



Newsletter 26th September



★ Stars of the Week ★

Year 1	Alice
Year 2	Elora
Year 3	Freddie
Year 4	Eden
Year 5	Rory
Year 6	Layden

Head Teacher's Award



Lara & Esme



House Point Winners



FOOTBALL – EDEN COLLIERY CUP

Our Year 5 and 6 football team started the season with two games in the Eden Colliery Cup last night.

They started the evening with a 0-0 draw against St Johns Bosco. This was a close game, with both goalkeepers playing particularly well.

The second game was a 4-1 win against Seaburn Dene, featuring an Isaac hat-trick and a goal for Levi. This was the first time some of our Year 5s have played for the school team and they all slotted into the team brilliantly.

These results meant we won the group and will progress into the next round of the cup - we will send out fixtures once they have been arranged.



SCHOOL MEALS “SUPER HEROES”

The school meals service is holding a “Super Heroes” promotional day on Thursday 2nd October.
The menu will be:



We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them .

In each year group there will be a lucky “golden ticket” winner of a cupcake set, who will then enter a prize draw to try and win one of the following star prizes :

- £20 Amazon gift card (4 prizes)
- Marvel Ultimate Protectors Action figure pack (8 figures)
- Superhero DIY Craft Project gift set
- Colour in Superhero T-shirt with 10 magic pens & Marvel finger painting gift
- Play-Doh Marvel Smash & Squish playset and Superheroes sticker book
- Marvel Guess Who game
- Spiderman digital quartz watch with 6 piece Marvel action figures

YEAR 6 – SKI SLOPE

On Thursday, Year 6 visited Silksworth ski slope. They funded this trip themselves through a variety of fundraising activities last year, such as the sleepover.

After arriving, the class spent the morning learning how to ski. Walking up the ski slope was definitely tricky but they demonstrated great resilience and persisted. They loved the skiing and some of the class were even able to do a jump whilst skiing down!

As a treat for all of their fundraising activities, the class were then treated to a Mcdonalds for lunch!

The afternoon was split into a range of different activities: orienteering, problem-solving and snow-tubing. The snow-tubing was a particular highlight!

It was a fantastic day and a real reward for our Year 6s - their brilliant fundraising efforts in Year 5 enabled them to go on this trip and they thoroughly enjoyed it.



YEAR 4 – USHAW COLLEGE

On Thursday, Year 4 were lucky to be invited to Ushaw College in Durham to experience the fabulous architecture dating from the early 1800s! We were surrounded by the beautiful gardens, chapels and theatres that represented the Catholic religion and how priests had once hidden here in the North to hide from the rule of Henry VIII and his rules against Catholicism!

We started with an eye-spy activity. Our sheets had 10 different features of the chapel that we had to locate with our pairs. Megan, our leader, sat us down to explain the Neogothic architecture of nature, archways, and high ceilings. We were amazed at the beauty of it.

Before we left the chapel, we were shown a performance of the organ and the music echoed through the whole place.

For our art activity. We linked our learning to glass making and focused on stain glass windows. The children used markers to design images and colours for their own window. Using glue, cellophane, and tissue paper, they then created the glass look and put it into their windowpanes.

Once our windows were ready, we built our own wall and placed the windows inside to see the finished product; we were proud of ourselves!

All in all, a fabulous day and we can't wait to write about it all next week!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in on Friday 3rd October. The doors will open from 8.00am until 8.40 for family photographs to be taken in the music room, please come into school by the Nursery/Reception entrance. Any parents who wish their child's photo to be taken with their brothers or sisters must come and wait with their children from 8am. Please note that we are unable to make appointments for families, photographs are taken on a first-come-first-served basis and we would appreciate your patience throughout the process!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Attendance is so important for children to get the most from their education and the aim should always be 100%.

This week's attendance winners with **99.1%** are **Year 5**.

Children with 5 late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at 98%.

DIARY DATES

- 2 Oct - Netball @ MWM
- 3 Oct - School Photos
- 9 Oct - Y5 Nissan
- 9 Oct - Y4 County Cup - 4pm
- 10 Oct - Hello Yellow
- 14 Oct - Y6 Cycle Event
- 16 Oct - Y3 Broomhouse Farm
- 16 Oct - Swimming Gala @ MWM
- 16 Oct - Football @ Ford Hub – 4pm
- 24 Oct - Inset Day
- 27-31 Oct - Half Term
- 10-14 Nov - Anti bullying week
- 11 Nov - Remembrance Day
- 14 Nov - Children in Need
- 27 Nov - Y3 Stone Age Day



Attendance

2025/2026

At Dame Dorothy we are committed to the best attendance each pupil is able to achieve. We all work to the Northern Lights way of doing our best to be in every day.

	%	<u>AUTUMN</u>	<u>AUTUMN & SPRING</u>	<u>AUTUMN, SPRING & SUMMER</u>	<u>IMPACT ON LEARNING</u>
BLUE	98 - 100%	up to 1 day missed	up to 2.5 days missed	up to 3.5 days missed	Minimum impact on learning
GREEN	96 - 97%	up to 2.5 days missed	up to 5 days missed	up to 7.5 days missed	Some impact on learning
YELLOW	90 - 95%	up to 6.5 days missed	up to 12.5 days missed	up to 19 days missed	Impact on learning. Aim to improve with our support
AMBER	80 - 89%	up to 13.5 days missed	up to 25.5 days missed	up to 38 days missed	Impact on learning. Attendance needs to improve. School are here to support.
RED	79% & Below	up to 14+ days missed	up to 26+ days missed	up to 38.5+ days missed	Significant impact on learning. Attendance must improve. School support provided.

The above table shows days missed within each band. This links with our attendance approach. The amount of days that are missed will vary depending on the term in the academic year.

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Working together to improve attendance