



Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Avarnah Gardner for taking care with letter formation and always being keen to learn.

This week Reception have been learning about Autumn. Next week we will be reading the book 'Leaf Man' and making our own. This week Denise made us a 'Worry worm' for our classroom and outside area. We can cuddle the 'Worry worm' and tell it anything that we are worried about to make us feel better.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

★ Pupil of the Week is Layla-Mai Marsh for an excellent review about our class novel in English.

Tuesdays are our PE day, please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit that day.

Our next Forest Friday session will now take place on Friday 18th November.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Shaun - Robert Hutchison for making a fabulous stop motion animation based upon 'The Last Bear'.

Nursery Miss King

★ Pupil of the Week is Poppy Parkins for her beautiful singing when we were practising our Christmas performance.

Year 1 Miss Crampton

★ Pupil of the Week is Delilah for using classroom scaffolds, without being prompted, to support her independent learning.

Year 3 Miss Gregg

★ Pupil of the Week is Abigail Teasdale for using resources during maths to complete challenging questions.

Year 4 Miss Prosser

★ Pupil of the Week is Edward for his commitment for with learning at home. Edward always completes his homework, keep up the good work.

Remembrance Day:
Year 4 have enjoyed looking at women's role in the war and they created some amazing posters to persuade women to join the war effort.

Year 6 Miss Denham

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Jack for his persuasive letter to a logging company, in Brazil, explaining the impact of human activity on the physical environment.



Sports Stars

Year 1

Benjamin Dennison

Amelia Taylor

Year 2

Larosa Jones

Jacob Knowles

Year 3

Jimmy Armstrong

Liyana Conquest

Nathaniel Davidson

Subash Saladi

Max Tate

Oliver Tate

Year 4

Autumn Thompson

Cooper Spearman

Year 5

Summer Armstrong

Lilly Best

Ruby Conquest

Billie-Rae Littlewood

Chloe Miles

Magaera Peverley-Kipling

Elizabeth Snowdon

Jessica Watson

Year 6

Elena Faulkner

Tarleea Kennedy

Olivia King

Bringing history to life.....



Roman Invasion Friday 25th November 9, 2022

Miss Prosser has organised a fun filled day of activities.

Dressing up is optional.

Child Protection in County Durham

Child protection procedures aim to protect and safeguard vulnerable children and young people at risk or suffering from physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

Everyone has a responsibility to help protect children. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please contact Durham First Contact/Social Care Direct.

Worried about a child?

If you have a concern about a child or young person who lives in County Durham please contact:

First Contact/Social Care Direct

scd@durham.gov.uk

03000 267 979

0191 383 5752

Durham County Council are responsible for delivering services to safeguard children. By law they must make enquiries about any child if we are told that there is a risk of harm to that child. We will ensure that children and families are fully involved in decision-making and planning throughout this process, unless this would place the child at immediate risk.

They will also talk with other people who are involved with the child, such as doctors, teachers, health visitors, school nurses and the police. If there are any serious concerns, arrangements will be made for the child to have a Child Protection Plan. It is important to remember that most children who have a Child Protection Plan live at home with their families and are helped to do so with support.

Elf Day

Dress up as an elf (if you want to of course) on Friday 2nd December.

Christmas Jumper Day

Wear your Christmas jumper (if you want to of course) on Wednesday 14th December.

Coughs and Colds

General guidance regarding respiratory infections, including Covid-19 for you to share with your school community.

The summary below is based on the current government guidance for [Living safely with respiratory infections, including Covid-19](#)

Respiratory infections including Covid-19, can spread easily and cause serious illness in some people.

By following the guidance everyone can help to reduce the spread of respiratory infections:

- Get vaccinated, a full course of Covid-19 vaccine provides protection against severe disease, and get a booster dose if you are offered one
- Ensure good ventilation to allow fresh air into spaces
- Wash your hands regularly
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean your surroundings frequently

Those attending education or childcare settings will not normally be expected to wear a face covering. Face coverings for children under the age of 3 are not recommended for safety reasons.

Face coverings are suggested in some circumstances, for example in crowded public spaces when rates of Covid-19 are high.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Online Safety Group

Are you interested in developing your role as a parent at West Cornforth School? Is keeping children safe online something you're passionate about? Do you think you have what it takes to support WCPS to give an unbiased parent perspective on online safety?

We're looking for parents to join our online safety group to share ideas, discuss problems from a parental perspective, share what's working well in the community/what needs improving and looking at ways to engage others. Because online safety is huge, it is impossible for one person to manage all the strategic aspects as there is so much involved. That's where you can help. There is little doubt that establishing a group with wide membership is one of the most forward-thinking initiatives you can embark upon.

Being involved with the online safety group will require attendance to termly meetings with other parents, some pupils, the Head Teacher, the Safeguarding Lead, tech support, the online safety lead, some governors and the PCSO. If this is something that you are interested in, please let us know via the office or Class Dojo. Please note: this will be on a first come first served basis.

Thank you

Miss Denham

Put on your festive jumper and enjoy a Christmas dinner.

School Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 14th December



Please note, all Parent Pay accounts must be paid up to date in order for children to book a Christmas dinner.

Worried that your child is ill?



NHS



Got a phone? Great! Access our information on your smartphone.



Open or download QR scanner



Scan QR code



View landing page

Download the NHS Healthier Together app



Scan the QR codes for advice about:



Asthma Attack



New Tummy Ache



Bronchiolitis and RSV



Cough and Colds



My Baby is Crying all the Time



Diarrhoea and Vomiting



Earache



Fever / High Temperature



Conjunctivitis



Headache



Head Injury



My Baby has Jaundice



Sore Throat or Tonsillitis



Safe Sleeping

Healthier Together

Improving the health of babies, children & young people in the North East & North Cumbria



My Baby has a Rash



Childhood Vaccinations - Essential Information



Rashes

School News

Dates for your diary:

- Break up for Christmas Tuesday 20th December 2022
- Return to school **Thursday** 5th January
- Break up for half term Friday 17th February 2023
- Return to school Monday 27th February 2023
- Break up for Easter Friday March 31st 2023
- Return to school 17th April 2023
- Break up for half term 26th May 2023
- Return to school **Tuesday** 6th June
- Break up for summer holiday Friday 21st July 2023

Whole school dates:

- **SEND review meetings will take place on Monday 21st November.**

Christmas Dates:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12th December 2022
- KS1 & 2 Christmas performance 10am and 2pm 13th December 2022
- EYFS Christmas party 14th December 2022
- KS1 Christmas party 15th December 2022
- KS2 Christmas party 19th December 2022

Statutory Test Dates

- Year 1 Phonic screening checks (including Year 2 resit checks) begin week commencing Monday 12 June 2023.
- Year 2 SATs will be administered during May 2023.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tests week beginning multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 5 June 2023.
- Year 6 SATs week beginning Monday 8 May to Thursday 11 May 2023.

Autumn 2
After School Clubs

Monday

KS1 Musical Theatre (Year 1 and 2) with Miss Harrison

Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Sports

Year 3 and 4 Photography Club with Mr Hay

Tuesday

Mindful Craft Club with Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Miller (Same children as this term, will rotate after Christmas)

KS2 Musical Theatre with Miss Harrison

Sing and Sign with Miss Crampton - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday

Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball Club (With tournaments on a Thursday) with Mr Whitelock

Thursday

Reception Craft Club with Mrs Goldsmith and Miss Cowe

Cookery Club Year 6 with Mrs Smith



**DURHAM
CATHEDRAL**
THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Chorister Experience
Saturday 19 November
12.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.

A wonderful opportunity for girls and boys in Years 2 to 6 to have a first-hand experience of being a Chorister.

The children will enjoy meeting the current Cathedral Choristers, hearing them sing, and making music together. They will also have the opportunity to have a tour of the Cathedral, play the organ, and do a craft activity together.

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Schedule for the day:

12.30 p.m. Registration in the Chapter House
12.50 p.m. Welcome
1.10 p.m. Choir Practice
2.00 p.m. Craft activity, tour of the Cathedral and organ playing activity
3.30 p.m. Break *with a snack provided*
4.15 p.m. Choir Practice in the Cathedral
5.30 p.m. Evensong

A separate schedule for parents/guardians will run alongside this.

The day is free of charge and all children in Years 2 to 6 and their parents/guardians are welcome. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of singing and plenty of enthusiasm! Children are asked to wear their school uniform please.

For more information or a booking form, please contact us by email on music@durhamcathedral.co.uk or by phone on 0191 374 4066.

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces are somewhere you can go to get warm, stay warm and enjoy a little company. In some, you'll also be able to get refreshments.

With many people feeling the pressure because of increased energy costs and the rising cost of living, Warm Spaces network aims to support residents across County Durham this winter.

Warm Spaces are free and will let you stay for as long, or for as short a period as you wish (within their opening hours).

Please see link below for more information

[What Warm Spaces are, why we need them and how to find them - Durham County Council](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: ann.connor@durham.gov.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

SEND Review Meetings

SEND review meetings will be held on **Monday 21st November**. If this date is not suitable, please let me know via the online form (once they have been emailed out). We are happy to arrange alternative days/times if needed.

“Making Changes Together XXVIII”.

We still have places available on our minibus from school, for the daytime conference. Please contact Miss Gregg via Class Dojo if you require a place.

“Making Changes Together XXVIII”. The twenty-eighth friendly conference organised by PARENTS. To help inform and support you with the latest changes in Education, Health and Social Care. YOUR opinion matters!

Thursday 24th November 2022 10am – 2.30pm (Arrival, sign in and information stands from 9.30am).

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA.

This conference is free to attend and refreshments and lunch or tea are included. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will need to sign up for the conference using a link, which I will send out separately.

There is also a conference on Wednesday 23rd November 2022. This is taking place on an evening, and we will be unable to provide transport, however parents/carers can sign up using the link below:

Info for booking and travel guide for evening conference here – <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/november-2022-evening-parent-carer-conference/>

Info for booking and travel guide for daytime conference here – <https://www.mctdurham.co.uk/news-events/november-2022-daytime-parent-carer-conference/>

For Parents/Carers of Children with Additional Needs/Disabilities in County Durham

“Making Changes Together XXVIII”

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Wednesday 23rd November 2022
6pm – 8pm

Raddison Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA

Information Stands and Registration from 5.30pm

Please note all places must be booked via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-changes-together-durham-parentcarer-conference-night-tickets-430774176157>

This conference is free, refreshments are included, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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This conference is free, refreshments and Lunch are included, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

SEND Questionnaire Autumn Term 2022

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) would really appreciate your views on the provision for your child. Please complete the questionnaire below and let us know what you think. Please contact the SENCO directly if you have any further concerns.

Please complete this via the link below, or scan the QR code. We really appreciate your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/UxX8uMKsFD>

SEND Questionnaire for Parents/Carers Autumn Term 2022



Contact – Supporting Parents Project

Do you care for a child with additional needs?
Join our new supporting parents project

Supporting Parents And Creating Empowerment – SPACE

Designed to work alongside you to navigate the challenges you and your child face, and find the space to be heard and supported.

Access a range of workshops designed to increase your knowledge and skills in managing the needs of you and your family.

Workshop Programme:

Understanding Sensory Processing

Thursday 24th November 12:30 – 2:30pm

- Learn more about sensory processing and sensory integration
- Reflect on your child's sensory needs, and your own, and how they might change over time
- Consider the impact of sensory needs on other family members/care givers and in different environments

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sensory-processing-workshop-space-tickets-380986860957>

Education for School Age Children


Tuesday 15th November 10:00 – 12:00pm

- How an Education Health Care plan (EHCP) could benefit your child
- How to apply for one and what is involved in the assessment process and the timescales involved
- When an EHCP is not appropriate and what support is available for children who do not have an EHCP
- How to challenge decisions about your child's educational support.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/education-for-school-age-children-space-tickets-394281646017>


Rollercoaster – November 2022 diary dates



Please see below upcoming Rollercoaster sessions for November.



Rollercoaster November 2022 Diary dates

For families supporting a child or young person (up to 25 years) with emotional or mental health difficulties





			What's on	More information	Venue
	Weds 2 nd Nov	10-12pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Box 6, Durham County Cricket Ground
	Weds 9 th Nov	6pm-7.30pm	Virtual Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter, CAMHS Nurse and SEND IASS	Online Zoom
	Weds 16 th Nov	6pm-8pm	Parent Support Group	Support, information, advice on a range of topics around mental health with a parent peer supporter & CAMHS Nurse	Angel Trust, Bishop Auckland
	Fri 25 th Nov	1pm-2pm	Drop in with CAMHS & SEND IASS	Book a 30 minute one to one appointment for advice & information around your child/young persons emotional or mental health	Online Zoom


Individual Support


- **Talk to a Parent Peer Supporter** - Book a 1:1 support session with a Rollercoaster Parent Peer Supporter who has been through similar experiences
- **Closed Facebook group** - Rollercoaster closed Facebook Group is a safe space for parents to access support from other parents at any time






For more information or to book a session get in touch using one of the contacts below:

 07377 213952

 support@rollercoasterfs.co.uk

 @rollercoasterparentsupport

 @rollercoasterPS

NHS – new parent and carer support line

Research shows that 50% of all adult mental health problems start before the age of 14 and 75% start before the age of 21. Improving the emotional wellbeing of our children is a key part of supporting the wellbeing of our entire population. Because of this we've developed a confidential parent and carer support line to provide a listening ear for those who feel they would like some help and guidance.

If you feel you'd like to speak to one of our qualified counsellors, call us on 0333 3583040

We're taking call from Monday – Friday between 10am – 2pm

You're also welcome to leave a message outside of these hours to request a call-back during our opening times.

Its important to note this service is not a crisis line, if you are in crisis, call 111 or 999.