



November 21st 2025

Dance Off

Today we enjoyed one of our favourite whole school events of the year. The hall was packed with every class in attendance. The children and staff formed the audience, as each class took turns to impress our judges. The theme this year was animals and the children danced to the songs below:

Nursery - Tiger Feet.

Reception - Nellie the Elephant.

Year 1 - Katie Perrie - Roar.

Year 2 - Walk the Dinosaur.

Year 3 - Dog Days and In the Jungle.

Year 4 - Rockin' Robin.

Year 5 - Mash up of Crocodile Rock, Hound Dog, Karma Chameleon and Dance Monkey

Year 6 - Mash up of What Does The Fox Say, Roar, Pink Pony Club and Lionheart.

Congratulations to everyone who took part – we have such talented children who all took part with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all our teaching teams for choregraphing these – the dances were incredible. Thank you to our judges Motsi Ma Bowron, Shirley Ballas Wood, Craig Revel Lockwood and Anton du Min and our wonderful hosts Tess (Mrs Lomax) and Claudia (Mrs Patterson)!

This year's winners of the Glitterball for Early Years and Key Stage 1 were Reception Class!

This year's winners of the Glitterball for Key Stage 2 were Year 5!

Christmas Fayre

On Thursday 27th November from 5-7pm we will be hosting our amazing Christmas Fayre. There will be so much to enjoy and I hope that everyone has a fantastic time.

There will be a mix of local stallholders as well as the crafts our Key Stage 2 children have created. FOMS will be in Year 1 classroom with their famous bottle draw and other games and activities. Claire Collinson is taking family photographs in Year 2 classroom – you might want to put Christmas jumpers on for a festive snap!

There are a number of refreshments stalls selling teas, coffees, hot chocolate and juice as well as food vans selling pizzas, fish and chips and crepes! There is also lots to do outside too and we are hoping some special visitors arrive.

Some sellers will have card machines but for children's/school stalls please bring some cash!

If children have created a luminaire to be judged please bring these into school Monday-Wednesday preferably. Thank you.

Donations to FOMS for the Christmas Fayre

FOMS would be really grateful for donations of the following items for the Christmas Fayre:

- Bottles for the bottle tombola stall.
- Bottle gift bags.
- Raffle prizes.

If you have any please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Preloved Event

To reduce clothing waste and help the environment, we are planning another pre-loved clothing event. We would like donations of **uniform, footwear, winter coats, winter accessories and Christmas clothes.**

Please drop your pre-loved uniform, footwear, Xmas jumpers, tops, shirts, cardi's, party wear and winter coats at Mrs Patterson's Nursery Class by **Monday 24th November.**

Items must be washed and in very good condition!

Our 'Pick-up Something Pre-loved' event will take place on **Monday 1st December, 3.15 – 3.45pm** in the School Hall, accessed via the hall double doors.

Children in Need

We raised £197.40 for Children in Need. Thank you for supporting Children in Need.

Year 4 Visit to Hulands Quarry

On Tuesday afternoon Year 4 had a successful visit to Hulands Quarry. The staff at the site were so helpful and informative. The children had the opportunity to go close to where the limestone was being quarried, see the different types of vehicles and machines used, as well as see the lab. The class discussed the types of jobs at the quarry as well as the various uses of the stone. The children answered many questions and completed a field sketch. We are very grateful to the staff from Hulands Quarry who were so helpful and informative. Thank you to Mr Harrison for his help organising this.

Durham University Trainees

Each Tuesday two trainee teachers, Miss Sunter and Miss Hogarth, will be visiting our Reception class to learn more about teaching in Early Years.

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 15th 2026. School Admissions at the Local Authority organise this. Please see further information [here](#).

Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 2 & 3!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	98
Year 1	98
Year 2	98.2
Year 3	98.2
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	92.4
Whole School	96.7

Dates for the Diary

November 27 th	Christmas Fayre
December 1 st	Pick-up Something Pre-loved event 3.15-3.45pm in School Hall
December 5 th	Reception Nativity (pm)
December 10 th	Nursery Christmas Singalong (pm)
December 10 th	Christmas Lunch
December 12 th	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm at St Marys
December 15 th	Reception-Y6 to the pantomime at The Witham
December 16 th	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (pm and evening)
December 17 th -19 th	Christmas Parties

December 22nd - Jan 2nd Christmas Holidays
January 5th Children return to school

Mr. C Minikin
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.

