

It has been an amazing year at Allendale Primary School with so much packed in. When I look back at past newsletters it's wonderful to see pictures celebrating the successful events that have taken place. I wish to extend a huge thank you to all of the wonderful staff at APS who make our enriched curriculum possible. They all do so much for school, often giving up their own time to make it possible. I'd also like to thank our governors, who give their time freely to support and challenge the school to make it the best it can be. Finally, thank you to all of our families who support their children and us in so many different ways. Our strong links with the community really are one of our superpowers! Have a great summer. *Mr Vincent.*

Attendance

Good attendance is really important for ensuring that pupils meet their full potential. This is why we aim for 96% attendance or higher over the year.

Year	Attendance	Whole school attendance is currently 95.5%
Reception	94.2%	We have not met our target this year, which is disappointing as we know how much this will have impacted the children who have missed almost 10% of their schooling.
Year 1	96.2%	
Year 2	97.1%	
Year 3	95.3%	
Year 4	95.7%	We are having significant issues with children arriving to school late as well, which disrupts classes, makes for an unsettled start to the day and takes up office staff time in the morning. In September please arrive at school in time for our 8:55am start.
Year 5	93.0%	
Year 6	96.7%	

Indian Music and Culture

Earlier this half term we were very please to welcome Supriya into school to talk about Indian culture and share her music with the children. This linked with our topics on Asia and India that have been studied in school this year.

The children were very appreciative and listened well to the music which was very strange to their ears! They had very insightful questions for Supriya too.



Staff Changes

After 32 years of dedicated service at Allendale Primary School we are sadly saying goodbye to Karen as she heads off to pastures new. We are immensely grateful for everything she has done for our school and community over the years and truly wish her all the very best. I'm sure we'll be seeing her from time to time though.

Karen wishes to extend her own heartfelt thanks to everyone that has sent their well-wishes to her.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr Kiln who takes up a new position in September. We are extremely grateful for the knowledge and experience that Mr Kiln has brought to the school over the past 2 years and wish him all the very best in his new role.

Year 6 Leavers

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that we said goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children today as well. Seeing children grow and develop as they journey through the school is always a privilege. This group of children have been wonderful ambassadors for the school and have added so much to school life as they have taken on responsibilities and acted as role models for the younger children. We wish them all the very best as they head off to their next adventures. Don't forget to come back and visit us!



Bowls

Kestrel Class linked up with the Allendale Bowling Club for a session led by Craig which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It great to make these links with our local clubs. The members that helped out on that day were so welcoming and supportive to the children. Thank you!



Open Afternoon

It's the first time we have run an open afternoon and I hope you agree that it was a lovely occasion. The sun shone and everyone seemed to enjoy looking round the school and sampling some of the things we have on offer throughout the year. We'd love to make this an annual event and would be pleased to hear your feedback about it. Is there anything else that you would like to see? Feel free to pop a comment on your child's report acknowledgement or come and see us at Coffee & Chat in September.



Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who supported our art exhibition at The Forge once again. Thank you so much to The Forge for letting us use the space. It makes the children feel so proud to have all of their work displayed in a real gallery.



Online Safety

Roblox - Major Update to In-Game Reporting Tools

Roblox have made it simpler to report unwanted behaviours. You can find out more [here](#).



[Why is turning off screens so hard for children?](#)

Here's an interesting article if you are looking to reduce screen time over the summer holidays.

Music Concert

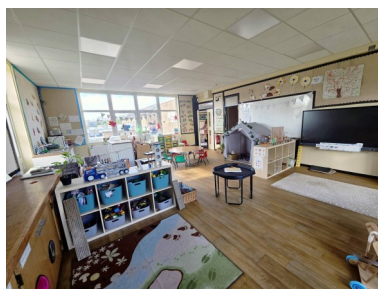
What a wonderful music concert we had on Wednesday with our violinists; guitar and ukulele players and steel pan groups. We're so lucky to have had the opportunity thanks to our expert music teachers. More information on lessons for next year will come out in September.



Nursery Places

Our nursery class (Wrens) has spaces available for children over the age of 2 who are ready to start in September. Please contact the office for more details.

We are always pleased to be able to show you around or arrange for trial sessions before starting.



STEM Day

We had a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths day where the children worked in mixed age groups on a variety of activities. The theme for the day was 'What is your question?' and the children explored a wide variety of topics. It was great to welcome teachers from HBHS as well as having our own staff helping children to explore volcanoes, water transportation, bridge building, exploding rockets and more.



Residential Visits

Since the last newsletter, Year 4 and 5 have been to Wastwater and Year 6 have been to Ford Castle. Both residential experiences are quite different but give the children the opportunity to try activities that they may not have experienced before and to push the limits of what they thought they could do.

Next year there will just be one residential, for Year 6 to Ford Castle. The year after, we will be back to Wastwater again with that year's Year 4 and 5.



Sports Roundup

There have been lots of sports activities this half term including our Sports Day, where we were lucky with the weather for most of it and enjoyed a variety of traditional and less tradition events. We welcomed Whitfield Primary to a BEE Netball event run by the school sports partnership and our very able sports leaders from Year 5 and 6. An after school football match saw Haltwhistle Primary visit to play Year 3 and 4. Year 5 & 6 visited Haydon Bridge High School to take part in a multi sport festival. Many children also had the opportunity to undergo cycling training on the Bikeability award scheme.



Puppet Workshops

Curlew and Kestrel classes enjoyed puppet workshops this half term from Life & Limb. They worked hard to make flying puppets with realistic movements. They were full of enthusiasm as they flew home at the end of the day!



Dates For Your Diary

- Tues 1st Sept
- Wed 2nd Sept

Teacher Training Day
Term Starts