

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the ever-changing weather, children have continued to be enjoying the outdoors during October. Please continue to send your child to school with a coat; the weather is so unpredictable and when possible, we encourage all children outside during play and lunch times. An outside break is just what they (and staff) need after working hard in the classroom.

Our Early Years children have experienced wonderful autumnal walks around the village to explore the changes taking place. They even had a very special visit to Mr Gunston's Allotment, where they were 'wowed' by his supersized array of vegetables.

Thank you for your continued patience whilst our neighbours' roof is renewed, hopefully the walk-way will be fully reopened after half term. Our one-way (tight squeeze) entry/exit system will continue whilst work is carried out.

Kindest Regards,  
**Mrs Hawes**

### FOODBANK - HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your very kind and generous harvest donations again this year. Despite current financial and economic worries, we have been inundated with much needed items for our local community at this difficult time.

Our Head Boy, Isaac, and Head Girl, Phoebe and their deputies, Harrison and Ella, escorted Mr Wilcox and Mrs Hawes to the Billingham town centre Foodbank to deliver donations.



Helen, team leader at [The Trussell Trust](https://www.trusselltrust.org/) led foodbank, will be popping into school next half term to explain the process after delivery of donations. We look forward to her visit.

**A huge thank you to all parents, carers, governors and staff for their overwhelming generosity and support.**

### TERM DATES



Half Term Holiday: 24th Oct' - 28th Oct' '22  
**SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Monday 31st Oct**  
Autumn Term 2: **SCHOOL REOPENS TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV**

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for secondary school Year 7 intake closes on **31 October '22**. Late applications will be considered after those received on time. Details can be found on this [website](#).



### PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to all parents who put themselves forward for the role. Parent Governors play an important part in the running and development of our school and are valued members of the team. They promote the best interests of all children, and have a duty to maintain good relations with, and be available to, other parents.



We are pleased to announce that **Mrs J. Newton**, **Mr C. Earl** and **Ms. V. Morrow** have been successfully appointed as Parent Elected Governors.

We also welcome **Mr Brian Bunn** as Co-opted governor.

Safeguarding checks are now underway and we look forward to welcoming them to the Governing Body.

### TAG RUGBY



Y5/6 thoroughly enjoyed competing against several different teams at Northfield School this month. Children achieved great results and showed maturity, team work and discipline in all their games.

**Congratulations to all involved.**

### CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Isaac (Y6) and Ava (Y5) took part in the Tees Valley finals earlier this month. Both demonstrated great skill, determination and sportsmanship.

**Well Done to you both on your fantastic achievements**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all children celebrating their special day!  
We hope you have a lovely day with family and friends.

Nursery	Daisy, Lincoln
Class 1	Ezmaé
Class 2	Willow, Bodhi
Class 3	Ellie, Anna
Class 4	Monty, Ella, Jackson,



## HARVEST FESTIVAL - THANK YOU

I am sure that all parents and carers, who were able to join the celebrations at St Peter's Church, would agree when I say how amazing our children were. Reading and singing, in front of so many adults, is very daunting, however this did not phase our wonderful children who delighted their audience with a trip around the world at Harvest Time. Well Done!



Thank you to all those involved.

## YR- Y6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Nov' '22

A letter, detailing how to book an appointment has been sent to all parents and carers. Staff look forward to celebrating the success of your child's learning journey, sharing ways in which you can further support and answering any questions.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 2022

Attendance and punctuality are really important; children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential. This year we will be sharing monthly attendance with children, parents and carers.

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows:

- Blue** - 100%
- Green** - 97% - 99%
- Amber** - 93% - 96%
- Red** - below 93%

Class 1 - YR	98%
Class 2 - Y1/2	97%
Class 3 - Y3/4	98%
Class 4 - Y5/6	96%

## FREE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN THIS HALF TERM

Information shared on behalf of the local authority.

There is a wide range of sessions to choose from for children aged five to 16, including arts & crafts, sports like boxing, , dance and trips to Go Climb at Billingham Forum.

Each day includes a free nutritious meal for every child taking part. It's all thanks to the Holidays Are Fun (HAF) Programme, led by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council in partnership with Catalyst.

The activities are available for families who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulties.

The activity sessions are running from Monday 24 - Friday 28 October, bookings are open now on a first-come, first-served basis, visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/haf](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/haf) call 01642 527752 or email: [HAF@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@stockton.gov.uk)



Booking for next half term is now open, please follow links below. Please can all parents and carers complete a separate form for each child, to aid registers. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/r/NvEd56hLGg>



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - AUTUMN TERM 2:2

### Monday - Creative Modelling and Animation

An opportunity to mould models using a range of malleable materials. Models will then be used to produce child created animation

### Tuesday - Art Club. Draw Along With...

Children will watch and follow modelled drawing techniques to create a range of art work.

### Wednesday - Seasonal Fun (Arts, Crafts and Cooking Activities)

Children will be provided with a range of seasonal themed craft activities which will promote creativity, and provide the children with opportunities to explore new materials and techniques

### Thursday - Multi Sports

Children will be given the opportunity to engage in many different sporting activities and games during the half term, this will keep them physically active, challenged and engaged.

### Friday - Board Games

Children will play a range of traditional board games. Games are likely to include Snakes and Ladders, Dominoes, Junior Scrabble, Connect Four and Monopoly.

There are only 25 places available for each club.  
Once filled, the option to book a place will be removed