

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.

## What's gone... 8th - 12th May

### Star of the Week

Year 1	Muhammad
Year 2	Brooke
Year 3	Benjamin
Year 4	Arya
Year 5	Taylor
Year 6	Whole Class

### Weekly Attendance League Table

😊 = 100% class attendance  
😁 = best class attendance (not 100%)

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	😁 😊				😁



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*Head Teachers Award*  
**Katie A**



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
<b>Red</b>	<b>Y6 99.6</b>	<b>96.3%</b> 😊

**Year 6 SATs:**

A big well done to our year 6 for their effort and commitment during SATs week. They approached the tests with great maturity and purpose. No matter what the outcome is we are all very proud of them. Equally as impressive was the amount of food they were able to demolish before every test. What appetites!

**Holidays:**

**School is becoming increasingly concerned at the significant increase of term time holidays being taken this year. There is a direct link between poor attendance and low attainment. We would strongly urge all families to arrange holidays during designated school holidays and not term time. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.**

**Rugby Tournament:**

On Tuesday, a year 5 squad went to Monkwearmouth to take part in the annual cluster rugby 7's tournament. 5 teams met and all played each other in a round robin competition where children played according to tag rugby rules. Our first game was against Southwick, and despite playing well, we missed out to a last minute try to lose the game 3-2.

Not to be outdone, we had a quick team talk to discuss tactics (i.e throw the ball to William or James) and took to the field for a second time to play Fulwell. Our tactics worked a treat this time and we ran out worthy winners with a second half try making the difference after a first half finished with nothing between both teams.

The third game we played the tournament's strongest team- Seaburn Dene. Although the teams were level at half time, the Dene's experience began to show and they finished the victors. We brushed ourselves down and went into our final game against Redby. A strong showing from William and James (despite injury) meant we cruised to victory and managed to score 7 tries.

So, we won 2 and lost 2, but due to the number of tries we'd scored, we finished 2nd overall despite matching 2 other teams for points. Our best result in the tournament so well done to all who took part.

# Whats on 15th - 19th May

**Derwent Hill:** We will be waving off 31 children to Derwent Hill on Monday morning as they embark on a week of adventure, new experiences and lots of fun. The chance to go climbing, canoeing and leaping with your friends in the magnificent setting of the Lake District is always hugely popular with all the children. When the time comes to leave Dame Dorothy past pupils always list Derwent Hill as one of their fondest memories of primary school. We hope this week will be a wonderful time for each and every one of our children who go there. The wonders of Facebook mean that we will be able to allow all of our families back in Sunderland to share in the activities the children are getting up to and reassure everyone they are safe and happy.

**New Reception Class—September 2017:** We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th May for our new intake of Reception children for this coming September. This is a really important meeting which will give parents and carers the opportunity to find out all the key information to ensure that your child gets off to the best possible start in September. We look forward to seeing you there.

**New Nursery Class—September 2017:** Also next week we will be holding a meeting (on Friday 19th at 10am) This will be for the parents and children of all September's Nursery class. Again we look forward to seeing you there.

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## Summer Diary Dates For July



**Thursday 13th**

**Friday 14th**

**Tuesday 18th**

**Wednesday 19th**

**Thursday 20th**

**Friday 21st**

**Sports Day**

**Summer Fayre**

**Beach Day**

**Y6 Leavers Assembly**

**Y6 Leavers Prom**

**School Closes at 2pm**

### Diary Dates

- 15.05 Derwent Hill Week
- 17.05 Meeting for NEW Reception class parents starting in September. 11am Music Room
- 19.05 Meeting for NEW Nursery class children starting in September. 10am Music Room
- 29.05 Half term week
- 05.06 School re-opens

**The Safeguarding designated people are: Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon.**

**The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.**

# Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Year 4 special



It's amazing to think that we are already at week 30. It only seems last week 29 little faces were walking into year 4 for the first time. Since then, we've said goodbye to Beau and Mickey and said hello to Tia and Gabriella. During these 30 weeks we've tackled 52 maths objectives, 34 reading, speaking, writing and SPaG objectives as well as 9 other subjects including geography, history, art, DT etc etc all with their own targets to reach. All in all, it's been a very challenging year so hats off to Year 4 for all their hard work!



### Big Tidy Up

Every year our school takes part in the 'Big Tidy Up' where we collect litter from our local streets.

"My favourite part was tidying up the church yard and gardens. We got a lot of 'Well done' comments from the public" - Lana

"I enjoyed making the church more tidy." - Daniel

The most important thing we realised is how many people must drop litter. We want to encourage everyone to put their litter in the bins so we can keep the area in which we live clean and tidy.



### Vikings!

In the autumn term we studied the Vikings. We found out that they lived around a thousand years ago and came from Scandinavia. They came to England and the British isles to plunder but also to find new land and raise families. We even found out that the local church's west wall was part of the original building that would have witnessed the longships sailing up the river! Such history on our doorsteps! We really enjoyed learning about how the Vikings sailed and navigated and what weapons they used! They weren't nice ones! A great topic for learning about geography, history, art and DT!

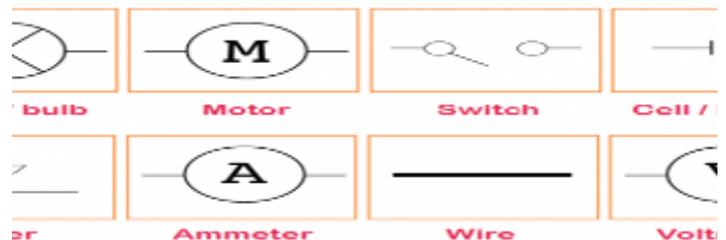
### Science

This year in science, we've studied 5 units of work that form part of the new curriculum. These units follow on from year 2's programme of study and include biology, chemistry and physics strands that will continue into year 6. (y1,3 and 5 form a separate strand).

We're currently studying circuits as part of our physics programme. We've looked at what symbols are used in diagrams and even had a go at designing and building our own with some shocking results (pun intended!).

We've also looked at food chains, food webs and even some evolution as part of our biology studies. And in chemistry, we've studied solids, liquids and gases.

Our next topic is sound. We'll be looking at how sounds are made, how they travel and are heard.



## Beamish



One of our trips so far in Y4 has been to Beamish. We were very kindly given a free trip there courtesy of the Tom Cowie Trust who want local children to have lots of out of school trips and experiences. We saw different time zones ranging from late 18th Century at Pockerley Manor through to the late 19th century in the town railway station. The weather was fantastic for the time of year and, apart from the wasps surrounding the bandstand, a great time was had by all. We hope to travel back there this year once end of year assessments are out of the way.



## Open Zone

In November last year, Year 4 was invited to the South Shields Open Zone to give our pupils more experience of using different software and brand new hardware. We looked at the story room where projections appear on the 4 walls to improve story experiences. We also got to look at the 3D printer. And with Christmas just around the corner, the children got to design and print their own Christmas tree decorations. We sold some on our Xmas stall during the fayre and helped raise money for the school. The children found the centre awesome and we hope to get more use from it in the future.



## Reading

As you know by now, reading books is one of the cornerstones of education regardless of the genre. Children should be reading every day for as long as they can from a variety of different sources. In year 4, we change our books every Tuesday. Your child will get a book from the shelves (of their choice) and a specific reading book from our scheme designed to push their abilities further. However, books can only be given to those children who've returned their last books. So it's really important to read AND return!

## Vindolanda

Last week Y4 visited Vindolanda as part of their new Roman topic for this term. It took a while but we eventually arrived at the museum to look at the artefacts and to see the 3D movie- Edge of the Empire which told the story of a young soldier stationed at Hadrian's wall just after the wall was built. After lunch we spoke to one of the archaeologists who showed us what they've been digging up and what these things tell us about life back then. She even told us that the dig has got at least another 100 years to go! Maybe we should take spades next time!