

This half term has really flown by! It's only been 4 weeks but as usual, we've managed to pack a lot in. I hope you enjoy seeing some pictures and reading about what the children have been doing. Everybody at Allendale Primary School wishes you a very restful half term break. Here's hoping that we get at least a little bit of sunshine!

Attendance

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Term-time holidays continue to affect our attendance figures this term. There are 13 school holiday weeks in which a family can take holidays.

Our target is to achieve 96% attendance for the school. The current position is shown in the information below:

	Today	This Week	This Term	This Year
All Classes	93.19	93.47	96.26	95.25
Curlew	91.07	92.86	96.58	96.64
Kestrel	97.06	94.71	95.71	95.36
Lapwing	88.89	93.33	97.38	96.95
Pipit	87.50	83.50	89.17	94.12
Skylark	94.64	96.43	98.74	96.71

Cricket Coaching

We are lucky to have cricket coach, Ben, taking some sessions for Skylark and Lapwing classes on Fridays. He has come to the UK for the summer season to play at Allendale Cricket Club and to work with young people in the area. Look out for information on Allstars and Dynamos for young players at the club over the summer months too.



Golf Pro

Curlew class have been enjoying coaching from golf professional Simon Kerr who is based at Brampton Golf club. The children are enjoying the sessions and will have the opportunity to join Mrs Dunn at Allendale Golf Club in the near future if they are keen.

Year 4 Athletics

Year 4 took part in an athletics competition against 8 other school at Ovingham Middle School last week. It was a fine afternoon with some sterling performances from our athletes.



KS2 SATs

Our Year 6 children have been working very hard completing their SATs tests this half term. They have shown consistently great attitude, worked hard and done their very best. We are very proud of them all. After all of the tests were over, they enjoyed a mid-summer snow day using all of their old practice papers! They also had a well deserved break in the nature garden to wind down.



Walk to School Week

This week has been another Walk to School Week, and what fantastic weather we have had. The children have been encouraged to think about why walking and cycling to school are so good. They have been finding out about the benefits to the environment and their health.

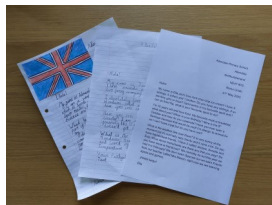
Wake Up, Shake up made a surprise return in the mornings too. Many thanks to Miss Shephard for running the sessions. It has been suggested that children would like to see the sessions on more often, so we propose to begin different activities on Monday mornings starting after half term.



Linking Schools

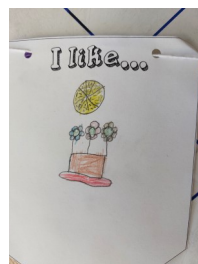
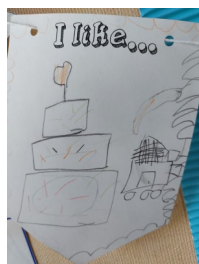
Past pupil, Daisy McClintock is currently taking a year out from her studies to teach in Honduras. Children across the school have been writing letters to tell them about life in Allendale.

Daisy is teaching her students English and they are busy writing letters to send to us. We very much look forward to receiving them.



In the meantime, Skylark class have been busy with linking activities too. They have shared a video call where they loved finding out about their new friends at Hedworthfield Primary School in Jarrow. They are now planning to meet up with their link school at the Laing Art gallery after half term.

It's great to find out about what life is like for primary school children in different areas of our country and the rest of the world.



Here is some of the bunting that the children from Hedworthfield Primary shared with us.

Dates For Your Diary

2nd June Term Starts

- 2nd June Yr4 Multiplication Tests this week
- 6th June Yr6 Athletics at Wentworth
- 9th June Book Fair all week
- 12th June Yr4-6 Hindu Temple Visit
- 16th—18th June Yr6 Ford Castle Residential
- 19th June Skylark Laing Art Gallery
- 20th June Yr4/5 Girls Football Corbridge
- 26th June Haydon Bridge High Transition
- 27th June Yr5/6 Haydon Bridge High Sports
- 4th July Art Exhibition in The Forge
- 11th July Sports Day
- 16th July Music Assembly
- 18th July Leavers Assembly
- 18th July Summer Holiday**

Safety & Wellbeing

New Tools to Manage Roblox

At the beginning of April Roblox announced some new tools which will allow parents a greater degree of control over their child's Roblox experience. These tools include:

- Limiting who their child can connect with.
- See which experiences (games) their child plays the most.
- Limit experiences their child can access.

There's a lot more, all summarised in an article from Roblox [HERE](#)

Should Your Child Have a Smartphone?

It's the big question that's been around for years, but there's no single answer that will fit every age, there's no single piece of advice that will fit every family dynamic.

An interesting article that explores some of the issues can be found [HERE](#)

Be You Parent Newsletter

May 2025



Be you

Be Ready

As Year 6 children start to think more about their new schools, this can be a time for questions and some anxiety. The Be You newsletter attached has some useful ideas to support transition for children. The ideas are just as relevant for children who are changing classes within a school too.

If you need any support with transition for your child, please come and speak to us so that we can find ways to support.

Parent Survey

Unfortunately we received too few responses from the parent survey to give us an accurate picture of your views. Fewer than 10% of families responded.

If you haven't already responded, please take a few minutes to complete the questions by using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/TAkZJT7VxffwAgPn7>

Many thanks!