

Newsletter



25th Sept 2026
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Dear Families and Board Members,

We have enjoyed the first month of autumn term and the last little bits of warmth and sunshine before the autumnal weather arrives. The children do love getting onto our school field and we have been making the most of this. Our reception children have loved spending their lunch break on the big field with the older children.

Texas Hoedown Day! – 1st October

Thursday 1st October we will be hosting a Texas Hoedown Day in school!

Children are welcome to attend school in their best western / country clothing. We can't wait to see lots of cowboy boots and hats!

We will also be going off menu and offering the children's favourites. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a school meal on this day - please speak to the school office.

Parent Consultations

Appointments for parent consultations will be available through class dojo. You will be able to book an appointment for this from Monday 5th October. If you do not have class dojo, you can speak with your child's teacher who can help you get set up. Otherwise, you will be able to book an appointment via the school office.

Pop- up Clubs

We have some exciting pop-up clubs taking place this term in addition to choir club which runs weekly. The children across school have been invited to sign up to a pop up lego club, paper aeroplane club and clay ghost club. Interest has been high! If your child does not get a place, there will be other opportunities in the future and those who miss out this time will be considered first in the future.



Pupil Responsibilities

In assembly today, our year 6 pupils delivered their speeches for the roles of Head/Deputy boy and girl and pupil governors. We all felt incredibly proud of them. Their speeches were brilliant and they demonstrated real confidence when delivering them in front of such a large audience. As always, they have given the adults in school such a difficult decision to make in choosing who should have which role. We will let you know who will fill each role once we have decided.

New Nursery / Reception Open Sessions

We have already held 3 open sessions this term for anyone interested in a nursery or reception place for their child this year or next. If you know of anyone looking for a place for their child, our next open session will take place between 3.45pm and 4.45pm on 7th October.

Harvest

We would appreciate any donations of dried, tinned or fresh fruit and vegetables on Monday 5th October for our Harvest Celebrations. Delivering food parcels to our neighbours will be one of the first jobs of the year for our class councillors and year 6 leaders. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Reception & Secondary 2027 Applications

The application process for Reception 2027 & secondary school places is open now!

-If your child is currently in Year 6 - Please apply for your child's Year 7 place. The deadline to do so is 31st October 2026.

-If your child is currently in our Nursery / or has the DOB of - 01/09/2022-31/08/2023

Please apply for your child's Reception place - The deadline to do so is 15th January 2027.

Applications can be made via the link below -

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place>

KEY DATES

30th Sept – Vision screening for reception children

1st Oct – Texas Hoedown Day! – Non-Uniform / Special lunch menu

1st Oct – Pop Up Lego Club (3.15-4)

8th Oct – Pop Up Paper Aeroplane club (3.15-4)

12th-14th Oct – Parent Consultations

15th Oct – Pop Up Clay Ghost Club (3.15-4)

w/c 12th/19th Oct – SEN review meetings

23rd Oct – SPOOKY LUNCH

23rd Oct – Halloween Discos during the school day – details to follow

23rd Oct – Break up for half term

2nd Nov – Return to school after the half term break

Kindest Regards
Mrs. A. Oliver
Head Teacher