



# Fellside Community Primary School

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## Fellside Matters

*Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.*

*Ambition for all.*

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### Mrs Green's Weekly Message:

While the whole school has carried on learning and growing together as usual, I cannot let the week end without acknowledging our amazing Year Six cohort. This week, they have taken part in national statutory assessments (SATs) and, while we, as a school, ensure that no extra pressure is put on them and, as families, you will have been doing your best to make sure that your child is prepared and calm, this time of year inevitably bring with it nerves and excitement for children. We are pleased to announce that we have, yet again, had comments such as "I can't believe how easy that was." and "Can we do them again?"! This is testament to the staff team, who have prepared the children brilliantly, and the children, who showed confidence and resilience.

As you may know, we are endeavouring to be more 'research based' in our approach to various things. This is so that, when we make decisions, we can be sure that we make them in the very best interests of our children and that our changes are sustainable. Our outdoors is an area that we have been looking into and, next week, we will be meeting as a team to make key decisions about what we will be investing in. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to tell us your thoughts about how we can use and improve the outdoors to benefit your child. Please access the survey here <https://forms.gle/Spa4UapwuDWuclBn6>

We have been asked to gather families' view regarding the catering service provided in our school. If you can spare the time, we would be grateful if you can click on the following link and answer questions on the Parent & Pupil Survey, which closes on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. - <https://forms.office.com/e/dDESkgJ8qr>

*Mrs Green*

### Key Dates

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- Y6 to Whickham Cricket Club all day

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

- Half Term

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- Training Day (School closed to pupils)

*Please continue to check our website, which is updated regularly with key dates.*

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### **Nursery**

Nursery have been sharing “Oliver’s Vegetables” as their class book. They have talked about and ‘written’ about the life cycle of a butterfly. In early maths, they have looked at doubles and halves. On the computer, children have played 2Go while, in sports, they have focused on tennis and ball skills. They are excited to share the news that some of the beans and sunflowers are growing!

**Change winner: Archie C**

### **Reception**

Reception have been reading the book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle, they have made their very own pom-pom caterpillars, and taken part in some special butterfly dancing. Alongside this, they have been learning songs for the “Big Sing” coming up.

**Change winner: James B**

### **Year One**

Year One have been sharing “A Poem for Every Day of the Year”. In writing, they have been creating setting descriptions while, in maths, they have looked at place value, specifically in numbers to 100. As part of geography, they have discussed the question “What can you do at Whitley Bay?” and thinking about sun and sea safety. In RE, they have learnt about Jesus’ baptism as part of learning about Christianity. During PE, children have been improving their tennis skills as well as learning about changing direction in athletics.

**Change winner: Charlotte P**

### **Year Two**

Year Two have shared the book “The Crow’s Tale” by Naomi Howarth. In their own writing, children described characters and settings using adjectives and alliteration. During maths, children thought about two-digit subtraction using equipment and mental calculations. Year Two have looked closely at the continent of Europe including some countries and landmarks. The class have enjoyed playing the recorder together again this week – ‘Wet and Windy’ and ‘Pineapple Punch’. Year Two enjoyed a special treat afternoon this week as a “Well Done” for their top attendance last term – they watched Dog Man and thought it was really cool!

**Change winner: Liv U**

**ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%**

### **Year Three**

Year Three have been reading “After the Fall” by Dan Santat while, in their own writing, they have been looking at Humpty Dumpty’s emotions, learning how to create suspense and tension. In maths, they have focused on geometry; they have looked at the properties of 3D shapes and made angles (acute and obtuse), as well as identifying horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. In computing, children have created their own branching databases while, in PE, they have learnt hockey skills – how to pass the ball long distance and stop the ball safely.

**Change winner: Arlo P**

### **Year Four**

Year Four have continued reading their class book “Witches” while their writing has focused on The Iron Man, using similes and fronted adverbials in descriptions. During maths, children have looked at place value while, in history, they have continued to learn more about Anglo Saxons. Within RE, children learnt about Desmond Tutu while, in PSHE, they have thought carefully about their teeth and dental care. Children have continued to learn how to play the glockenspiel as a whole class.

**Change winner: Spencer M**

### **Year Five**

Children have been writing complex sentences by adding relative or subordinating clauses. In maths, they have been looking at their understanding of percentages as proportions and as hundredths/thousandths. Year Five explored what life was like during the late 4<sup>th</sup> century in Britain and the problems they faced then as part of their history topic while, in PE, children have developed their fielding skills by learning the best positions for catching and throwing in game situations.

**Change winner: Elphine P**

### **Year Six**

Year Six’s mornings have been taken up with SATs and appropriate revision this week (some of the revision was in the sunshine on the field). They also enjoyed a film and celebrations together as a team, plus a game of cricket on the field.

**WELL DONE YEAR SIX!**

**Change winner: Whole class**

**ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 99.7%**