



# May Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,  
As we approach the half-term holiday I would like to let you know about some of the events that have taken place in school and how hard our children have been working. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend/half term break and I look forward to seeing parents/carers and families at the range of activities we have planned for the last half of the Summer term.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Lavelle

## ROBIN WOOD

Year 5 had a fantastic three-day residential to the Robin Wood Centre, Alston. They enjoyed a great range of exciting activities, including canoeing, raft building, caving and braving the Giant Swing! They came back tired and happy with lots of stories to tell about their adventures. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to their parents and the school.

## VISITS & VISITORS

KS2 had a very interesting Parliament Outreach visit earlier this term. During an Assembly, they learned about the role of MPs and how issues are debated and discussed in Parliament. This was followed by a Year 6 workshop where they debated a current issue. Our Parliament visitor then had a chat with our KS2 School Council about democracy, current school issues and any questions they had.

## DIARY DATES

- 25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June - Science Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day from 1:15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - KS1 & Reception Sports Day from 1:15pm



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Olympic Rugby player Katy Mclean visited school to talk to us in Assembly about her sporting journey - each class then enjoyed a rugby skills workshop with Katy.



Year 5 and 6 are looking forward to a visit to Newcastle this week as part of their Local Area topic; I'm sure they will learn lots and have a great time. Let's hope the sun keeps shining!

## YR 6 AND YR 2 SATS



Year 6 worked so hard during their KS2 tests and we were so impressed by their positive attitude and enthusiasm. They enjoyed a pizza treat on Thursday afternoon, followed by a relaxing day in the sunshine on Friday, which involved a bouncy castle,

'Royal' relay races and a visit from the ice cream man!

Year 2 are currently working hard on a number of English and Maths tests and are doing really well. I know Mrs Exley has planned some treats on Friday as a reward for their hard work. Well done Year 2 and Year 6, we are very proud of you all!

## MUSIC

We have had a very musical Summer Term so far! Year 3 are enjoying their weekly Ukulele lessons and Year 5 have begun a 10-week African Drumming project which

they love! We have welcomed the School of Rock and Pop back to Year 6 and they have started work on a number of current pop songs to perform for us at the end of year Celebration Night- they sound brilliant already!

## SPORTS

Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a schools' Tennis Competition at the beginning of May. All children played really well and our Year 4 team were overall winners! They will go on to compete in the Chester-le-Street finals in the hope that they can make it to the Summer Games finals.

Our girls' football team are playing really well this season so far with some great wins in recent matches! The boys' football team have also been busy, getting through to the Grimes County Cup Semi-finals and the CB Watson Cup Final where they placed third- a result to be proud of with excellent team performances. Well done to all our footballers!

## BABY STEBBINGS

We were so pleased to hear Miss Stebbings' news on the 15<sup>th</sup> May - the safe arrival of her lovely baby daughter! Both are doing well and we are looking forward to them visiting us soon!

## ROYAL WEDDING

We all wore our best red, white and blue outfits the Friday before the wedding and enjoyed a number of themed activities. The 'Wedding Lunch' provided by our brilliant cook and kitchen team was delicious!



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