



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*

Luke 8:4-15



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed another busy but very successful week in school. Our Year 3 children have enjoyed their first school residential and shown such great resilience and courage. For many of these children, it has been their first time ever sleeping away from home and they have all just been amazing. It is hard to explain how much the children gain from a residential – independence and resilience being just two. I am sure they will all have slept well on their return, but I hope they were also full of joy and fun!

I hope you all received a copy of our Ofsted report which was emailed out to you all on Wednesday. It has taken quite some time to be published, but it is good to be able to share it with you all and celebrate in all that the school does well. Obviously there is one area of improvement but that is something which we were working on already and will be in place by the end of this academic year.

Parking

Parking around school is, once again, becoming a nightmare. We had an awful incident at the field gate on Thursday morning when a car (one of many), parked on the double yellow lines and then reversed, heading straight for an adult with a pushchair. I must ask you to refrain from pulling up on the yellow double lines to drop your child/children off. It is not acceptable for any length of time at all. We really must protect all our families by considerate driving and parking.

Ski Residential 2025

I am delighted to inform you that the ski residential will go ahead next year. We have 25 children and 6 parents who will be enjoying life on the ski slopes for a week. An email will be sent to all parents and carers with the payment schedule today.

Attendance

Reception	94.5%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	98.4%

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

LJG Sports Coaching Holiday & Football Camps

LJG Sports Coaching will be hosting both a Holiday Camp and a Football Camp in school during the May half term holiday. The dates are: Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Graham via LJGsportscoaching@gmail.com.

The booking forms for the half term activities in school can be found via these links:

holiday camp: <https://forms.gle/zyaDFVRENbeHL8Gx5>

football camp: <https://forms.gle/cCnnefCVinRXhg6F9>

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 29th April 2024 – Fair Trade Assembly

Our Fair Trade steering group will be leading assembly on Monday morning, sharing information about Climate Change and Fair Trade. We are sure that the children will enjoy both leading and listening to the assembly.

Tuesday 30th April 2024 – Year 4 for Consett Steelworks Tour

Year 4 will be learning all about the history of Consett Steelworks on Tuesday as part of their Mighty Metals topic this half term. This is always a highly enjoyable and interesting topic due to the local links. Let's hope the weather is kind for their walk around the historic sites of Consett! Children will be back in time for lunch.

Wednesday 1st May 2024 – Madrid Meeting at 6pm

There will be a meeting on Wednesday evening at 6pm for all the parents and carers of children going to Madrid at the end of this month. More information will be shared about the trip, including their itinerary. This is going to be another amazing adventure for them all!

Thursday 2nd May 2024 – Birchwood Primary School at Lanchester EP

On Thursday 2nd May, we are welcoming Year 5 from Birchwood Primary School to our area and school. Their children travel up on Thursday and visit the Angel of the North and Durham Cathedral on Thursday. They will then stay overnight at our school, sleeping on the floor of the two halls before spending Friday discovering the delights of Newcastle and a tour of St James Stadium. Four of our Year 5 digital leaders will spend time with them during their time here too. This is a great partnership we have and of course, it follows our Year 5 visit to their area and school back in October.

SEND News

Now that we are in the summer term, we are beginning to work with secondary schools to plan the transition process for our Year 6 children. For some children with SEND, this can be an especially worrying time as there are many unknowns, new places, new people and new routines to learn.

This week, Mr McLoughlin met with the SEND transition lead from St Bede's (Mrs Dotchin) to talk about the transition process for our children moving there. Parents and carers of children with SEND transferring to St Bede's in September should have received an invitation to attend a session for parents and carers in mid-May. If you have not received an invitation to this session and your child with SEND is transferring to St Bede's in September, please contact St Bede's to arrange this.

In the coming weeks, our staff will be meeting with staff from other secondary schools and we will give more information about enhanced transition arrangements for these schools when we have it.

Early Years News

It has been a busy week in EYFS. Nursery have been very excited about the visit from Animals About Town, who brought us—sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs to see us. It was a fantastic experience for the children, who had the opportunity to learn about how to care for the animals. They loved brushing the sheep, stroking Dolly and Kenny (the rabbits), walking the goats and holding the guinea pigs. I wonder if any of the children remember the guinea pigs' nicknames?



In Reception, we have loved learning fun facts about different wild animals. We were so happy to get a visit from the petting zoo as well. Next week we will be talking about animals that can be pets so if you have any photos of your child with their pet we would love for you to send one in. You could upload one to Evidence Me or email it to your child's teacher.

Over the next few weeks, Nursery are going to be taking part in the Sunflower Project. If anyone would like to help us out by donating a packet of sunflower seeds (we are hoping for as much variety as possible!) or some soil/potting compost, we would be most grateful. We will also be collecting egg boxes, yoghurt pots and washed out egg shells in which to plant our seeds. If you have any old seed packets (full or empty) of any variety that are no longer needed, we would also be able to use these as part of our work. We will be letting you know how you can support the children's learning at home as they seek to become Sunflower Experts. We are so excited to see where our learning journey will take us!

You will have seen the dates for our EYFS Summer Beach Trip, which takes place this year on Tuesday 9th July (RJB + Owls, Mon-Wed and morning Nursery children) and Thursday 11th July (RHL + Rabbits, Wed-Fri and afternoon Nursery children). As we will be going on the beach, we need to ensure that we have safe ratios of adults to children if we are to run the trip safely. We will have spaces for 6 family volunteers on the bus for each trip for Reception and 14 family volunteers for Nursery. The cost of the trip will be £10 each for each adult and child. Additionally, if you would like to make your own way to Roker while your child travels by bus, you would be very welcome. Further information about the trip will be coming to you soon, but we wanted to give as much notice as possible to allow families to plan for an adult to accompany if possible.

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

It has been another exciting week in KS1.

We began our new topics fully this week. In Year 1 our topic is 'Enchanted Woodland' and we will be learning all about woodland creatures, our local area and the Artwork of Beatrix Potter.

In Year 2 our topic is 'The Scented Garden' where we shall be exploring the amazing world of plants and going into more detail about our local area in Geography. As the weather is getting better these topics will allow us to get outside and learn outside of the classroom.



This week both year 1 and 2 have had the joy of working with Captain Chemistry. In Year 1 we looked at light and how the Earth moves around the sun to give us day and night. We also explored reflections with mirrors. In Year 2 they used microscopes to look in detail at the structure of plants and insects. As always we learned lots with Captain Chemistry and had lots of fun as we did it!

Key Stage Two News

It has been a very bust start to the summer term – especially for our Year 6 children who have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs in two weeks time. Every one of them has been superb and are more than ready for the assessments. For those of you wondering what the children are actually preparing for, here are a couple of questions that have been on previous Year 6 papers. How will you do?

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The children grew vegetables.

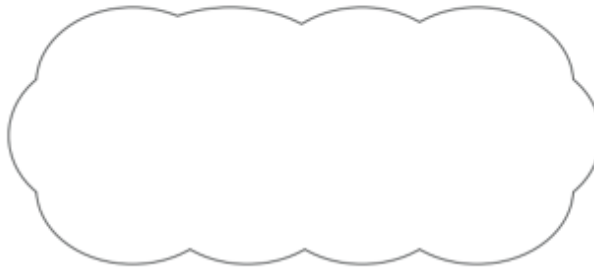
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Jack says,

When you square a prime number, the answer has only two factors.



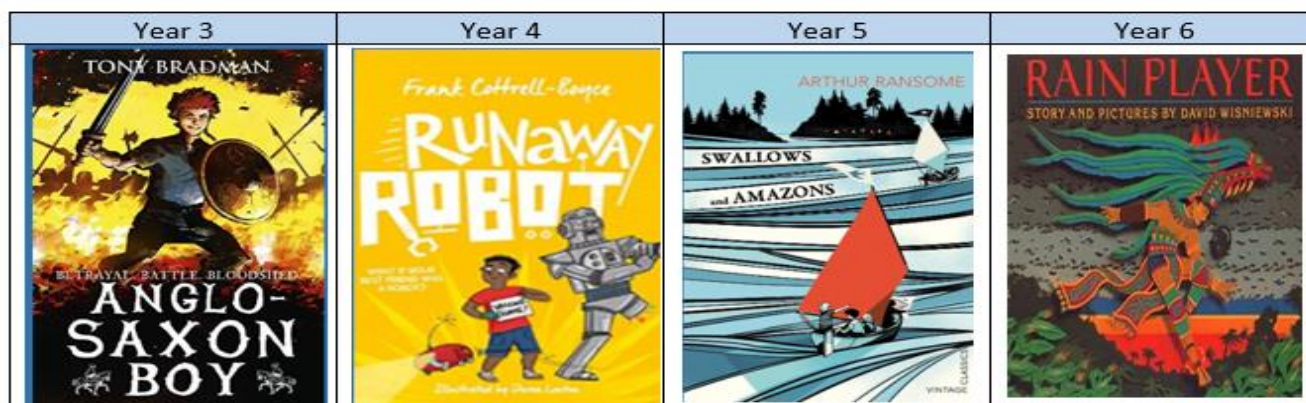
Explain why Jack is **not** correct.



Some of the questions can challenge the minds of the staff, never mind the children! I am sure you will all join us in wishing our Year 6 children the very best of luck for next week!

Key Stage 2 Class Novels

Each year group has started reading a new novel linked to their topic.



All children in our Key Stage 2 classes use these texts to take part in whole-class shared reading lessons. We teach comprehension skills using the reading domains from the National Curriculum. These are taught to children through our VIPERS approach to reading (vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise.)

Why not ask your child about their whole class book and how they are using it to learn about their topics?

Year 4 Visit to Seahouses

Last week, Year 4 went on their residential to Seahouses and had a great time. We spent our first day at Alnwick Gardens and learnt about a range of plants in the Poison Garden. On our second day, we visited Alnwick Castle where we did a Harry Potter tour and completed 'The Wizard Earl of Northumberland' workshop.



Year 3 Visit to Birdoswald

This week was the turn of Year 3 to have their residential – both classes have had a wonderful visit to Birdoswald Roman Fort. They met a real Roman soldier and were trained in the art of battle, enjoyed a walk along Hadrians Wall (in a multitude of different weathers!) and had a tour of the Roman Fort. The children settled brilliantly both nights and have been brilliant ambassadors for the school. This is an incredible feat as for a number of the children, this will be their first night away from home without parents or carers. You should all be really proud of them.



Positive Thinking

***There comes a day when you realise turning the page
is the best feeling in the world,
because you realise there's so much more to the book
than the page you were stuck on.***

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis
(Head Teacher)



Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School



DIARY DATES for Summer

Monday 29 th April 2024	Morning	Fairtrade Steering Group leading Assembly
Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Morning	Year 4 at Consett Steelworks Site for Walking Tour
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	6pm	Madrid Meeting for Parents and Carers
Thursday 2 nd May 2024	Overnight	Birchwood School staying overnight in school
Friday 3 rd May 2024	All Day	Year 1 Disney Sports Festival – details to be confirmed
Monday 6th May 2024	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED - May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	6pm	Montreal Meeting for Parents and Carers
Saturday 11 th May 2024	10 – 12 noon	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery Families
Week Beg. 13 th May 2024	Monday - Thursday	Year 6 Statutory Tests
Friday 17 th May 2024	Lunchtime	Celebratory Pizza Lunch for Year 6
Week Beg. 20th May 2024	All Week	Year 5 & 6 Turing Visit to Madrid
Week Beg. 20 th May 2024	All Week	Fun and Fitness Week
Monday 20 th May 2024	All Day	Carousel of Activities including Skip to Be Fit and Inflatable Obstacle Course
Tuesday 21 st May 2024	All Day	House Games, Competitions and Cross Country
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Wheels Day
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Year 5 Cycle Ride
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Jungle Play Bus for Nursery
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	All Day	Forest Schools Day for Whole School
FRIDAY 24TH May and MONDAY 3rd June – School Closed for Staff Training		
Holiday Club on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May 2024		
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All Day	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Competition
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All Week	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Thursday 6 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 Cycle Ride
Thursday 6 th June 2024	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Friday 7 th June 2024	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Friday 7 th June 2024	All Day	Year 3 at Jarrow Hall
Monday 10 th June 2024	All Week	Year 1 Phonics Check
Monday 10th June 2024	All Day	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football League Event
Monday 10 th June 2024	6pm	New Reception Starters Parent Meeting
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Forbidden Corner, North Yorkshire
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	10.30am	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	Evening	Turing Trip to Montreal for Y5 & Y6
Friday 14 th June 2024	All Day	Year 1 at Raby Castle
Friday 14 th June 2024	Afternoon	Concert, Fair Trade Bake Off and Coffee Afternoon
Friday 14 th June 2024	Overnight	Overnight Camp in School Field
Monday 17th June 2024	All Day	Year 4 at Tynemouth Aquarium
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Afternoon	Montreal Trip Return Home
Friday 21 st June 2024	Afternoon	The Magic Flute and Royal Opera House Performance with Choir
Sunday 23 rd June 2024	Morning	Year 5 Leave for PGL Residential

Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Afternoon	Year 5 Return from PGL Residential
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at St Bede’s – Transition Day
Thursday 27th June 2024	9.15-11.15	<i>New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)</i>
Friday 28th June 2024	2.30pm	<i>Year 4 Ukulele Concert in School</i>
Monday 1 st July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Depart for Northern Ireland Residential
Saturday 6 th July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Return from Northern Ireland Residential
Thursday 4 th July 2024	9.15-11.15	<i>New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)</i>
Tuesday 9th July 2024	All Day	<i>Mrs Burke’s Reception Class & Nursery ‘Owls’, Morning & Beginning of the week Nursery trip to Roker Beach</i>
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	9.30am	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	1.30pm	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Thursday 11th July 2024	All Day	<i>Mrs Lydon’s Reception Class & Nursery ‘Rabbits’, Afternoon & End of the week Nursery trip to Roker Beach</i>
Friday 12 th July 2024	3.30pm – 6pm	Summer Fair and BBQ
Monday 15 th July 2024	3.30pm – 5pm	Parents’ Evening Drop Ins
Monday 15 th July 2024	6.30pm – 9pm	Year 6 Social Evening
Tuesday 16th July 2024	6pm	<i>Musical Concert in School</i>
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Morning & Afternoon	Nursery Celebrations
Thursday 18 th July 2024	1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers’ Service in All Saints Church
Friday 19 th July 2024	10am	Year 6 Leavers’ Extravaganza Assembly
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	7.30am	New Academic Year Begins
KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 13th May 2024		
Year 4 Multiplication Check - Week Beginning Tuesday 4th June 2024		
Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Check - Week Beginning Monday 10th June 2024		

School Holidays 2023 – 2024		
Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
May Day	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer Half Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2024	Wednesday 4th September 2024
School Holidays 2024 – 2025		
Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
		Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
Long Weekend	Friday 22nd November 2024	Tuesday 26th November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025
Spring Half Term	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter Holiday	Friday 11 th April 2025	Monday 25 th April 2025
May Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Thursday 22nd May 2025	Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025