Newsletter

Friday, 13th June 2025

Term 3 Week 7

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

On Friday, children and staff across the school transformed into rock legends for our first TT Rockstars Day—a celebration of times tables, music, and math mastery!

The day was filled with energy as everyone dressed up in their best rockstar outfits, complete with leather jackets, funky wigs, and glittering guitars. But it wasn't just about the costumes—children took part in exciting maths battles on the TT Rockstars platform, competing to see who could answer the most multiplication questions in the shortest time. Classrooms echoed with cheers as pupils challenged their teachers. The event not only boosted math confidence but also brought the whole school community together in a fun and creative way.

EXCELLENCE | CARE | PARTNERSHIP

Dearham Carnival and Dearham Primary Summer Fete

A combined family fun day! Join in with the carnival and then head to the school field for the crowning ceremony and school Summer Fete.

WANTED

We are collecting the following items for our pre-loved and tombola stalls at the Summer Fete.

If you have any of the following, that you no longer want or use, please send them to school, **from Monday, 9th June**.

- Pre-loved books
- Pre-loved toys and games
- Pre-loved uniform
- Pre-loved dressing up costumes
- Bric-a-Brac items for the tombola stall (any household objects that someone else might like to win such as candles, photo frames or anything at all!)

Peter Pan Tickets

Years 5 and 6 are excited for their forthcoming musical, Peter Pan. They are busy learning lines, preparing props and costumes, and rehearsing. This show will take place at Netherhall School on Thursday, 3rd July at 6pm. Tickets are now on sale (£2 each) from the school office. Money raised will be used to cover the cost of the buses.

After School Activity—Outdoor Pursuits

This week, the Outdoor Pursuits Club went on an exciting map adventure! The children used real maps of the forest school to find different locations using teamwork and map work! We also worked together to decorate the bug hotel using bits and pieces foraged from nature. Hopefully this will tempt more creepy crawly visitors! It was a brilliant example of how we can care for wildlife! When one child got a nettle sting, the children remembered what to do and used a dock leaf as a natural remedy – it worked like magic! We also learned something amazing: buttercups follow the sun! They're called heliotropic flowers because they turn their heads to face the light during the day. We had so much fun exploring, learning, and enjoying the great outdoors together!

DEARHAM SCHOOL

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 16th June

Monday - Sports fun
Tuesday - Milkshake making
Wednesday - Prize Bingo
Thursday - Tea cup craft
Friday - Free Play

Snacks & refreshments included

NURSERY

This week we have been enjoying observing our class caterpillars. All the children have shown mature understanding of the importance of being kind to living things. The caterpillars have changed over time from being very small and thin to being very long and fat. We look forward to keeping you updated as the lifecycle continues over the next few weeks.

In maths we have been making repeating patterns. It has been fun taking our learning outside where one of our repeating patterns was tyre, crate, tyre, crate, tyre, crate.

In phonics our initial sound was "w" for "wave," "wind," "wand," and "wombat."

In art we learned about Vincent Van Gogh and his famous sunflower paintings. We learned that he often painted using a special tool called a palette knife. The children had a go themselves and we are sure you will agree the results are gallery worthy.

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Freya Tinnion and **Minnie Breheney**

Reception

We've had a fluttering fantastic week in Reception, full of learning, creativity, and outdoor fun!

This week, we've been reading *The Butterfly Bouquet*. The children have explored the life cycle of a butterfly and written their own versions using beautiful descriptive language. We also looked at butterfly pictures and wrote "I can see…" sentences to build our observation and writing skills.

We went on a flower phonic hunt around the classroom, spotting sounds and blending them into words. The children loved this active way to reinforce their phonics learning! In maths, we've been busy counting butterflies up to 20 and using ten frames to help us visualize numbers. We've also been exploring number bonds from 6 to 10, saying things like '5 and 1 make 6'. This helps build a strong foundation for addition and number sense.

We've drawn symmetrical butterflies and made butterfly collages using a variety of materials. The children showed great focus and creativity in their artwork!

It's been a joyful and busy week full of learning through play.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to

Kodi Graham and **Ellie Ross**

Year 1

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 1! The children have truly impressed us with their resilience and determination as they tackled their Phonics Screening Check. We are so proud of how confidently they approached each word— superstars!

In English we've set sail on a brand-new adventure with our new book, 'The Boy Who Sailed the World'. So far, we've read the blurb and studied the front cover to make some exciting predictions. The children came up with some wonderfully imaginative ideas about the adventures the boy might go on. This week in Maths, we've been learning all about money. We can now recognise all the different coins and notes.

In Science, we've been exploring the features of woodland animals and comparing them. We also became bird spotters, identifying different types of birds and learning what makes each one unique.

In Geography we've been busy mapping our local area and learning about different map symbols. The children then put their skills to the test with some orienteering on the KS2 yard. They worked really hard to hold their maps the right way and follow the routes.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

Violet Dixon and **Elvie Brannon**

Year 2

In English, we have started a lovely new book, 'Not Quite Narwhal', which celebrates diversity and finding where you truly belong. The children loved diving into the story and each chose their favourite part, explaining why it stood out to them.

In Maths, we have continued to work hard on understanding fractions. The children explored halves, thirds, and quarters in depth as well as learning how to find a whole from a part. Their confidence with fractions is really growing and we are all enjoying these lessons.

In History, we learned all about the crowning process of monarchs in the UK. The highlight was definitely acting out a royal coronation – complete with crowns, robes, and lots of regal behaviour! The children were brilliant and really brought history to life.

In Science, we discovered how paper is made. The children created fantastic storyboards to show each step of the process – from trees to the paper we use every day. We ended the week with a bang on TT Rockstars Day! Dressed as rockstars, the children tackled times tables challenges with energy and enthusiasm.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

Poppy McManus and **Sonny Sowerby**

Year 3

We began our week with Musical Mondays, where we learnt how beatboxing can play a role in helping manage Tourette's Syndrome. It was a fascinating and inspiring session that got us thinking about the power of music in different aspects of life.

In English, we completed and edited our writing based on *The Happy Prince*. We focused on using inner thought and time adverbials to add depth to our narratives. A highlight was using confetti to help us visualise scenes from the story, inspiring us to use personification to bring our descriptions to life.

In Geography, we put our explorer hats on and planned an exciting expedition around school, using all the skills and knowledge we've gained from studying Ernest Shackleton. I have been so impressed by the children's knowledge of this inspirational explorer!

Well done to everyone for a fantastic week of learning! A special well done to one of our class for being awarded Cheerleader of the Week – we're so proud of you!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

Elliot Tubman and **Jonny Frankham**

Year 4

This week, the children tackled the Year 4 Multiplication Check with determination and focus. Each child answered 25 times table questions, with only 5 seconds per question—a real challenge! We are incredibly proud of every single one of them for giving it their all. Their resilience and effort were outstanding, and we're looking forward to receiving the official results in a few weeks.

In Geography, we've been exploring rivers both in the UK and around the world. Using their map skills, the children located major rivers and identified which continent each one flows through—helped along by our catchy continent song!

Additionally, to tie in with our Rivers topic, we had a special visit from the Phunky Foods team. The children made a delicious salmon dip, learning about where salmon comes from and how it links to our river studies. They worked in teams to measure, cut, and mix their ingredients, showing great teamwork and responsibility with the equipment. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that everyone enjoyed! It tasted great too!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

Nancy Shields and **Sophia McKenzie**

Year 5

What a fantastic week it has been in Year 5! The children have been working hard across all subjects, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

In maths, we've been diving into the world of decimals—learning how to add and subtract them, even when they have different decimal places. To make things even more engaging, we set up an orienteering challenge using decimals, which the children loved! It was wonderful to see them applying their knowledge in a fun and active way.

In English, our focus has been on an exciting video about the planet *Pandora*. The children have been inspired by this imaginative world and are now preparing to write a non-chronological report over the next two weeks. We are eager to see their creativity shine through in their writing.

In PE the children have continued developing their rounders skills, learning the rules of the game and refining their techniques. Their teamwork and strategic thinking are improving, and it's great to see their confidence grow.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

Poppy Moore and **Freya Hall**

YEAR 6

This week, we've been diving into speech writing, exploring powerful and thought-provoking topics such as women's rights, inspirational people, endangered animals, how to be a good friend, and ways to follow your dreams. The children have been learning about the key features of a great speech—such as using rhetorical questions, repetition for emphasis, emotive language, and a strong call to action. Year 6 particularly enjoyed watching Greta Thunberg deliver her speeches, analysing what makes her words so compelling and memorable.

In addition to our speech writing, we took part in an exciting Dream Jobs Workshop. This interactive session explored the best jobs in the world, the top careers children aspire to, the most dangerous jobs, and even jobs that might be done by robots in the future. With a special focus on engineering—particularly encouraging girls to consider careers in this field—the workshop was hands-on and team-based. Using LEGO, the children tackled a design challenge that tested their creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills.

And of course, we're continuing our rehearsals for Peter Pan. We're aiming to move away from using scripts, and the children are rising to the challenge brilliantly. A huge thank you to all the parents who have been helping their children learn their lines—you know them so well, you could probably join the cast!

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

Ruby Pattinson , Erin Craggs, Kate Voce, James Stuart, Amber Todd, Penny Murphy and **Chloe McKenzie**

Key Dates

June

17th—3:30pm—Meeting re Hawes End Trip Y4

23rd —3:30pm—Meeting re York Trip Y5/6

25th—Green Food Bank Day

27th—Y5 to Netherhall

28th—Summer Fete and Dearham Carnival

30th—Reception trip to Stocks Wood

July

1st — Y1 and Y2 trip to Stocks Wood

1st and 2nd—Y6 Transition Days

3rd—Y5/6 Show—Peter Pan—6pm

7th- 8th—Y4 Trip to Hawes End

7th—Reports issued

9th—11th— Y5/6 Trip to York

14th—Y3 trip to Clip n Climb

16th—Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Brunch—**9:15am**

17th—Transition morning

18th—Break up 1:30pm

Courtesy Cups

Congratulations to this week's **Courtesy Cup** winners:

Early Years— **Mason Robertson**

Key Stage 1— **Nevaeh Adams Little**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Summer Mossop**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Chloe Tubman**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **13/06/25**

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Whole School Attendance = 94.65%

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4 ★	99.1%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	86.7%

Safeguarding

If you suspect that a child or young person is being, or is at risk of being significantly harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must report this immediately by calling the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on:

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

0333 240 1727

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.
Our designated Safeguarding team are:

Headteacher — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DSL — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DDSL—Miss Grima and Mrs. Clayton

Safeguarding Governor— Mr. Rob Barton

NORTH LAKES foodbank

GREEN Foodbank DAY 2025

Wednesday 25th June

Please donate from the list.

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Pasta (500g)
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn)
- Tinned Tuna
- Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice (500g)
- Cereal (approx 350g)

Help your community and have fun at the same time.

Our shelves are empty! So, please give if you can.

Thank you!

Need help with food? Call our helpline.
Freephone 0808 208 2138

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