

11th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school. I spent an amazing, if somewhat wet, day with Year 4 on Monday at Arbeia Roman Fort. The excitement was topped off with the bus breaking down on the way back to school!. The children were really sensible while waiting to be collected by a new bus. Year 6 were also out and about on visits this week too at Newcastle Cathedral and STEMFEST. All the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Well done!

This week also saw the children exploring an important part of our school vision with World Mental Health Day. They found out about ways that they can take care of their own mental health and wellbeing.

Next week the school is being inspected by the Church of England SIAMS Team. Our inspector Stacey Rand will be in school all day on Thursday 17th October 2024. You will receive a letter containing further information about the inspection in due course. We look forward to welcoming her into school and sharing all the amazing things that we do.

Our school information videos are finally live. Please check your inbox for a direct link or check out the links later in the Flyer.

Next week we are celebrating 'Walk to School Week'. We are aware that for some of you it is not possible to walk to school. Therefore we would ask that if you come by car you park a few streets away to encourage the children to walk from there. As a treat at the end of the week we are having a special 'shoesday' where the children can wear footwear that makes them happy. It does, however, need to be suitable for outdoor play.

Please could we ask that the children do not bring their own toys into school in case they get lost or damaged.

Another tight match for our Year 6 football team this week against Ponteland Primary Team B. After a hard fought game we came out as narrow winners. Well done everyone!

As we move towards Harvest we are starting to collect for both the People's Kitchen and the West End Foodbank. Please see later in the Flyer for more information.

Well done to Year 6 with the best attendance this week: 99%.

Well done to Year 5 for the best attendance for this year: 97.6%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher



'Let all that you do be done with love'

1 Corinthians 16:14

Attendance Matters



ATTEND today...
ACHIEVE tomorrow...
ATTENDANCE matters.

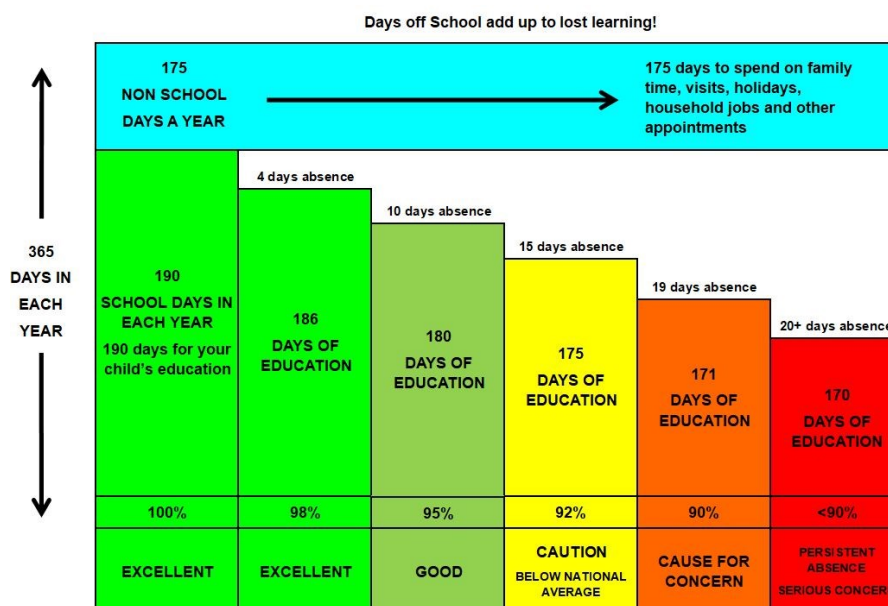


We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year	Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year
Nursery (Hedgehogs)	92.4%	95.1%	Year 3 (Gibside)	95.8%	96.9%
Reception (Owls)	94.1%	94.1%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	94.5%	95.8%
Year 1 (Wallington)	96%	96.8%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	98%	97.6%
Year 2 (Cragside)	93.3%	97.4%	Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	99%	97.3%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.

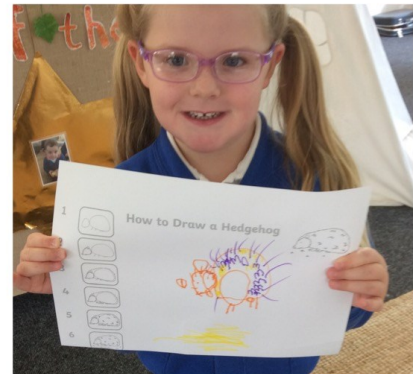


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What a super busy week we have had in Nursery! We are so impressed by how independent and curious our children are. In Maths, we have been learning how to sort objects into groups. We have also been painting pumpkins, drawing our own Hedgehogs and developing our fine motor skills.



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This week we have been thinking about the seasonal changes Autumn brings. We went for a walk to collect lots of leaves. 🍁



We drew around leaf templates, cut them out and rolled confers in paint to create leaf patterns.



We enjoyed reading The Leaf Thief and Leaf Man. We made our own lovely leaf men and autumn trees.

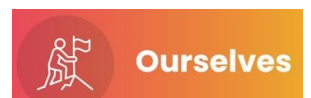


And, we explored repeating patterns. What a lovely, busy week.



World Mental Health Day in Year 1

For World Mental Health Day Year 1 thought about how our mental health is just as important as our physical health. We discussed how it links with how we deal with our emotions so we took part in activities that would help us keep our emotions regulated. We completed a yoga exercise where we had to follow the story of squish the fish through simple yoga poses and completed some mindful colouring.



Art in Year 1

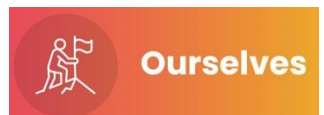
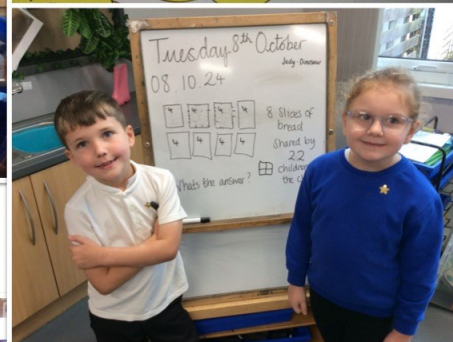
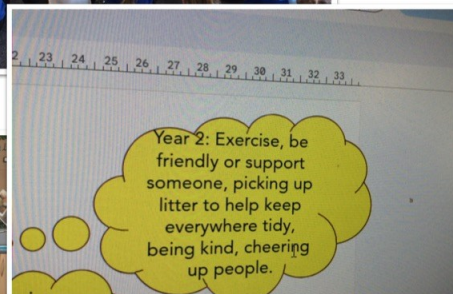
This week, in Art, Year 1 have started to look at observational drawings. We discussed the importance of only drawing what we could see rather than drawing what we think an object should look like. We have created some fabulous sketches of succulents in our sketchbooks.



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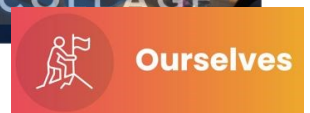
5 Ways to Wellbeing with Year 2

Year 2 have been thinking about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing - Mrs. Ziolkowski listened to our ideas and she encouraged us to work together to pick blackberries over the last few weeks. These were turned into yummy blackberry jam and we got to share this together. We have also been in the Zen Den and have thought about how we are the pond and our feelings are the fish that we can allow to swim freely through our pond.



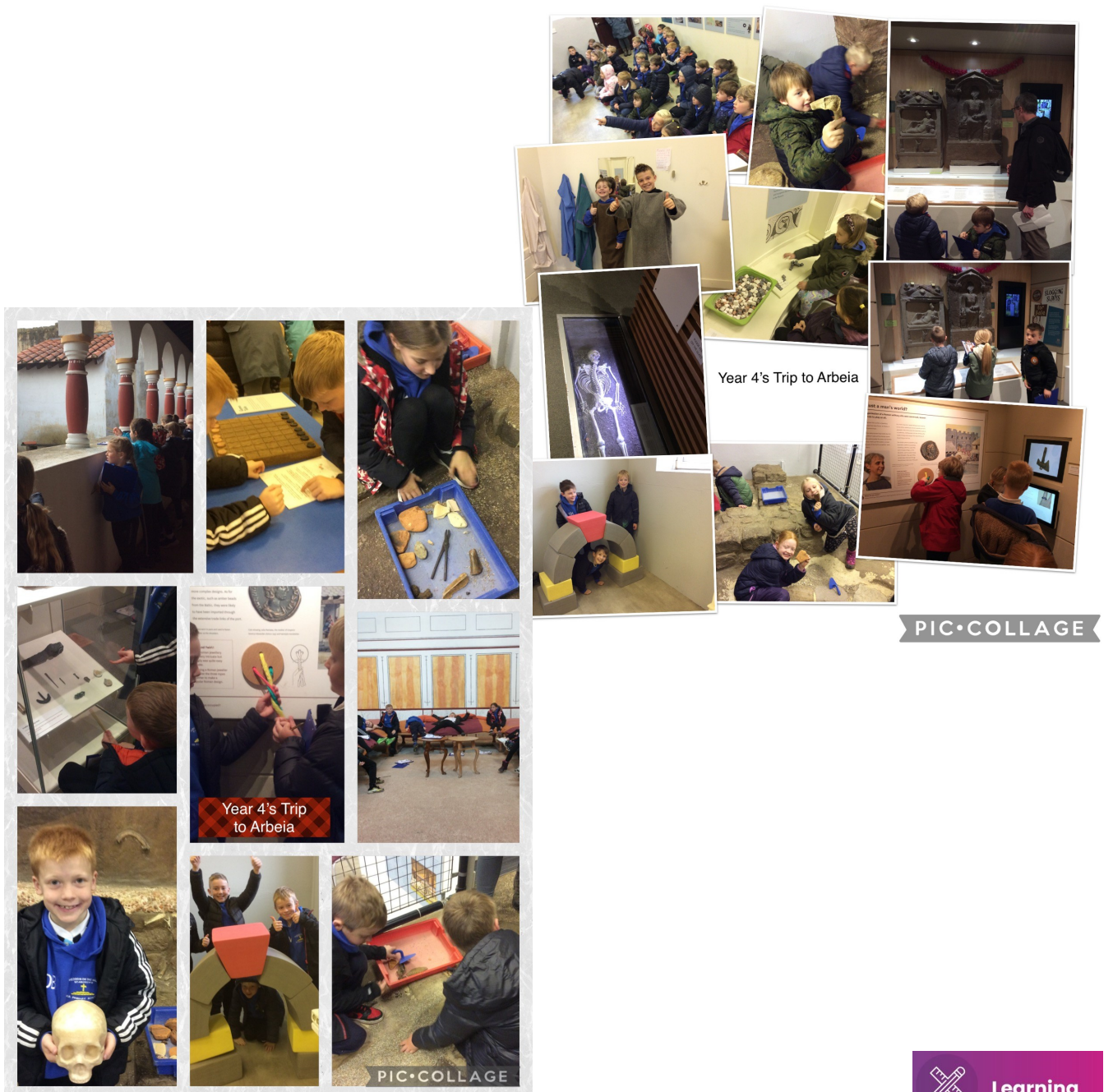


This week we took part in some cosmic kids yoga in PE as a part of Mental Health Day on Thursday, we had a great time stretching and balancing!



Visiting Arbeia Roman Fort with Year 4

On Monday, Year 4 visited Arbeia Roman Fort. We pretended to be archaeologists and dug up real Roman artefacts. Then we looked around the museum and the reconstructed Roman buildings. We all learned a lot and had a great time - even though the bus broke down on the way home!



PE with Year 5

This week in PE we have continued in our Invasion Games unit. Year 5 have been learning to defend space as an individual as well as in a team. We found out that closing down space and overloading the attacking team with defensive players made it less likely to concede goals/points. We learned how to defend in a one-on-one situation as well as adopting a low press to defend a particular zone.



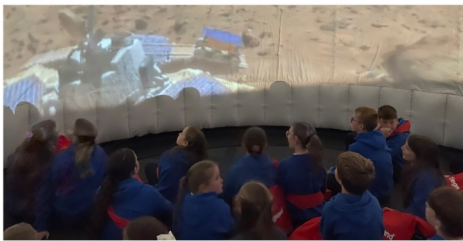
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Learning

Out and About with Year 6

Two school trips this week for Year 6! We have had a very busy, but exciting week visiting Newcastle Cathedral and STEMfest at the Beacon of Light. Both trips were very entertaining and we are looking forward to our next day out together soon.

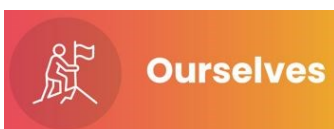


Own Shoes Day for Walk to School Week

Next week it is walk to school week and this year's theme is the magic of walking. Each child will be given a diary with some activities they can complete at home over the week.

We understand that it isn't always possible for children to walk to school. We would like to encourage you to park further away from school so that children still have the opportunity to do some walking. Even parking a few streets away helps reduce the number of cars that are parked outside of school.

Next Friday, on the 18th October, we will be having a special 'shoesday' to celebrate the end of walking to school week. Children can wear a pair of shoes that makes them happy to school on that day. Please remember, whatever shoes the children wear, need to be suitable for outdoor play (no high heels).



School Information Videos

I know that the teachers have been getting a number of questions from both parents and children about being in their new classes. In order to answer the most common questions and to provide you with information about what the expectations are for English and Maths by the end of each year group we have created a series of videos. To view the videos please click on the image for your child's class.

**Expectations of
Nursery**

**Expectations of
Year 3**

**Expectations of
Reception**

**Expectations of
Year 4**

**Expectations of
Year 1**

**Expectations of
Year 5**

**Expectations of
Year 2**

**Expectations of
Year 6**



Learning

Harvest Festival

This year we are collecting for the People's Kitchen and the West End Foodbank. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate we can take them from Monday 7th October until Tuesday 22nd October. Thank you.



**THE PEOPLE'S
KITCHEN** est. 1985
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FOOD FRIENDSHIP FUTURES

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN

Our work is only made possible thanks to your kindness and generosity. The People's Kitchen is run entirely by volunteers, so every penny donated goes directly to helping our vulnerable Friends who might be homeless, at risk, unemployed, lonely, or living in poverty.

Items we need	Examples
Tinned Vegetables	Tomatoes Plum and Chopped, Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potatoes, Baked Beans
Tinned Fruit	Peaches, Pineapples, Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Mandarin Oranges
Soup	Tinned or Instant Vegetable, Tomato, Chicken, Broth, Lentil, Potato & Leek
Cooking/ Baking Ingredients	Sugar, Self-Raising Flour, Plain Flour, Jam, Cocoa, Porridge Oats, Desiccated Coconut, Dried Fruit, Cooking Oil, Lentils, Broth, Pulses (Chickpeas, Kidney Beans, Butter Beans)
Snacks	Pot Noodles, Crisps, Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets
Drinks	UHT Milk, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cartons of Juice, Fruit Squash
Desserts	Rice Pudding, Jelly, Angel Delight, Instant & Tinned Custard, Evaporated Milk, Golden Syrup
Tinned Meat	Ham, Corned Beef, Chilli, Curry, Minced Beef, Bolognese, Stewing Steak
Cooking Sauces	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Coconut Milk
Condiments	Tomato Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise, Salt, Pepper
Pasta & Rice	Lasagne, Egg Noodles, Rice
Stock and Gravy	Vegetarian, Beef, Chicken and Onion
Toiletries	Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel, Razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Roll
Cleaning/Other	Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder, Spare Carrier Bags
Pet Food	Dog and Cat Wet and Dry Food



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Others

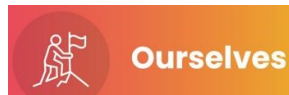


Opal Play

The children had a great time today using some of our new equipment. They enjoyed helping each other balance on the slackline and brushing the leaves with the brushes. It is always lovely to see the children living out our school vision with so much joy and excitement in their play.



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Ourselves



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Opal Play

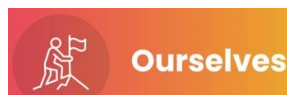
On Thursday 24th October there will be a non-uniform day for Opal Play:

Non uniform Day 24th October

£1 donation or an old toy/item from the list below:

dinosaur
farm animal/wild animal
toy car/bus/boat
dressing up outfit/hat/scarf
Imaginary world piece – magic door, toadstool etc
glass pebbles

pool noodle
packet of wild flower seeds
wooden plank
cable reel
log slice/s



Ourselves



Others

You're Invited!

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Place: Horsley Village Hall, NE15 0NT

Date: Saturday 19th October

Time: 10.30 – 12.30



Any queries to Clare W, Marlene or Julie

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19933_InvitePoster

Others



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term



Tuesday 15th October 2024	Year 1 Walk around the Village
Thursday 17th October 2024	School Inspection by SIAMS (Church of England)
Friday 18th October 2024	Wear your own Shoes Day for Walk to School Week
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	Safer Relationships workshops in school run by Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service
Thursday 24th October 2024	Non-Uniform Day - See Opal Play page for more details
Friday 25th October 2024	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's Church - 9.30am
Friday 25th October 2024	Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's Church - 10.20am
w/c Monday 28th October 2024	HALF TERM
Monday 4th November 2024	TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5th November 2024	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reception - Year 6
Tuesday 5th November 2024	Parents Evening
Thursday 7th November 2024	Parents Evening

Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term



Thursday 5th December 2024	Choir Christmas Concert in School Hall at 5pm
Friday 6th December 2024	School Christmas Fair
Friday 13th December 2024	TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Early Years Nativity in School Hall at 10am
Tuesday 17th December 2024	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance at St. Andrew's Church at 1.30pm
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance at St. Andrew's Church at 10am
Friday 20th December 2024	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church at 9.30am
w/c Monday 23rd December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS