

Summer 1 Newsletter

Mr Storey's Half-Termly Round-Up



"Pupils say they love being in school and that other pupils are friendly, kind, understanding and helpful" (Ofsted 2022)



"The school feels busy, vibrant and welcoming and the pupils are polite and respectful of one another" (Ofsted 2017)

Achieve, Believe, Create, Dream Together, developing a love of learning.

Below are some of the highlights that have occurred, upcoming events, updates & reminders:

What have we been up to?

Trips, Events and Clubs

This half term, we have taken part in... a trip to the library (Reception & Y5), a trip to local parks (Y1), a trip to the beach (Y1), anti-bullying workshop (Y6), WW2 dance class with Dance Distraction (Y6), choir (Y4, Y5 & Y6), OPAL event for parents, Cliff House trail (Y1), David Attenborough 100th Birthday Animal Dress-Up Day, OPAL Stay & Play (Reception), Dove Marine visit (5WP), WW2 trip to Longbenton Squadron Air Cadets HQ (Y6), Open the Book RE assembly, School Council visit to St Michael's school, 'At the Seaside' fun lunch day, pre-loved uniform sale and much more!

Sports

This half term, we have taken part in... Judo club (Y3 & Y4), the daily mile, Yoga Club (Y2 & Y3), tennis at Cullercoats Lawn Tennis Club (Y5), Key Steps Gymnastics Competition (Y3 & Y4), BetteronBikes Cycle Rides (Y4), swimming lessons (Y6), training for upcoming cycle residential trip to Broomley Grange (Y5), Football Club (Reception, Y5 & Y6), Basketball & Hockey Club (Y5) and much more!



Well Done Year 6!

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 children for the fantastic attitude and effort they showed during SATs Week. We are proud of you all!



Well Done Runners!

A huge well done to everybody who took part in the Children's Cancer North Run 2026.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the children to support an important cause while challenging themselves and having fun along the way. Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your generous donations and encouragement.





Parent Helpers

A huge thank you to all of our parent helpers who generously give their time to support school trips and events. Your help makes these opportunities possible so children can enjoy valuable experiences beyond the classroom.

Cake Sale and Tombola

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent cake sale and tombola. Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised an amazing **£710** for the Year 6 Leavers' Fund. The money raised will help us provide special end-of-year experiences for our Year 6 children as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.



New Reading Scheme

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association for their incredibly generous donation of £3000 towards our new reading scheme and new books across the school.

Their continued support will help us provide high-quality reading resources for all children, helping to inspire a love of reading and support learning in every year group. We are extremely grateful for everything the Parents' Association does for our school community.



Dobbies Community Gardens Prize

Dobbies Community Gardens is a nationwide initiative supporting groups across the UK to create, restore, or enhance indoor and outdoor green spaces. Out of hundreds of entries, Cullercoats Primary School won first prize from the Ponteland Store winning over **£1,300** to spend in Dobbies. 'Cullercoats Boat' at the front of the school was nominated by Mrs Lee and she was lucky enough to be presented with the prize on Saturday 2nd May.

Thank you to the Parents' Association and for the nomination by Mrs Lee.



Upcoming next half term...

Whitley Bay Carnival

On: Saturday 23rd May 11am - 12:30pm

Come along and watch our Y5 pupils take part in the festival!
Whitley Bay Metro Station to The Links via Station Road, Whitley Road,
Park View, Marine Ave

Featuring costumed promenaders and giant structures with live music
from Spanish City Rollers, Drumdin, & Storytellers Streetband.



Teacher Training Day

On: Monday 1st June

Just a reminder that school/nursery is closed.

Heritage Week

On: Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th June



After half term we will be celebrating our local area with a Heritage week. Across the school, we will be learning more about the history of Cullercoats, and celebrating our heritage through art, music and creative writing.

Homework Project

Over the half term holidays, we are setting a whole school homework project; this has been set by our newly formed team of Arts Ambassadors, and will tie in with our recent celebration of David Attenborough. The challenge is to make a piece of art that celebrates the wonderful birds, fish and other sea creatures that live on the coast and in the sea in our local area. Each child can decide what form of art they would like to make. They could:

- Make a model
- Draw or paint a picture
- Write a poem/ letter/ postcard
- Write a song (they could even record this and send it in to school)
- Make a short film about the animal.

Thursday 4th June - Completed projects brought to school

Monday 8th June - Parents invited to an Art Exhibition of the children's projects straight after school 3:30pm

We hope that this will be a great celebration of the heritage of Cullercoats, and that your children will enjoy using their creative talents!



Non Uniform Day

On: Friday 12th June

To celebrate the start of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in football shirts, sportswear, or colours representing a country taking part in the tournament. This is a fun opportunity for everyone to celebrate different nations and enjoy the excitement of the World Cup together.

Parents' Association Summer Fair

On: Saturday 13th June
10:00am - 12:00pm

More info to follow...!

On the same day as Cullercoats Festival



Reports sent home

On: Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th June

Yearly reports will be sent to parents via email

Drop-In Evening - Opportunity to Discuss Reports with Teachers

On: Monday 29th June from 3:30pm



Monday 29th June Reception 1:45 - 2:45pm

Tuesday 30th June Y1 and Y2 1:45 - 2:45pm

Thursday 2nd July AM Nursery 10:00 - 11:00am

Thursday 2nd July PM Nursery 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday 3rd July Y3 and Y4 1:45 - 2:45pm

Monday 6th July Y5 and Y6 1:45 - 2:45pm

All parents/carers are more than welcome to come along to watch and support the children.

YEAR 6 Leavers RAFFLE



TICKETS
★ **£1** ★
EACH

SUPPORTING THE
Year 6 Leavers Fund 

AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

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| 1 |  | Full size keyboard | 9 |  | 3 hour house clean by Fresh by Nature |
| 2 |  | 4 tickets to Newcastle Eagles | 10 |  | 30 minute private golf lesson by James Atthey Golf Academy |
| 3 |  | 10 Session Bay Bootcamp Voucher | 11 |  | 1 month free pass to Curves Gym |
| 4 |  | £30 Hair salon voucher by Stars Hair & Beauty | 12 |  | £10 Charlie Rose Cafe Voucher |
| 5 |  | £50 Gulshan Tynemouth Voucher | 13 |  | 2 x vouchers |
| 6 |  | 3 x free dance classes at MADD Dance | 14 |  | £20 Nando's gift card |
| 7 |  | Reformer Pilates voucher for 2 by Roam | 15 |  | Family day ticket (2 adults 3 kids) |
| 8 |  | 4-ball at Tynemouth Golf Course | | | |

 DRAW DATE:
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
Winner will be contacted directly from the school.

 TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL GATEWAY
Get your tickets and help us make amazing memories! 

★ THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CREATE MEMORIES THAT LAST! ★

Gosforth Nature Reserve's Free Open Week!



Natural
History
Society of
Northumbria

25 - 31 May

What's on offer?

- Free access all week
- Children's seasonal nature trail
- Drop-in crafts in the Field Studies Room
- Pick up some free wildlife identification sheets and resources
- Bookable events on NHSN's Eventbrite (limited spaces available)



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Free public parking available on Gosforth Park Way. A short 5 minute walk from Gosforth Nature Reserve entrance.

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In 2023, a new shape was discovered: **the Spectre**. It's the first shape ever found which can **only make aperiodic tilings**: patterns which never repeat, no matter how many tiles you use.

LET'S MAKE A HUGE TILING!

This summer, we're planning to go to the beach at Whitley Bay for a weekend, and try to make **the largest aperiodic tiling ever!** As the tide goes out, we'll use large "cookie cutter" tools in the shape of the Spectre to cover the beach with an aperiodic pattern. And at the end of the day, the tide will wash it all away!



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

We'll need lots of help to complete our giant tiling - come along and talk to mathematicians about the maths behind it, play with different kinds of tiles, and help stamp shapes into the sand until we cover the whole beach!

Whitley Bay beach (South end)
6-7 June 2026, 10am-4pm

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