



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy
Mrs. Angus's message...

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Break the Rules day



On 20th February 2026 we raised £1200. This fantastic amount went to the school council and they eagerly spent it on playground essentials and on books. Mr Routledge volunteered to go in the stocks he made himself. School council below took delivery of their order. The equipment is now in use in the playground.

Dear Parents,

What a very short half term it has been—but certainly one packed full of memorable experiences and opportunities for our children. Despite the reduced number of weeks, school life has been incredibly busy and purposeful.

Highlights have included:

- Parent meetings following Year 1 and Year 2 half-term reports - thank you for your continued support and partnership
- World Book Day, which was a fantastic celebration of reading across the school
- Pawz for Thought workshops
- A number of class assemblies, all very well attended by parents—thank you for joining us and supporting the children so positively
- Science Week, where children engaged in a wide range of exciting, hands-on activities, developing their curiosity and understanding of the world around them
- Year 2 visit to the beach to 'clean up'.

Our School Council have also been very active this half term. Following their work around road safety, we have now received a response from the council confirming that additional barriers will be installed outside school. This is a very positive step in helping to prevent cars mounting the pavement and reducing risk to our children and families.

Best wishes

HAPPY EASTER!

Wendy Angus





Nursery News...

Exciting times continue in Nursery and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Gill had a baby boy on 17th March. He is called Ananthroop meaning infinite and signifies the beauty of creation. Congratulations from everyone at school!

Thank you to all families who attended the parents as partners meetings over the last few days and to the staff for holding them all. I know you will appreciate the amount of time and preparation it takes for all staff. Hoping you all enjoyed the beautiful learning records in your child's journals.

The children have enjoyed sessions with the Beacon of Light 'Little Dribblers' last week. They sharpened their ball skills and team work and had lots of fun!

Year 2 beach clean

On Global Recycling Day -To raise awareness of the importance of maintaining clean, pollution free beaches to ensure the safety of seals, fish and other marine animals in our local area.



PAWZ 4 THOUGHT

We were delighted to welcome Lorraine and Julie from Pawz for Thought into school on World Wildlife Day (3rd March). They spoke to the children about the important work they do and brought along some of the animals they are currently caring for, including hedgehogs and bats, which the children found fascinating.

Following this, Lorraine supported our work on caring for the environment through a beach clean at Seaburn. Children learned about the impact of pollution on marine life and were reminded of the importance of recycling, taking litter from home and protecting local wildlife. The message that *everyone can take responsibility* really motivated the children to care for our seas and the animals within them.

A big thank you to Pawz for Thought for inspiring our children to make a difference.



World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, and what a fantastic effort from both children and staff! The school was filled with an incredible range of costumes—from the wonderfully eccentric *Mad Hatter* to the formidable *Miss Trunchbull*, alongside some brilliant *Matilda*'s and many other much-loved book characters.



Events like this really bring reading to life for our children. They remind us that books open the door to imagination, creativity and understanding of the world around us. Developing a love of reading is one of the most important things we can give our children, and it is something we continue to prioritise every day in school.

Year 1

Year 1 children have been busy this week making post trolleys for Katie Morag. They have learnt about axles and how they are essential to enabling the wheels to turn on their post trollies. They were taught how to safely cut their axles using a saw and clamps to keep the wood on place. Once completed, they were wheeled around the playground. Some repairs were needed!



Class 4 enjoyed plaiting bread as part of the Jewish celebration of Challah and Shabbat. They learnt that the 3 braids represent truth, peace and justice.

etc.a. Community Opportunities

AFFORDABLE FOOD HUB

SUNDERLAND NORTH

Thanks to Sunderland City Council and Steadfast Britain, Community Opportunities will be bringing an Affordable Food Hub to Sunderland North to help local residents struggling with the cost of living. The Hub will provide a range of nutritious food, household & cleaning items as well as personal care supplies at a low cost.

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

OPEN WEEKLY FROM THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2025 - 1.30pm-3.30pm

POINT SYSTEM BUYING

HEALTHY FOOD AVAILABLE

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AVAILABLE

Fulwell Windmill, Newcastle Road, Fulwell, SR5 10D
Community Opportunities: 0191 5373231



Family Fitness

We continue to promote healthy lifestyles and recognise the important role families play in keeping children active.

Local opportunities include Fulwell Quarry Parkrun (Saturdays, 9:00am) and the upcoming Roker Park Junior Parkrun (Sundays, 9:00am) for children aged 4-14.

These are fantastic ways to enjoy being active together as a family. We would love you to share any finisher photos, which we may include in future newsletters. In school, children are developing their understanding of physical activity and healthy living, and continuing this at home makes a real difference.

We hope many of you get involved!



Term 3 Diary Dates-Don't miss it!



Forest



School



FULWELL INFANT SCHOOL ACADEMY PARENT DIARY 2025-2026	
Dates subject to change and will be updated on the website. Dates also in fortnightly newsletters.	
TERM 3	
20.4.2026	RETURN TO SCHOOL
MAY/JUNE	RECEPTION assessments
6.5.2026	9.15am Class 8 assembly for parents
8.5.2026	9.15am Class 9 assembly for parents
11/5/2026	Reception hearing tests
18.5.2026	Walk to school week
19/5/2026	Reception classes visit to the Centre For Life
20.5.2026	AM Photatronics - Nursery and Year 2 leavers group photos
	4pm Reception parents induction meeting for September 2026 school start
21.5.2026	SCHOOL FINISHES (non-uniform day for Sofia)
22.5.2026	INSET day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
1.6.2026	RETURN TO SCHOOL
3.6.2026	Nursery visit in school from Zoelab
8.6.2026	YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREEN (until 12.6.2026 NO HOLIDAYS can be taken)
10.6.2026	1.45pm Reception new starters class visit
	4pm Nursery parent induction meeting
15.6.2026	BEACH WEEK (Geography and Art focused teaching block, our local environment). More information to follow from year groups.
15.6.2026	2.15-3.15pm Reception classes BOOK SHARING on field (rugs and deckchairs)
16.6.2026	2:15-3:15pm Year 2 classes BOOK SHARING on field (rugs and deckchairs)
17.6.2026	Nursery BOOK SHARING 9.30am-10.30 ER, AM FT Pines 1.30-2.30 L6, PM and FT Maples & Cherry Blossom
18.6.2026	2:15-3:15pm Year 1 classes BOOK SHARING on field (rugs and deckchairs)
26.6.2026	3.20pm summer fayre - stalls, rides etc on school playground and field
30.6.2026	Year 1 class 6 visit to Newcastle castle
1.7.2026	Year 1 class 5 visit to Newcastle castle
	Year 2 classes to Hartlepool
2.7.2026	Year 1 class 4 visit to Newcastle castle
6.7.2026	Filming of dance festival school plus Nursery
8.7.2026	Dance Festival
10.7.2026	Year 2 leavers concert filming
13.7.2026	Sports week (sports clothes / trainers worn all week except for leavers/awards assemblies)
	9.15am Year 2 awards assembly for class 1 (class 1 parents invited)
14.7.2026	9.15am Year 2 awards assembly for class 2 (class 2 parents invited)
15.7.2026	9.15am Year 2 awards assembly for class 3 (class 3 parents invited)
	10.30am Nursery leavers assembly 1
	2.30pm Nursery leavers assembly 2
16.7.2026	2.15pm Year 2 leavers concert *(class 1, 2 and 3 surnames A-M)
17.7.2026	9.30am Year 2 leavers concert *(class 1, 2 and 3 surname N-Z)
17.7.2026	Reports to parents
20.7.2026	3.20pm Year 2 leavers disco until 5pm
21.7.2026	2.30pm Reception graduation handover
22.7.2026	SCHOOL FINISHES (Next year school starts: Monday 7th September 2026)
* Hall capacity is 100 for the audience. No physical tickets will be issued but a tick list will be used at the entrance.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are welcome to swap tickets with another family to attend the performance that best suits them either together or separately. Each child is allocated two spaces only (maximum capacity: 100 in the hall per performance). If you arrange a swap, please inform the school office by email labelling the email "ticket swap" and including the names and class numbers of each child. All swaps must be place-for-place to ensure we do not exceed capacity 	
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