



We have had a great couple of weeks in school. Every class is working hard to fit everything in before we break up for the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair. We will let you know when the orders arrive.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in school soon for all the festive events.

Miss Ward  
Headteacher

## Yes, I can!

We were very proud to be part of Bedlington Light Switch on. It was lovely to see so many parents and ex pupils there too. A big thank you to all the children who sang so beautifully.



## Shout outs!

### *Celebrating excellence across school*

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 4 & 10**

**Pitch Perfect** (children showing great sportsmanship on the pitch at play times): **Poplar & Chestnut**

**Attendance** (the class with the best attendance that week): **Hazel, Sycamore & Rowan**  
**Staff** (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs M Waters & Mrs M Madgwick** for giving up their time on a Saturday to support our children at the Bedlington Light Switch on.

## Governors

As you know, we are looking for two parent governors to join our team. You have until the end of this week to get your votes in. Parent governors represent you so make sure you have a say in who they are.

A few of our governors came into school this week to have lunch with the children. They all commented on how well behaved the children were, how effective our new system is and how lovely the food is. A very different picture to when they were at school.

## Attendance for this year so far

Beech			
92%			
Sycamore	Hazel	Oak	Poplar
96%	94%	94%	94%
Chestnut	Rowan	Larch	Cedar
95%	95%	92%	92%
Whole school			
94%			

Our weekly raffle ticket for attendance has been a great success so far. Parents have commented that their children are talking about it and want to ensure they are in school each day in order to get one. This has a great impact on their education.

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 5 December** – The man in Red visiting school  
**Thursday 7 December** – Nursery & Reception Panto in school  
**Friday 8 December** – Year 3 Northumberland Day  
**Friday 8 December** – PTFA Winter Fair in school hall  
**Monday 11 December** – Rev Ian & Salvation Army Brass Band Nativity on the yard @ 3pm  
**Wednesday 13 December** – Y1 & Y2 Nativity 9:15 and 11am  
**Wednesday 13 December** – Christmas dinner day  
**Wednesday 13 December** – Christmas Jumper day  
**Thursday 14 December** – Y1 & Y2 Nativity 9:15  
**Thursday 14 December** – Y6 Panto trip  
**Thursday 14 December** – Nursery Nativity at 2:30  
**Friday 15 December** – Nursery Christmas party  
**Friday 15 December** – Y1 & Y2 Panto trip  
**Friday 15 December** – Y3 & Y4 Nativity at 9:15 & 2:30pm  
**Monday 18 December** – Y3 & Y5 Christmas party  
**Tuesday 19 December** – Reception Nativity at 9:15  
**Tuesday 19 December** – Y2 Christmas party  
**Wednesday 20 December** – Y3, Y4 & Y5 Panto trip  
**Wednesday 20 December** – Y1 & Y4 Christmas party  
**Wednesday 20 December** – Y5 & Y6 Carols by Candlelight in St Cuthbert's Church at 4pm  
**Thursday 21 December** – Y6 Christmas party  
**Thursday 21 December** – Toy day!  
**Thursday 21 December** – @3:20 school closes for Christmas break. *Please note we no longer close at 2pm as we have done previously.*  
**Friday 22 December** – Teacher Training day  
**Monday 8 January** – school opens

### Safeguarding message



Mrs Water



Mrs McLeod



Mr Chapman



Mrs McFall



Miss Ward

Child neglect is the most common form of child abuse in the UK and robs children of their childhood. As [Action for Children](#) note, "When an adult doesn't support them it means they can be unsafe, unhealthy, unloved and uncared for."

Look out for children in your street being left home alone over the holiday period.

Not all children live with responsible adults.

If you have concerns, contact one of the team above or Northumberland Social Services: 01670 536400.

### Year 5

Year 5 class assembly was excellent. The children worked so hard to remember their lines and it was great to see so many parents attend.



### Year 4

Year 4 have been using technology to complete geographical tasks. They have been researching countries and comparing them.





## Year 3

Year 3 had a great time at the skipping festival. They really enjoyed playing in the snow!



## Year 2

Year 2 children have enjoyed peer massages during wellbeing week and really enjoyed playing in the snow.





## Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed making bread cased muffin tarts. Very healthy option and went down a treat!



## Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed making sculptures based on Andrew Goldsworthy and writing Autumn poems!



## Reception

Reception have had a great time with Lego challenges and have been baking bread for the Little Red Hen. They mostly enjoyed eating it though!





## Nursery

Nursery have been practising fine motor skills using festive pictures. They have a great washing hands to eat snacks routine.



## Wellbeing

Wellbeing week and the house event was a great week. Children had a lovely time completing mindfulness activities, yoga and much more!



## Golden Awards

Very well done to all the children who were chosen for the Golden Book this fortnight. You really impressed your teachers, showing you were ready, respectful and safe!





## Reading

Year 6 were great reading detectives with a little help from the parents!



## PTFA

Our lovely volunteers in the PTFA have been working hard to put together a Winter Fair.

Please join us in our main hall on **Friday 8 December from 2:30pm**. A great chance to have a look round the fair before you collect your children at 3:20 to take them to it.



## Everything else!

