



Reception Mrs. Smith

★ Pupil of the Week is Dakota Wilson for trying hard to sound out words without help

This week Reception enjoyed making tasty pumpkin soup.



Please can all Reception children have wellies with them each Friday for our Fresh Air Friday session.

Year 2 Miss Cameron

★ Pupil of the Week is Isabella Hunter for showing resilience when writing and producing an excellent character description.

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 after half term on Friday 18th November.

Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Luke Forster for writing a super letter to UNESCO in geography this week.

Nursery Miss King



Pupil of the Week is Harley Devon for making a



very scary potion.



Year 1 Miss Crampton



Pupil of the Week is Emily Taylor for developing resilience in her learning.

Year 3 Miss Gregg



Pupil of the Week is Charlie Dyce for using self-help strategies in maths this week.



Year 4 Miss Prosser

Pupil of the Week is Calen Routledge for always having a positive attitude and being respectful to everyone in school.

Please ensure that the children are reading at home regularly and bring their reading books and records in daily.

Homework is given out on a Friday via Class Dojo and due in the following Friday.

Year 6 Miss Denham



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Holly Holohan for her great piece of writing, in science, explaining how horses have evolved over the past 37 million years.



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.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week, Class 5 and 6 had a visitor from Barclays bank. Angela delivered a session on online safety regarding gaming and scamming. The session was very informative and all children asked and answered some very relevant questions.



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 Thursday 24th 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
- 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.

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 Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the SEND coffee morning. It was great to see all of you again. The next coffee morning will be held towards the end of term (more information to follow soon).

SEND Review Meetings

SEND review meetings will be held on Thursday 24th 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”.

Would you be interested in attending the event below if we organise a minibus from school? When we find out how many parents/carers are interested, I will give you further information. There may be a small cost for transport. Lunch and refreshments are included. Please let Miss Gregg know via Class Dojo.

“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

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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 3rd November 12:30 – 2:30pm

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-380973912227>
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sensory-processing-workshop-space-tickets-380986860957>

Speech and Language Top Tips

Monday 7th November 12:30 – 2:30pm

- The workshop will help you to think about how you can best communicate with your child and how you can share this knowledge with those in their education settings.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speech-language-top-tips-space-tickets-400666182337>

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>