



# Little Miller's News



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

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Dear parents,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful school year, this newsletter celebrates some of the many wonderful learning experiences and achievements of our children. From Nursery's exciting visit from Zoolab, to Reception's strong Good Level of Development outcomes and Year 1's phonics success, there is much to celebrate.

You will also read about our work with Pawz for Thought to mark World Ocean Day, the many educational visits enjoyed by children across the school, our popular book sharing events with families and the exciting ITV coverage as Fulwell Infant School welcomed home former pupil and Lioness legend Jill Scott.

My thanks to our dedicated staff team who managed the school very effectively in my absence in the Autumn term. They work tirelessly for our children.

As always, your support is appreciated and helps make a difference for the children. Together we have ensured that our [have](#) enjoyed a rich, memorable and successful year filled with learning, laughter and magical moments. I look forward to working with all families next year. Wishing everyone a happy summer break.

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Please read the final  
page for the latest  
news updates...

**Nursery Enjoys a Visit from Zoolab!**  
Nursery children had a wonderful time when Zoolab visited school. The children were fascinated to meet a range of animals, including a frog, a snake and a millipede. They listened carefully as they learned interesting facts about each creature and were excited to have the opportunity to touch and hold some of them. The visit provided a fantastic hands-on learning experience, helping the children to develop their understanding of the natural world whilst building confidence and curiosity. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and hear the thoughtful questions the children asked throughout the session.





### Nursery Walk

Nursery children went out and about in the locality. They walked along past the doctors, the library, Tesco's and the vets as far as the post box.

## Class 7 visit Hays Travel

As part of their learning about journeys and the wider world, Reception Class 7 enjoyed a walk to Hays Travel. During their visit, they learned about different countries people can visit on holiday and discovered how travel agents help families plan and book their trips.

The children enjoyed looking at holiday brochures, discussing different destinations and finding out about the various ways people can travel around the world. They impressed staff with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

A huge thank you to the team at Hays Travel for making us feel so welcome and providing such an interesting and informative experience for our children.



## Pawz 4 Thought & World Ocean Day

To celebrate World Ocean Day, we were delighted to welcome visitors from Pawz for Thought into school. The children learned about the importance of caring for our oceans, protecting marine wildlife and how small actions can make a big difference to the environment.

A particular highlight of the visit was meeting two rescued baby seagulls. The children were fascinated to hear their story and learn how they were being cared for before being returned to the wild.



# Summer Sun and Beach fun!

Year 1

Making Memories and sharing  
Magical Moments...



## NURSERY SPLASHING TIME!

The Nursery children had a splashing time with sand, water and bubbles on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to parents for sending them well prepared for getting wet and sun protection!



## BEACH VISITS

As part of our outdoor learning and geography curriculum, each year group enjoyed a visit to Roker Beach. The children walked through the park before exploring the sandy area beside Grannie Annie's, making the most of the wonderful local environment on our doorstep.

During the visit, the RNLI lifeguards spoke to the children about staying safe at the beach. They learned about water safety, the meaning of the different coloured flags used for swimming and surfing, and how the flags help people identify the safest areas to enter the water.

The children also enjoyed a range of beach activities, including creating sand art using buckets and spades. They worked creatively together, building patterns, shapes and sculptures in the sand.

The visits were a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn outdoors, develop their understanding of beach safety and enjoy time with their friends in the fresh air. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who helped make the visits such a success.



## Sharing Our Learning

It has been wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their workbooks with parents and family members. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to celebrate their achievements, reflect on their learning, and explain the progress they have made.

These moments help build confidence and encourage meaningful conversations about their school experiences. Thank you for taking the time to look through their work—your interest and support make a big difference in their learning journey!





Look how tall the tower is...



## Year 1 Visit Newcastle Castle

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic visit to Newcastle Castle, bringing their history learning to life as they explored the Keep and discovered what life was like in medieval times. They were a real credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our staff, parent volunteers and the team at Newcastle Castle for helping to make the visits so enjoyable and memorable.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Hope and Miss Wilson, who quickly arranged alternative transport after unexpected Metro disruption on the Wednesday visit, ensuring Class 6 could still enjoy this valuable learning experience.

Well done to all of our Year 1 children for representing Fulwell Infant School so brilliantly.



Think I am ready for battle. eh!



I can't wait.





## Year 2 Visit to Hartlepool Historic Quay

Our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Hartlepool Historic Quay, where they explored the fascinating maritime history of the area and stepped aboard the magnificent sailing ship *Trincomalee*. The children were captivated by life at sea, learning about the ship's history and the experiences of sailors from the past.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life, and the children were, as always, a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers for helping to make the visit such a memorable and enjoyable experience.





**Dance Delight**  
Everyone enjoyed the day and  
the weather smiled on us!



# Year 2 leavers assemblies and Nursery too!



Thank you, children, for this week's assemblies for your parents. We are all very proud of you!



This week Year 2 enjoyed 'Pirate Day' as did their teachers. Not sure who got soaked the most as the pictures reveal. Then it was Reception's graduation. Parents came early and 'clapped' the children out. They have had a fantastic year and we are looking forward to them being in Year 1!



RECEPTION



GRADUATION





## Goodbye and Good luck Year 2

As another school year comes to an end, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children as they begin the next exciting chapter of their journey at their Junior School.

Over the past three years, we have watched them grow in confidence, develop new skills and make excellent progress in their learning. They have embraced new experiences, worked hard and shown just how much they are capable of achieving. We know they are ready to meet the high expectations and exciting opportunities that await them at junior school.

We hope they continue to enjoy learning, believe in themselves and cherish the friendships they have made during their time at Fulwell Infants.

Good luck, Year 2. We are proud of all that you have achieved and wish you every success and happiness in the years ahead.



# Latest news

## Forest School Expands:

Following requests from parents, we are delighted to be increasing our Forest School provision.

From September, every Reception and Year 1 class will take part in Forest School on a three-week rotating timetable, with class teachers joining Mr. Routledge to deliver the programme. Year 2 classes will access Forest School for an afternoon each half term, due to the constraints of both staffing and the curriculum as they prepare for key stage 2.

**Reception:** Monday afternoons

**Year 1:** Wednesday afternoons

Forest School will take place whatever the weather, helping children develop resilience, confidence and a love of the outdoors. Children will only need to bring wellington boots if weather conditions require them on the day they are attending. We have plenty of waterproof clothing in school to ensure everyone can enjoy the sessions, even in the rain Using Hagrid's Hut as their base. Children will take part in a wide range of exciting activities throughout the year, including woodland crafts, nature exploration, safe tool use and, later in the year, the opportunity to toast marshmallows over the campfire.

## First Forest School Block:

| Week Beginning | Reception        | Year 1              |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 14 September   | Class 7 (Monday) | Class 4 (Wednesday) |
| 21 September   | Class 8 (Monday) | Class 5 (Wednesday) |
| 28 September   | Class 9 (Monday) | Class 6 (Wednesday) |

This is the first block of sessions. Should any session need to change due to unforeseen circumstances, your child's class teacher will notify parents via ClassDojo. The timetable will then continue on its regular rotation, ensuring every class receives the same number of Forest School experiences throughout the year.

## Making the Most of Our Outdoor Spaces:

We also received many positive comments about outdoor learning and the importance of children being active. As a result, we will continue to maximise the use of our outdoor spaces throughout the year. Wherever possible, children will use the school field at break times until weather conditions no longer make this practical.

We will also:

- Continue to develop zoned play areas to encourage a wider range of sporting activities at playtimes;
- Re introduce the Daily Mile during afternoon playtimes, giving children another opportunity to enjoy regular physical exercise and fresh air;
- And make the very best use of our extensive outdoor environment to support children's wellbeing, learning and enjoyment.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of outdoor learning and active play, helping every child to develop confidence, resilience and a lifelong love of being outdoors.

## Clarity in Communication:

We will endeavour to ensure communication through dojo is clear and try to avoid ambiguous messages. The parent diary will be published in the first week of term and give planned dates of importance in term 2 and term 3 in order to give as much notice as possible.

## Class Dojo:

Messages to teachers. Teachers cannot send messages during teaching time. Messages from parents should take this into consideration.

## Summer term events:

We will review the timing of our summer term events to achieve a better balance across the final half term and reduce the number of activities taking place during the last three weeks of the school year. As part of this review, we will not be reintroducing parent attendance at Sports Day, as this would add another large event during an already very busy period.

This year, due to unavoidable weather disruption, the Dance Festival and Summer Fayre took place on the same day. Whilst this created some practical challenges for both staff and families, we also recognise that some working parents appreciated only needing to take one period of time away from work. Unfortunately, the weather will always mean that some events need to be rearranged at short notice. However, where possible, we will avoid scheduling the Dance Festival and Summer Fayre on the same day in future.

## Childcare:

We are working hard to review Rainbow provision so we can meet the demands of working parents and avoid a 'waiting list'. Fulwell Juniors have announced today that they are trialling after school from September for the Autumn term which offers our worried year 2 parents some hope for continued provision!

## Homework:

There will be a review of homework in September and each year group will make the information clear to families with regard to the days it is sent out, days returned for clarity particularly with regard to reading and reading books. This will be discussed at the 'meet the teacher' sessions in September. We will look at provision for homework in maths in Year 1 and Year 2, always being mindful that children have worked hard during the day and homework for children aged 5-7 years should be minimal.

Good luck Year 2's...

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer break!

Wendy Angus