



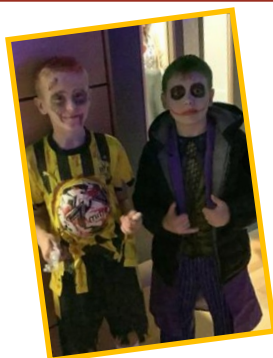
Newsletter 17th October 2025



Dear parents/carers

We're almost at the end of another great term — as always thank you for all your support along the way! We'll be rolling out a fresh winter dinner menu after half term, so get ready for some tasty new choices. These will be published on class Dojo before we break up for the holiday. New clubs will also be starting in the new term — we'll share all the information on Class Dojo soon, so keep an eye out and don't miss your chance to sign up on Parent Pay.

Kind regards,
Mrs Foster
Head of School



All the children made a huge effort in their Halloween costumes, they all had a spook-tacular time including our teachers.



In every newsletter we will celebrate staff who have gone above and beyond to support the staff, pupils and wider school community.

This week our staff shout out goes to: Mrs Warde and Miss Walton

A huge thank you to Mrs Warde and Miss Walton for always being willing to help out in the school, working brilliantly as a team, and consistently going the extra mile to support the whole school community. Your dedication and positivity make a real difference every day — we appreciate you!



We're looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Parents Evening on Tuesday 4th November.

The booking system will be available by the end of the day on Monday 20th October.
Please make sure to book early, as appointments tend to fill up quickly.

More Information

ARE YOU CARING FOR A CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

Caring for someone can be rewarding but also demanding

We can help with

- Accessing benefits, grants & bursaries
- Information & advice
- Energy efficiency advice and support
- Free Counselling
- Training and workshops
- Opportunities for breaks
- Peer Groups and activities
- Support at TAFs

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Carer Training & Events

We have a rolling calendar of training and events for Carers on a wide range of topics offering online and face to face sessions.

Examples include:

- Power of Attorney, Wills and Trusts
- Emotional Resilience
- Pilates (Online)
- First Aid Training
- Moving and Handling
- Theatre Trips, Arts and Crafts, Nature Days

Support Groups

We have a number of Carer Support Groups across County Durham and Darlington to meet and chat with other Carers in the community in a safe and supportive environment.

Groups meet monthly in:

- Barnard Castle
- Bishop Auckland
- Chester le Street
- Consett
- Darlington
- Shotton Colliery
- Stanley

Do you look after someone?

Find out how we can help...

Head Office
The Old Methodist Church,
Durham Street, Spennymoor,
County Durham, DL16 7AT
Tel: 0300 005 1213
Text: 07800 005830
Email: admin@dccarers.org

Darlington Office
St Teresa's Hospice,
91 Woodland Road,
Darlington, DL3 7UA
Tel: 0300 030 1215
Email: admin@darlingtoncarers.org

Your local charity supporting Carers

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DURHAM

SCHOOL GAMES SUPER RISE BOWL

Year 5+6 competition AM
Year 7+8 competition PM

**STAFF CPD 26TH JANUARY ALL DAY
COMPETITION 18TH MARCH**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST VIA EMAIL -
NATHAN.BEADLE@RISENORTHEAST.CO.UK

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity

Durham Nearly New Sale
Sunday 19th October 2025
13.30pm-3pm (NCT members early entry 13.15pm)
Only £1 entry

Lots of baby and children's toys, clothes, prams and nursery equipment, business stands and much more.

Meadowfield Leisure Centre
John Street North,
Meadowfield,
DH7 8RG

@DurhamNCT
NCTDurham

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Holiday	Last day	Teacher Training Days school closed to children	Date re-opens for children
October Half Term	Friday 24th October 2025		Monday 3rd November 2025
Christmas Holidays	Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026	Tuesday 6th January 2026
February Half term	Friday 20th February 2026		Monday 2nd March 2026
Easter Half term	Thursday 2nd April 2026		Monday 20th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026		Tuesday 5th May 2026
May Half Term	Friday 22nd May 2026		Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Half Term	Friday 17th July 2026	Monday 20th July 2026	

Dates your Diary 2024-2025

Date	Time	Event	Year	What Do I Need?
Tue 21st Oct	1:30pm-2:45pm	Stay and Play	Reception	Reception parents welcome into school
Wed 22nd Oct	2:30pm –3:00pm	Class Assembly	YR6	Parents Welcome
Wed 22nd Oct	11:00am-11:30am	Church Visit	YR1	More information to follow
Thur 23rd Oct	12:00pm-2:30pm	Gymnastics Festival@Sherburn	YR1	More information to follow
Thur 23rd Oct	2:30pm-3:00pm	Class Assembly	YR6	Parents Welcome
Mon 3rd Nov	All Day	School Photos	Whole School	
Tue 4th Nov	2:00pm-6:00pm	Parents Evening	Whole School	More information to follow
Thur 6th Nov	12:00pm–4:30pm	Sports Festival @Maiden Castle	YR2—Sharks	More information to follow on class Dojo
Mon 10th Nov	All Day	Odd Sock Day	Whole School	Wear Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
Tue 11th Nov	12:00pm-2:30pm	Athletics @Maiden Castle	YR5/YR6	More information to follow
Wed 12th Nov	All Day	Durham Cathedral Visit	YR2	More information to follow
Thurs 13th Nov	2:30pm-3:00pm	Class Assembly	YR3	Parents Welcome
Fri 14th Nov	All Day	Children in Need	Whole School	Wear something spotty
Fri 21st Nov	All Day	Non uniform Day	Whole School	Bottle Donations
Tue 25th Nov	2:00pm-3:00pm	Rock Steady Concert	Parents	Parents Welcome
Wed 26th Nov	26th—28th Nov	RobinWood	YR6	More information to follow on class Dojo
Mon 1st Dec	All Day	Flu Vaccine	Whole School	More information to follow
Tue 2nd Dec	2:30pm-4pm	Christmas Fair	Whole School	Parents Welcome
Fri 5th Dec	11:00am-2:00pm	Christmas Dinner	Whole School	Christmas Dinner in School Hall
Tue 9th Dec	2:00pm-2:30pm	Nativity Play	Reception	More information to follow
Thur 11th Dec	1:30pm—3:30pm	Christmas Party	YR6	More information to follow
Fri 12th Dec	2:30pm-3:00pm	Christmas Nativity	YR1/YR2	More information to follow
Mon 15th Dec	1:00pm-3:00pm	Choir performance @ Bowburn Care Home	KS1	More information to follow
Tue 16th Dec	Time TBC	Christmas Carol Service @Christ the king church	KS2	More information to follow
Tue 16th Dec	1:00pm-2:30pm	Christmas Party	Reception	More information to follow
Wed 17th Dec	9:15am—9:45am 1:30pm— 2:45pm	Panto	Whole School	More information to follow
Thur 18th				