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School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Disco – Wednesday 18th (4:00pm–5:15pm) - **CLOSES 5PM TONIGHT** -

Following a request from our School Council, we are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Spring Disco on Wednesday, 18th February from 4:00pm to 5:15pm.

As always, children will get a hot dog and a drink. There will be plenty of dancing, and lots of general enjoyment for the children. The event is now live on the Arbor app, and bookings can be made there.

Before booking, please take a moment to risk assess your child's individual needs. The disco will involve loud music, flashing lights, large groups of children, and energetic dancing. If you feel that your child may find this overwhelming or uncomfortable, you may wish to consider whether this event is suitable for them at this time. Staff will, of course, be supervising throughout the event.

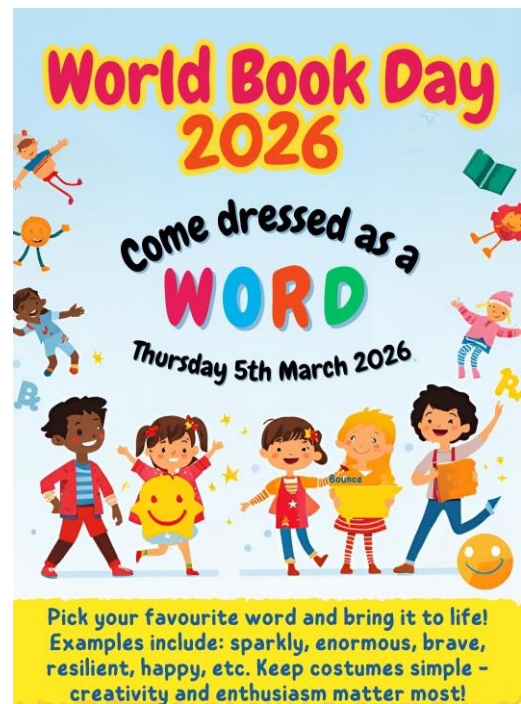
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are excited to be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March!**

This year, we're doing something a little different — children are invited to **come dressed as a word**. This could be an adjective, noun, verb, feeling, or even a favourite descriptive word. Costumes can be as simple or creative as you like — a labelled T-shirt, a homemade badge, or a splash of imagination is all that's needed.

The day will be filled with reading activities, word play, and opportunities to celebrate language and storytelling together.

We can't wait to see the wonderful vocabulary on display — thank you, as always, for your support.



Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents and carers who shared their views through our recent Parent View questionnaire. We are delighted that the feedback reflects such strong confidence in our school community.

It is particularly pleasing that **100% of families agree or strongly agree that their child is happy, feels safe, is well cared for and is taught well.** In addition, over **80% strongly agree that their child is making good progress**, with the remainder also agreeing.

Reading continues to be a real strength, with **every parent agreeing or strongly agreeing that reading is supported effectively.** Families also recognised our high expectations, broad and balanced curriculum, and the way we nurture children's confidence, independence and positive values.

Personal development remains central to our work, and parents highlighted the encouragement of good manners and respect, learning about staying healthy and safe, and the opportunities provided beyond the classroom.

We are also pleased that **all parents agree or strongly agree that the school is well led and managed**, and that communication with families is viewed positively. Many comments praised the caring ethos of the school, the dedication of staff, and the strong relationships that help children feel valued and supported.

We are incredibly proud of what this feedback reflects about our school. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership — together we will keep striving to provide the very best for every child.

Parent View Questionnaire – Percentage Summary

Question Area	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at school	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
Pupils are well looked after	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
My child knows who to speak to if worried	67%	25%	8%	0%	0%
The school deals effectively with bullying	42%	17%	8%	0%	33%
My child is taught well	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
High expectations for learning and achievement	58%	33%	0%	0%	8%
My child is making good progress	83%	8%	8%	0%	0%
Curriculum is broad and balanced	50%	33%	8%	0%	8%
Reading is supported effectively	83%	17%	0%	0%	0%
Confidence and independence are developed	75%	17%	0%	0%	8%
Good manners and respect are encouraged	67%	17%	0%	0%	17%
Children learn about keeping healthy and safe	67%	17%	0%	0%	17%
Opportunities beyond lessons are provided	58%	33%	8%	0%	0%
Positive values are promoted	67%	25%	0%	0%	8%
The school is well led and managed	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%
Communication with parents is effective	58%	33%	8%	0%	0%
I would recommend this school to others	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%



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This Week and Next Week – Learning Beyond the Classroom

This week, some children enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to the Great North Museum where they explored exhibitions linked to their learning and took part in hands-on activities that brought the curriculum to life. The children represented the school beautifully and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 6 pupils will be welcoming visitors from the British Red Cross for an important session focused on first aid and personal safety. This will give pupils valuable life skills and confidence in knowing how to help others.

Year 3 will also be taking part in an exciting sporting visit to NUcastle, providing another opportunity to stay active, work as a team, and represent our school with pride.

These experiences are a wonderful part of our wider curriculum, helping children build confidence, develop real-world skills, and make lasting memories.

Spring Term 2026

- Half term break: 23rd–27th February 2026
- School is closed on Monday 2nd March for staff training
- Last day of term: Thursday 2nd April 2026

The Spring half term provides a one-week mid-term break in late February. In addition, the school is closed on Monday 2nd March for staff training, meaning pupils return after half term on Tuesday 3rd March.

The term concludes on Thursday 2 April, just ahead of the Easter holiday period.

Regards

Mr S Brown

Head Teacher

13th February 2026