

ST PATRICK'S

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2025

Well done!

Working hard

Well done to everyone for their hard work this half term – our classes have all been busy bees since September and it has been wonderful to see the progress they are making and the fabulous work in their books. We can't wait to show you how well they are doing after term when we have our autumn parent-teacher meetings.

Sporting stars

Congratulations to our Year 6 boys' football team who came 2nd in the district league this autumn. They also won both matches in their Bishop's Cup fixtures on Thursday this week.

Our KS2 cross country teams all ran brilliantly at the district competition in September and our Y5/6 girls' team (Penelope, Ella, Pola, Ellie, along with James P from Y6 all qualified for the County finals.

Year 4 took part in a Bee Netball festival last week and had a marvellous afternoon putting the skills they had learned in PE into practice in a competitive situation.

Thank you

To parents, carers and family members for your support with events this half term – the children and teachers have really appreciated your support for weekly Celebration of the Word, open evenings, our Art Exhibition, and with homework changes.

Thank you to our **Fairtrade Team** for their efforts in encouraging everyone to **BE THE CHANGE** and swap one item for a Fairtrade version. They did a fabulous job spreading the word at the art exhibition and raised **£119.10** selling Fairtrade cookies after the cross country and at the art exhibition.

Enormous thanks to Lydia (our cook) for baking over 400 Fairtrade chocolate cookies!

Thanks also goes to our amazing **Art Ambassadors** for helping Mrs Dickson with the Art Exhibition. They did a brilliant job showing visitors round and explaining the art techniques used.

Live Simply Award

This week, we showcased the artistic talent of our children when we held our Live Simply Art Exhibition to celebrate the wonders of God's Marvellous Creation. We were so proud of the work that each class created and the individual skill, imagination, creativity and talent of our children. Well done

Cross Country

Thankfully, the weather didn't manage to spoil our Autumn Cross Country which took place on Tuesday morning. Whether they were running or walking, our children all participated and had a great time - many even wanted to run again!

First three in each year group:

Y1 girls: Freya, Liddy and Maya

Y1 boys: Jax, Carter and Theo

Y2 girls: Harlow/Betsy, Zara and Layla

Y2 boys: Jackson, Leo and Dexter

Y3 girls: Emily, Daisy and Milian

Y3 boys: George, Hudson and Sebastian

Y4 girls: Georgia, Thea and Lily

Y4 boys: Daniel, Joey and Freddie

Y5 girls: Penelope H, Ella H and Pola

Y5 boys: Oliver P, Noah E and Ramsay

Y6 girls: Sophie, Ellie and Emelia

Y6 boys: James P, James Th and Alfie B

Winning houses:

1st St. Bede (blue) with 235 points

2nd St. Hilda (red) with 263 points

3rd St. Cuthbert (green) with 271 points

Well done to everyone!



Lucas N - I was excited for bridge abseiling but nervous at the same time - I enjoyed it though!

Year 5 Residential

Darcey - When I did the abseiling, it looked high but when I actually did it, I was fine.

Earlier in October, our Y5 children spent three days on a residential visit to Ford Castle. The children took part in a variety of team building and adventurous activities, from orienteering and den building to the 'leap of faith' and abseiling! The children (and staff!) had a fantastic, if somewhat exhausting, time. They all showed incredible courage, determination and resilience when facing challenging physical activities and it was especially lovely to see them encouraging and supporting each other. Well done Year 5! See p4 for more quotes!

Gentle reminders

After a great start with attendance, we are starting to slip - please support your child to have **above 97% attendance**. Thank you

School starts at **8:55** with lessons beginning straightaway - our gates are open from **8:45** so please make sure your child is on time or they will miss vital learning time. Please note - gates close at 8:55.

Reading Passport

Our children have made a great start to their reading journey, with the first arrivals landing safely in New York this week!

Thank you for your support with home reading - we know that reading is the key to success and aim for all children to leave our school as fluent and confident readers - reading at home makes a real difference.



Goodbye and good wishes

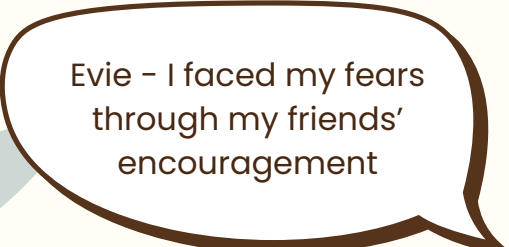
Today we said goodbye and **thank you** to Mrs Henderson, our school admin. assistant. Mrs Henderson has been with us since September 2023, during this time she has been the friendly and welcoming face of our school. We will miss her very much and wish her every happiness as she moves on to a new chapter.

Diary dates

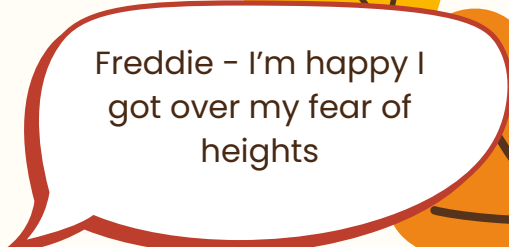
- 3rd Nov - Open Evening 3:40pm - Reception starters 2026
- 5th Nov - Y2 at Consett Academy - sports' event
- 10th Nov - Y4 visit to Newcastle synagogue
- 11th Nov - Remembrance Day - class visits to Cenotaph
- 1st Dec - Y4-6 Enterprise event 3:30
- 5th Dec - Advent Mass in church 10am
- 9th Dec - Y6 at pantomime
- 10th Dec - Advent prayer services - in classes
- 10th - 12th - Y6 retreat - YMT
- 11th Dec - Christmas jumper day and pantomime
- 12th Dec - Christmas lunch and Festive friends run
- Christmas shows - 9:30 and 2:30**
in the school hall (except Nursery)
- 15th Dec - Y5/6
- 16th Dec - Y3/4
- 17th Dec - Nursery 10am and Reception (2:30pm)
- 18th Dec - Y1/2
- 19th Dec - Christmas parties
- 19th Dec - break up at 2pm**

Happy half term!

Have a wonderful week off.

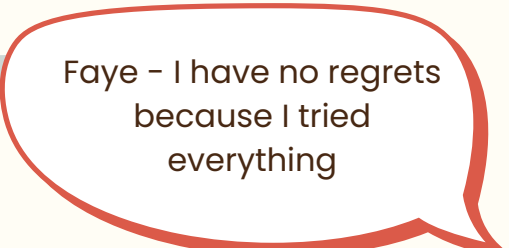


Evie - I faced my fears through my friends' encouragement

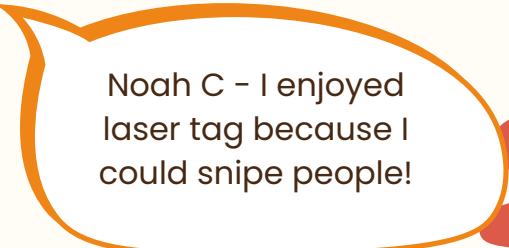


Freddie - I'm happy I got over my fear of heights

Feedback from Ford Castle

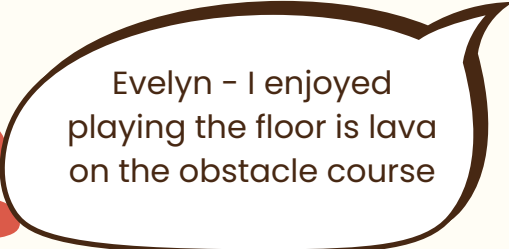


Faye - I have no regrets because I tried everything

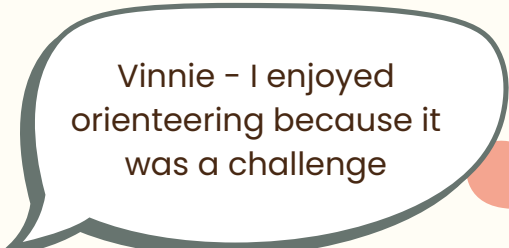


Noah C - I enjoyed laser tag because I could snipe people!

**Well done to everyone -
you were fantastic ambassadors for our school
and we were incredibly proud of you.**

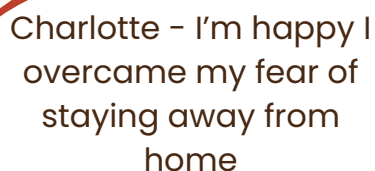


Evelyn - I enjoyed playing the floor is lava on the obstacle course

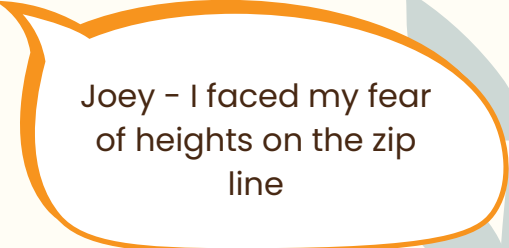


Vinnie - I enjoyed orienteering because it was a challenge

Year 5 would definitely recommend it!



Charlotte - I'm happy I overcame my fear of staying away from home



Joey - I faced my fear of heights on the zip line