a list of all the different plants you see.

CLYDE CLASS

In Clyde class we have had a lovely first week back. In Maths we have been exploring coins and notes and counting coins to find the total amount. In English we have started to look at kenning poems and looking at the features of them. We have also been enjoying the lovely weather by doing some ball skills during PE. In Science we have been comparing the weather between the seasons and discussing what happens to the temperature.

Your child will get their new reading book this week, please continue to support your child with their reading and practise their spellings at home.

DANUBE CLASS

In Danube class this week, we have started to find out about the work of Howard Carter and his finding of the tomb of Tutankhamun. In English, our focus has been on using sentence starters to help create tension in our work using wide, imaginative, rich vocabulary to describe characters, and children have learnt about how to use possessive apostrophes in their work. We have begun our new module on time in maths and the children have been reading the time to 5 minutes. If you could encourage your child to read the time at home on an analogue clock this would help them enormously. The children had an amazing time this week at their first swimming lesson at the Wentworth Centre - they were positively buzzing! Well done to everyone for giving it their all and trying their best.

MISSISSIPPI CLASS

In English, Mississippi have begun learning about the important work of Nelson Mandela and will write a biography about his life's work. We have also started two new reading books, Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman and The River Queen by Saviour Pirotta. In maths, we have started the term looking at skills in column addition and subtraction, long multiplication, long division and multi-step problems. In science, our new topic is light. The children in year 6 continue to prepare for their SATs commencing the week beginning Monday 12th May. Please continue to support your children through reading, Sumdog, Spelling Shed, times tables and for year 6's the last few weeks of preparation for their SATs.

Ask them to tell you about what they have been reading in class!



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 - Evie B

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Oskar

Etiquette Award - Shay

Environmental Award - Mississippi class

Kindness Award - Ruby, Gracie

Inclusion Award - John-Paul

Friendship Award - Hannah W



Attendance:

Eden - 100%

Clyde - 98.5%

Danube - 97.5%

Mississippi - 97.2%

Whole School - 98.3%

Currently, our whole school attendance is 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

Upcoming Residentials

We are incredibly lucky to be able to offer two residentials to pupils in Key Stage 2 this year; Our yearly Lockerbie visit for pupils in Year 5 and 6 & a visit to London (with our Trust partners at Newbrough and Wark) for our Year 4 children.

There will be a meeting to go over last-minute arrangements for the London visit on **Friday 16th May at 3:30pm** at Greenhead Primary School.

There will also be a meeting to go through arrangements for Lockerbie on **Thursday 22nd May at 3:30pm** at Greenhead Primary School.

Our lovely, new reading areas

We have been developing the areas within classrooms for the children to read in - especially with a focus on reading for pleasure - we do love our reading at Greenhead Primary School!



Dates for the diary

Monday 5th May - Bank holiday Monday - School is closed

Wednesday 7th May - RISE at Greenhead (active playtimes workshops)

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May - SATs week for Year 6. Free breakfast club provided for Y6 children.

Please let the office know if your child would like to attend from 8:15am.

Friday 16th May - Parents meeting at 3:30pm - London residential

Thursday 22nd May - Parents meeting at 3:30pm - Lockerbie residential

Week Commencing 26th May - Half Term week

Monday 2nd June - Children return to school

A final thought

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine

Lola Straus