

Seaburn Dene

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start planning for a brand-new school year at Seaburn Dene, I want to take a moment to reflect on the successes of this year and share our excitement for the one ahead. The 2025–26 academic year was filled with growth, achievement and joy, and your children should feel incredibly proud of everything they accomplished.

Across the school, pupils made strong academic progress, showing resilience, curiosity and a real pride in their learning. From early reading milestones to impressive outcomes in upper key stage subjects, the children worked with determination and enthusiasm. Their achievements extend far beyond the classroom too. Through a rich programme of enrichment and extra-curricular experiences - from mountain climbing at Derwent Hill to spotting grey seals on our first residential to Lindisfarne, from hands-on STEM workshops to environmental projects tackling food waste and planting for the future - our pupils explored, discovered and grew in meaningful, memorable ways.

It was also a year of fantastic sporting participation and success, including the first league outing for our girls' football team. Whether competing on the field, court or track, our children have represented the school with teamwork, determination and true Seaburn Dene spirit.

We continued to strengthen our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach, ensuring that playtimes are inclusive, creative and active for every child. For many children, school is the only place where they can enjoy unstructured, freely chosen play with friends - and we remain committed to making those experiences rich, joyful and safe.

As we look ahead, the coming weeks will be full of opportunities for children to settle into new routines, reconnect with friends and begin their learning journeys for the year. Please continue to check Class Dojo and the school website for updates, reminders and key dates. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Working in partnership with families is central to everything we do, and it enables us to give every child the best possible experience. I am incredibly proud of the dedicated and talented staff team we have in place, and together we look forward to another successful year.



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Classes 2026-27

Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Miss A Cooper (then Mrs L Galley following maternity leave)	Mrs S Boydell, Miss A MacGeever
Reception	Mrs R Golding	Mrs M Brown
Year 1	Miss A Flanagan	Mrs V Brown, Miss S Henderson Mrs L Smith Mrs L Gibbins Mrs E Dixon Mrs E Berston
Year 2	Mrs V Tough	
Year 3	Miss E Fox	
Year 4	Mr R Good	
Year 5	Mr J Ashton	
Year 6	Mr G Smith	

Transition Day will take place on **Thursday, 2nd July**. Children will begin the day in their current class for registration before spending the day with their new teacher and classmates. They will return to their current class at the end of the day for dismissal.

In the afternoon, we warmly invite you to our **Meet and Greet event**, beginning at **4:00pm** in the school hall. We will celebrate the children's successes and share what lies ahead in the coming year. From **4:30–5:30pm**, you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom, meet their teacher and learn more about the curriculum and expectations for 2026–27.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to continuing our strong partnership with families. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's current teacher, Mrs Baker in the school office, or myself.

Best wishes,

Mr John Howe,

Head Teacher

