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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,
Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our new pre-reception children and their families.

Class	Star of the Week	Presentation	Golden Table
R	Lennon	Hugo	Hugo
1	Bobbi-Rose	Sunny	Abigail
2	Harriet	Ava	Emily
3	Lochlan	Rosie	Stanley
4	Joey D	Eric	Jaxon
5	Jeni	Amelia	Jeni
6	Alfie	Cameron	Bilge
Headteacher Awards: Reggie (1) and Sienna (5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year's R, 2, 3 & 4 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 96.5% (Target 96%)			

This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Seasonal Change—Winter

Years 1 & 2: Art—Paper Art

Years 3 & 4: Art—Drawing

Year 5 & 6: Art—Monochrome Drawing

The following topics will be covered during their next school week:

Reception: Seasonal Change—Winter

Years 1 & 2: Art—Paper Art

Years 3 & 4: Art—Drawing

Year 5 & 6: Art—Monochrome Drawing

Northumberland Gazette Articles

[Top 15 Schools in Northumberland](#)

We are extremely proud to say that we have featured in the above article of the top 15 primary schools within Northumberland, which has over 130 primary schools in the county. All schools were graded at least good in all areas and compared using the data from last year's Key Stage 2 SATs results, where the percentage of children who met the expected standard in all three areas of reading, mathematics and writing. We were ranked 4th with 80% and the number one school achieved 82%. On behalf of the children, governors and staff we would like to thank all our families for their support in helping us achieve this amazing result as you play a vital role in supporting your child's education.

Nativity Pictures—2nd January edition has a large copy of the Nativity photo. We are aware lots of parents like to purchase and therefore thought we would like to make you aware of when it was published.

PreReception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming—Summer Term

It is our intention to take the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2, and those children who joined us in January, swimming at Willowburn pool during the summer term. We find the sooner we start these lessons with the children they develop into more confident swimmers in later years. As well as being a compulsory part of the Primary School curriculum, we also consider this to be an extremely important skill which could potentially save their lives one day. We were extremely fortunate that last year a majority of our parents started taking their children to Willowburn prior to the school lessons. This helped the children get used to the new environment, ease any concerns they may have and develop the routines of getting changed, dried and dressed independently. Therefore, we would be very grateful if parents within these year groups could take their children swimming prior to the summer term.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Many thanks to all our parents for having the children well prepared for their first lesson. If you could continue to encourage children to get dried and dressed independently after bath times at home this would greatly assist us at the end of the swimming lessons.

School Lunches—Week beginning Monday 13th January 2025

Monday: Sausages, hash browns/smilies, carrots & sweetcorn - Cake and custard

Tuesday: Meatballs, pasta, peas and carrots - Chocolate chip muffin

Wednesday: Roast turkey, roast pots, stuffing, York puds, veg & gravy - Rice pudding

Thursday: Fish fingers, wedges, beans, sweetcorn & carrots - Warm brownie & cream

Friday: Cheese/pepperoni pizza, chips, sweetcorn or beans - Pancakes with sauce

Dates for the Future (please add dates to your home calendar/phone calendar)

Date	Year	Event	Notes
2025			
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	3 and 4	Swimming—Years 3 and 4 Final session Wed 9th April	26th March No swimming (Residential)
Monday 6th January 2025	All	School reopens for Spring Term	8:30am
<i>Wednesday 15th January</i>	<i>New Rec Sept 25</i>	<i>Please note the Northumberland County Council website for applications to join our Reception class in Sept 25 closes 15th Jan.</i>	<i>If you are aware of any families who may have a child wanting to join us in Sept 25 we would appreciate you making them aware of the deadline date.</i>
Week beginning 3rd February	All	Parent/Teacher meetings	Letters to be issued
Friday 21st February	All	Last day of Spring 1 Term	Normal finishing times
Monday 3rd March	All	School reopens for Spring 2 Term	8:30am
Wed 26th to Fri 28th March	3/4	Dukeshouse Wood Residential	
Thursday 10th April	1/2	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Friday 11th April	All	Last day of Spring Term	School closes at 2pm
Monday 28th April	All	School reopens for Summer Term	8:30am
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Swimming	
Mon 12th May to Thurs 15th May	6	KS2 SATs	
Wednesday 18th June	5/6	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Wed 25th to Fri 27th June	Y6	London residential	
Thursday 3rd July	Rec	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00