

Welcome to this bumper edition of news. The summer term has been so busy that it has been difficult to even find the time to put together this update which is why it is coming to you now. We hope that you have enjoyed the first few days of the school holidays. Everyone deserves a good rest judging by the level activity that you can read about below! We look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 2nd September.

## Linking Project

Skylark class enjoyed a visit to the Laing Art Gallery so that they could meet up with their new friends from Hedworthfield Primary School in Jarrow. They have been sharing experiences throughout the year, finding out about the differences and similarities between the schools. What a lovely way to round off the project.



## Year 6 Leavers

The leavers' assembly was a wonderful celebration of our Year 6 children's time at Allendale Primary School. It was an upbeat and joyful celebration that reminds us just how much the children have grown and developed over the years. We are extremely proud of them all and wish them all the very best at their next schools. Please make sure you come back and visit to tell us how well you are getting along.



## Word Millionaires

8 Children who read and quizzed more than a million words each, visited The Forge for a celebration treat. Milkshakes and cake were enjoyed by all and there was a final chance to view the amazing artwork in the upstairs studio too. Well done to those children who have demonstrated such a love of reading. The total number of words read by those 8 children was over 13 million!



## Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support our sports day. After last year's complete washout, we couldn't have hoped for better weather. The children competed with great sportsmanship, supporting each other and having fun in the hot weather. Ice lollies at the end were a welcome refreshment. Well done to our eventual winners, Segedunum House.



## Preschool

Allendale Primary School have been approached by Allendale Pre-school to ask if we would consider incorporating them into the school. Governors of the schools have agreed that we will work towards this with a timescale of January 2026. We think that this is a fantastic opportunity to bring the two organisations together under one roof. It will mean that Allendale Primary School will be able to provide education from children from age 2.

Whilst there is still a lot of work to be done and detail to be finalised, we do know that the new Nursery provision will be in our Early Years building where Allstars currently reside. Allstars will move across to the main building.



## Sport

As is usual during the summer term, there have been lots of sporting opportunities. KS2 girls headed off to Corbridge Middle school where their Year 8 Sports Leaders ran lots of football skills sessions on yet another sweltering day! Year 4 & 5 children headed off to cricket and tennis festivals and Year 5 & 6 visited Haydon Bridge High School. Sports leaders there were extremely capable and laid on a variety of activities that the groups enjoyed taking part in.



## The Big Walk

Congratulations to all of those children and their families who took part in the Sponsored Walk to help raise funds for the school, in combination with Allendale Sports Club.

The event commenced at the Sports Club with an energetic warm up just to get everyone in the mood!! Then all set off on a 5 kms walk following a cross- country route with some stretches presenting quite a challenge! Everyone completed the course in record time and were warmly applauded on arrival back at Allen Mill.

Here a BBQ and cakes were on offer to top up energy levels whilst music and a tombola provided extra entertainment.

What a lovely event it was – our thanks to all involved

## Digital Parenting in the Summer Holidays

Whether you're looking forward to a summer of family fun or dreading the holiday juggling act, we're here to help with the digital side of things. If you follow our simple Rules, Tools and Conversations approach, you'll find technology can help you get through the holiday without a summer of excessive screen time and digital meltdowns.

You will find a helpful Parentzone guide attached with this newsletter.

## Hindu Temple

Years 4 – 6 visited the Hindu Temple in Newcastle to support the work they had been doing in RE this term. They were fascinated by the building and everything the Rabbi had to say. On the way home, they popped into Hexham Abbey so that they could make a contrast with what they had seen in the morning. Overall it was an extremely valuable experience.

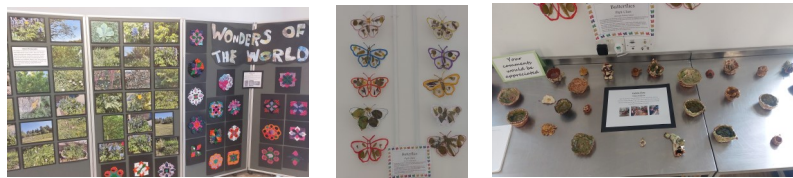


## Diwali Celebration

Rather ambitiously, Curlew and Kestrel teachers also organised a Diwali celebration on the penultimate day of this term. This rounded off their topic on India and gave an opportunity to taste a variety of spicy Indian food.

## Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who visited our art exhibition in The Forge and to all those who left lovely comments in our visitor book.



## Transition

This year, children enjoyed 2 afternoons with their new classmates and teachers. Activities ranged from outdoor learning to arts and



crafts and writing. Everyone seemed to really enjoy their sessions and are looking forward to working together from September.

## Music Concert

Our music concert was a huge success. Many positive comments were received in school from those who came to watch. Lovely performances showcased the amazing work that the children have been putting in during class and individual lessons. Thank you to Curlew Class for playing the steel pans. We will be continuing with steel pan tuition next year for Curlew and Kestrel Classes. Well done to our violinists, guitarists and ukulele players. All of the children were so confident in their performances. We can't believe that some have only been playing for a few weeks.



## Awards

We were really pleased to see the work of the Eco Council recognised with the awarding of our Climate Schools certificate. To achieve the award, they had to plan and implement at least 10 new initiatives which ranged from food recycling to battery storage in the sports hall. Other projects included the continuation of recycling schemes, suggestions for an electric vehicle charging point and planting trees in the school grounds. Well done to everyone involved.

We are also very proud to have been awarded the Platinum Sports Mark award for our commitment to sport across the school. This award is only available to schools who have already achieved the Gold standard for 4 years in a row. It recognises our commitment not only to PE in curriculum times, but also to extra-curricular activities, festivals and competitions as well as active lessons and play-times.



## Be You Newsletter

Attached with this newsletter you will find the latest issue of Bee You which is packed full of useful advice for parents of neurodiverse children.



## Book Fair

Year 6 children worked hard to put on the book fair this year. They show great enterprise with the variety of activities and competitions that they organised to keep all of the younger children busy and engage with book related tasks. School will receive a commission on the books sold, and this money will be used to buy new books for our school library in September.



## Dates For Your Diary

1st September Teacher Training Day

2nd September Term Starts

### Term and Holiday dates for 2025 - 2026



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## Piercings

Please remember that no piercings can be worn during PE. These must be removed before sessions. Therefore, if your child is thinking of getting their ears pierced, the beginning of the summer holidays is the ideal time. This should mean that by September, piercings can be removed or not worn on PE days.