

Seaburn Dene

Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support. Your friendly cheer on the gate each morning, and the enthusiasm and positivity shown by your children, is always greatly appreciated.

As we all breathe a small sigh of relief with the end of term in sight – with the last of the glitter hoovered from the carpets and the shepherds' tea towels safely stored away for another year – we hand your children back to you for the Christmas break. We hope this time allows you to relax, enjoy some special family moments together, and recharge ready for the new year ahead.

The Autumn term has been a busy and successful one at Seaburn Dene Primary School, with many exciting learning opportunities and achievements across the school. If you haven't already, please take a look at our school Facebook page, which is public and available to everyone. We regularly share updates, celebrations and information about what is happening in school.

We have also enjoyed some wonderful community events this term. Thank you to everyone who donated food items and support to the Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen, and to all who helped us raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, the Royal British Legion and Children in Need, this term. Your generosity and kindness make a real difference.

Our Christmas Fayre was a lovely event and enjoyed by many families. I would like to pay special tribute to the Friends of Seaburn Dene, whose hard work, dedication and commitment were central to its success. Thank you also to all parents and carers who supported the fayre and donated items.

There has been a truly festive atmosphere around school in recent weeks. Children in Nursery and Reception delighted families with their Christmas songs, while children in Years 1 and 2 performed their nativity brilliantly. Of course, our school choir has also been fantastic, spreading Christmas cheer within our community. We are very much looking forward to coming together for our school carol concert today at Fulwell Methodist Church, which promises to be a wonderful celebration.



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We would like to extend a special thank you to all staff at Seaburn Dene Primary School. The Autumn term is always a long one, and every member of staff works tirelessly to ensure that each child receives the very best care and education. Thank you also to families who gave cards or gifts to staff – these gestures are never expected but always very much appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 5th January**.

Until then, please take care of one another, enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas break, and thank you once again for your continued support. We wish all our families celebrating a very Happy Christmas, and a season of peace and goodwill to everyone in our community. We wish you all a happy and healthy 2026.

Warm regards,

Mr John Howe

Head Teacher

