



Fellside Matters

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

Ambition for all.

23rd January 2026

Mrs Green's Weekly Message:

This week, I had the pleasure of presenting to a room full of Gateshead Head Teachers to share how we are developing our “Nurture in Mainstream” provision. This is something that the Local Authority are supporting all primary schools with and we have benefited from some funding to take part in the collaborative approach.

Year Six and selected Year Five pupils visited Whickham School to represent us in a cluster basketball competition and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is lovely to see our Year Six children learning so well with their new class teacher. Mr Donaghy has very quickly become a key member of the team and part of our Fellside Family. We are trying to plan an opportunity for Year Six parents to officially meet Mr Donaghy soon.

Mrs Storey has been meeting with other Early Years Leaders from all around the North East, as part of a project to develop our Early Years curriculum. We are looking forward to sharing the changes with you as they develop. This is all part of our commitment to ensure that we are ambitious for all of our children, from the youngest to the oldest, supporting them in all they do. What a pleasure to be part of this exciting project!

We have had more pleas (specifically from the Nursery team) to remind you that water only should be in bottles. This is part of keeping your children, and their teeth, as healthy as we can. Thank you for your support in this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Monday 26th January

- Y4 Basketball team to Basketball at Whickham School

Thursday 29th January

- Year 6 to see “Weird” at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th February

- Year 6 to Robinwood Residential

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

Nursery

Nursery class have shared the book "This is the Bear" and discussed their own favourite porridge toppings (even making a chart to show their results!). They discussed number order and sang songs to help them remember, such as 'One little Finger' and 'One, Two, three, Four, Five, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'. Children have enjoyed taking turns with their games and resources and have created many lovely pictures using gluing and sticking.

Confidence Winner: Theo S

Year One

Year One children have continued to read and enjoy the Three Little Pigs, creating their own narratives. In maths, they have looked at half of shapes and half of quantities. Within history, children discussed changes in the fire service from 1666 to now, with a very special visitor (thank you, Mr Hetherington!) and, within science, children discussed the five senses. In PE, the class focused on gymnastics (rolling) as well as ball skills (sending and receiving). As part of computing, they learnt how to use coding to move a robot.

Confidence Winner: Kitty HB

Year Three

"The Christmassaurus" book is still being enjoyed in Year Three. Within their own writing, children have been using varied sentence openers to write about the benefits of a long neck (they have written in first person, as a giraffe!). The class have learnt about the artist Lowry's techniques, style and inspiration and, in computing learnt how to add a timer to their code. During Religious Education and World Views, the class learnt about Ramadan and its importance to Muslims while, in PSHE, they learnt about human rights and how they protect us. In science, they enjoyed dissecting flowers to learn about the parts that hide within.

Confidence Winner: Harry Sa

Year Five

In Year Five, children have enjoyed sharing the book "Kensuke's Kingdom". They also finished the writing that they have been creating based on their last book "Where Snow Angels Go", producing wonderful creative pieces of work. Year Five have learnt about the Amazon within their geography lessons and continued to enjoy robotics as their computing curriculum.

Confidence Winner: Grace D

Reception

Reception children have shared the book "Immi". They have continued to become excellent early writers by writing their names and words that contain their new phase three digraphs! *Please continue to practise Phase Two words alongside these new ones which have been sent home.* In early maths, children have been sorting odd and even numbers, doubling numbers and counting in twos. Children have mixed black and white paint, creating grey, and have also created pictures of Winter trees on the computer, using Kidpix. Little Kickers lessons are going very well and children are also enjoying gymnastics, balancing on apparatus very carefully. In Forest School, they hid birds for friends to find and took part in bird watching themselves, too, taking part in the RSPB Schools Bird Survey.

Confidence Winner: Felicity L

Year Two

In Year Two, children have completed their character descriptions of "Rocket". They have read "After the Fall" by Dan Santat and "Shh! Quiet" by Nicola Kinnear. During maths, children have focused on place value, counting in tens and 1s, writing numbers up to 100 in numerals and words. During science, children have compared animal groups, remembering their prior learning from Year One. They have also sequenced balance- travel-balance using equipment while, in geography, pupils made maps of Whickham using a key.

Confidence Winner: Flynn S

Year Four

Children in Year Four have been coding the movement of animals in Computing. They have begun their 'Big Writes', completing newspaper reports about the Chocopocalypse in a town called Chompton. In art, children have created collages inspired by David Hockney while, in geography, they began to look at volcanoes and how they link to each layer of the earth.

Confidence Winner: Jorgie C

Year Six

Year Six pupils have started a book called "The Wolf Wilder". They have been writing their own balanced arguments about the type of character they believe Macbeth to have been. In maths, they have continued to add and subtract fractions while, in computing, children have created their own coding games to play. In Religious Education, children have discussed why Puja is important to Hindus and, in PSHE, they have discussed the importance of being safe online. All of Year Six enjoyed travelling to Whickham School for a basketball tournament.

Confidence Winner: Jacob P