



**October 17th 2025**

### **Teesdale Cancer Research Pink Run**

School was awash with pink on Wednesday as we joined in with the Turn Barney Pink theme, organised by the fabulous Teesdale Cancer Research group. The children and staff looked great. Thank you to all who donated and well done to our children for their run! As a school, we donated £444.19 which is wonderful. Thank you to the ladies from the Teesdale Cancer Research group for providing medals and for Mrs Lomax and our staff for setting everything up.

### **Harvest Festival Collection**

Thank you very much for the donations for the Harvest Festival. Storehouse collected the items today to distribute to local families who will benefit.

### **Local History Walk to the Bowes Museum**

Year 1 enjoyed a super visit to the Bowes Museum to look at the changes from past to present as part of their History topic. Thank you to our helpers for accompanying them.

### **Year 6 Visit to the Discovery Museum**

Today Year 6 visited the Discovery Museum to find out more about how World War II impacted the North East. I will let you know more about this next week.

### **Year 2 to the Bowes Museum**

Our children built on their knowledge of the Bowes Museum learnt in Year 1, to find out more about John and Josephine Bowes in Year 2. On Monday they will be visiting an exhibition about their lives at the museum.

### **Year 5 Multiskills**

Our Year 5 children will not be going to multiskills on Monday as Staindrop's hall is being used for mock exams. We are hoping to attend the rearranged session in the future. Also, Year 1 & Year 2 Kurling and Boccia event at Bishop Auckland has been cancelled by the organisers, this was due to take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Halloween Discos**

Next week we have a number of different Halloween Discos. Children can come to school in the costumes on their disco day (see dates for the diary below). Please ensure children can still access the toilet independently and they have sensible footwear. Thank you.

### **TikTok**

Please see attached advice around TikTok [here](#). A reminder, like with many platforms, that you should aged 13+ for a Tiktok account.

### **New Menu**

Autumn / Winter lunch menus have been sent home this week. If you would like your child to have a school meal, please complete the menu and return to school as soon as possible. The new menu will start on Monday 3rd November. Thank you.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. If you are interested in being involved and would like more information about the role, please contact me or our Chair, Mrs Sarah

O'Doherty. Sarah can be contacted after 5pm on [s.odoherty400@montalboschool.org.uk](mailto:s.odoherty400@montalboschool.org.uk) or 07970422813.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for all classes apart from Class 4. Class 4's parents evening will take place Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The booking portal is now open and has been shared with parents on Weduc. If you have any issues with booking please contact the school office.

### Reception Places for September 2026

The window for applications for Reception school places for children due to start school in September 2026 will close on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. School Admissions at the Local Authority organise this. Please see further information [here](#).

### Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done! Reception

| Class        | Attendance this week (%) |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Reception    | 98.7                     |
| Year 1       | 96                       |
| Year 2       | 97.9                     |
| Year 3       | 98.6                     |
| Year 4       | 97                       |
| Year 5       | 96.3                     |
| Year 6       | 96.3                     |
| Whole School | 97.2%                    |

### Dates for the Diary

|                                                |                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 2 to Bowes Museum                                               |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | Parents' Evenings                                                    |
| October 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Nursery, Reception (am) and Year 1 and 2 (pm) Halloween Discos       |
| October 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Year 3/4 (pm) Halloween Disco                                        |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | Y5/6 (pm) Halloween Disco                                            |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | Tag Rugby (12 Y3 children)                                           |
| October 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>    | Half term holidays                                                   |
| November 3 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Children return to school                                            |
| November 21 <sup>st</sup>                      | Dance Off                                                            |
| November 27 <sup>th</sup>                      | Christmas Fayre                                                      |
| December 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | Reception Nativity (pm)                                              |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup>                      | Nursery Christmas Singalong (pm)                                     |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup>                      | Christmas Lunch                                                      |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Jumper Day |
| December 15 <sup>th</sup>                      | Reception-Y6 to the pantomime at The Witham                          |
| December 16 <sup>th</sup>                      | Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (pm and evening)                        |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Parties                                                    |
| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Christmas Holidays                                                   |
| January 5 <sup>th</sup>                        | Children return to school                                            |

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Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

