Seaburn Dene Primary School

Head Teacher's NewsLetter

Thursday, October 22nd2026



End of the Half Term

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, parents and carers for their continued support.

The past few weeks have been packed with memorable experiences for our children, including visits to Broom House Farm, Ushaw College and Beamish Museum, all of which have helped bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

We have also been delighted to welcome new children and families to Seaburn Dene and have been proud to see how quickly they have settled into school life and become part of our community.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic Friends of the School, whose fundraising efforts continue to enhance opportunities for our children. The recent Halloween Disco was a wonderful success and enjoyed by pupils across the school.

As always, I am immensely proud of what our pupils have achieved this half term. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting half term from Monday, 2nd November.

Mr Howe

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, 2nd November - Poppy Sale in school.

Wednesday, 4th November - Y3 cooking at Monkwearmouth Academy.

Thursday, 5th November - Outdoor Classroom Day. Girls Football Team matches at Ford Hub.

Friday, 6th November - Non-uniform Day - Chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre.



Science: Autumn

Y1: The Human Body
Y2: Animal Needs for Survival
Y3: Skeletons and Movement
Y4: Living Things
Y5: Space
Y6: Living Things and Habitats

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign: "Cake"



Scroll of Honour

Jasper, Eva, Robyn and Mia.









Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Galley back to Seaburn Dene following her maternity leave. She has now resumed her role in Nursery and we are pleased to have her back as part of our team.
At the end of this half term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Flanagan, who is leaving the school due to personal reasons. Miss Flanagan joined our Nursery team before moving into Year 1 at the start of this academic year and has made a valued contribution to our school community through her dedication, care and commitment to the children. While we will be sorry to see her leave, we would like to thank her for everything she has done during her time at Seaburn Dene and wish her every happiness and success for the future.
To ensure continuity for the children, Miss Cooper has moved into Year 1 and has been working closely with Miss Flanagan as part of a carefully planned transition, supported by Miss Galley. Many of the children will already know Miss Cooper from their time in Reception, and we are delighted that she will continue teaching the class for the remainder of the academic year.
We are grateful to all staff involved in supporting these arrangements and ensuring a smooth transition for our children.

Half Term Holiday Club

Bede-themed holiday club on Friday, 30th October, 2-4pm, Roker URC, Sidecliffe Road. Free, parents must stay, booking required. email rokerpioneer@yahoo.com

OPAL Appeal: Resources Appeal!

We need good quality: plastic pipes, guttering, barrels or large containers, cable reels for our yard. Also push chairs, wheelchairs, toy cars, dolls, dressing up clothes, suitcases. Just drop them off at school.

Reception Open Morning - Reminder for Families

If you know of any families looking for a Reception place for September 2027, our next open morning will take place on Tuesday 10th November, 9:15am to 10:45am. We would be delighted to welcome them to see Seaburn Dene in action.

Shout Outs

Head Teacher Mentions!

A special mention this half term goes to Mrs Gibbins, who returns to school today following surgery for appendicitis. She has been greatly missed by staff and children alike, and we are delighted to welcome her back to Seaburn Dene.
Special mentions also go to:

- Alfie (Nursery) for always being friendly and welcoming to everyone around school.
- Frankie (Year 1) for consistently giving his very best in all aspects of school life.
- Harry (Year 2) for his kindness and consideration towards others.
- Rory (Year 2) for his determination and commitment to improving a little bit more each day.
- Charlie (Year 4) for showing excellent sportsmanship and supporting his teammates through disappointment during football.

Well done to all of you for being wonderful ambassadors for our school values. We are very proud of you!



