



Hunwick Primary School

January 2025

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Monthly Newsletter

If there is something you would like to see included in the newsletter then please contact the school office on the above email address.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 10th February** – Friends Valentines Disco
- **Friday 14th February** – KS2 Swimming Gala at Woodhouse Close Swimming Baths (Selected pupils only)
- **Tuesday 18th February** – Maple Class trip to Raby Castle
- **Friday 21st February** – School closes for half term
- **Monday 03rd March** – School reopens to all pupils
- **Thursday 06th March** – World Book Day
- **Friday 07th March** – Year 3 and 4 Multi Skills Festival at Bishop Auckland College (Selected pupils only)
- **Monday 10th March** – Year 3 and 4 Tennis Festival at Parkside School
- **Friday 14th March** – Year 5 and 6 Badminton Competition at Bishop Barrington School (Selected pupils only)
- **Tuesday 18th March to Tuesday 25th March** – Book Fair in school
- **Monday 31st March** – KS2 visit to Centre for Life, Newcastle
- **Friday 04th April** – Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls' Football at St John's School, Bishop Auckland (Selected pupils only)
- **Monday 7th April** – Chestnut Class visit to Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Washington
- **Friday 11th April** – School closes for the Easter Holidays
- **Monday 28th April** – School reopens to all pupils
- **Thursday 1st May** – School closed to all students for polling day
- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday – school closed to all students
- **Tuesday 6th May** – Year 3 and 4 Golf Festival at Brancepeth Golf Club
- **Friday 23rd May** – Year 3 and 4 Golf Competition at Bishop Auckland Golf Club (selected pupils only)
- **Friday 23rd May** – School closes for half term
- **Monday 2nd June** – School reopens to all pupils

Advance Learning Partnership (ALP)

From 1st February 2025, the school will become part of the Multi Academy Trust, ALP. We have reached this point following a lengthy consultation and conversion process during which due diligence exercises were carried out by the school and by the trust. We are very much looking forward to being part of a supportive and aspirational trust where we will continue to aim to provide the best possible educational experiences for your child.

Please note that that the bank account that many of you use to pay for different things for school will no longer be in use. Please do not use this account with immediate effect.

From February 2025, we will ensure any payments/invoices are added to Arbor or provide you with details of how the payments can be made if this is not an option.

If you are unable to access your Arbor account, then please contact the school office as soon as possible and we can rectify this for you.

Our New Logo



From 1st February 2025 this will be Hunwick Primary School's new logo and you may have noticed new signage around the school grounds which has this logo included.

With regard to uniform, we will be using a new supplier from 01.02.2025, so please do not place any orders directly with C & A Embroidery.

The new uniform will include the new logo, but please do not worry about buying new; the uniform you have with the current logo will be fine to be worn until your child has outgrown them and you are ready to buy new.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer process, please contact the school office.



NOTICE BOARD



SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Please can parents/carers refrain from using the school driveway.

It is becoming very unsafe for the children walking into and from school due to some vehicles going up and down the school driveway.

If you are dropping your child off for wraparound, on a morning or collecting after clubs/wraparound, please park outside the school grounds and proceed on foot up to the school gate, unless alternative arrangements have been made with the school.

Please also be mindful when parking outside of the school grounds, please remember to park so that cars can still come up and down the road safely and children are still able to cross the road safely with the crossing patrol.

Thank you for your cooperation.

INTERNET SAFETY

As our children are increasingly exposed to the digital world it is vital we remain informed ourselves as to how we help to keep them safe online. A great source of information for parents can be found at

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Thursday 1ST May 2025 – Parish and County Elections

The school will be used as a polling station for the upcoming Parish and County Elections.

This means that the **school will be closed to all students on that day.**

WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day and can we please ask that they **only** contain water.

Thank you.

Hunwick Cricket Club

Hunwick Cricket Club is interested in hearing from any girls who are interested in playing cricket. Ideally, for the girls Under 11 team they are interested in hearing from Years 4, 5 and 6.

All games for these ages would be softball based so no 'fear' of hardball cricket. If any junior girls or parents are interested in this, please contact them via hunwickjuniors@gmail.com

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent from school, please leave a message on our answering service or e-mail hunwick@durhamlearning.net with the reason for absence no later than **9.00am.**

Thank you.



EVENTS/CLASS NEWS

Chestnut Class

The children have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new Superheroes topic. Over the last few weeks, the children discussed different superpowers, made up their own alliterative superhero names, played imaginative games solving problems, built superhero vehicles, made a superhero mask and listened to a range of superhero books. The children have been patient and caring by sharing costumes, taking turns with superhero figures, listening to other people's ideas during superhero play and taking turns with the superhero vehicles (bikes and scooters). Well done Chestnut Class.

Maple Class

Maple Class have had a busy month since our return from the Christmas break. We have really enjoyed exploring books together, and have delved into 'The Seesaw' with great enthusiasm. We have written our own stories and used words and ideas from books we have read.

We have looked at how we might have lived in the past, and investigated different castles around the UK.

In Science, we have looked at materials and investigated how these can be changed, recognising that some of these changes are reversible and others irreversible.

We very much enjoyed our visit from the firefighters from Bishop Auckland, who answered our many questions and even gave us the opportunity to use the fire engine's hose!

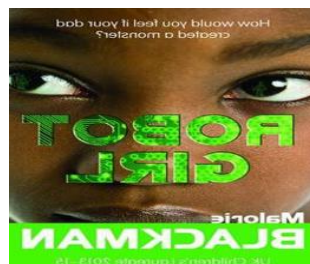
Sycamore Class

In Sycamore class, we have begun to explore Rocks and the work of Mary Anning which we have found very interesting, especially when we have looked at fossils and begun to complete investigations around this. We have made an amazing start to swimming and made our teachers very proud by using our manners at the poolside.

Every child is so determined! This month, Sycamore class has seen many children trying so hard with their handwriting and presentation too, with a special mention to some children sharing their work with other staff members too. Well done Sycamore, you are making us very proud!

Oak Class

Oak Class have worked with determination as we start the Spring Term. In English we have just finished reading Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman. We were taken to a future world where things were not quite as we would expect them to be. The story had twists and turns in every chapter! The quality of work produced was fantastic - we even used AI ourselves to visualise the main setting of the lab. *"How would you feel if your dad created a monster? Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman – the 8th UK Children's Laureate – is a gripping tale of technology and danger which will have you on the edge of your seat! With twists and turns until the very end, it follows the story of Claire and her pen-pal (Maisie) as they confide in each other about their family frustrations. Claire's father, who is a famous inventor, has a new project and is spending all his time with it, rather than with his family. Claire's jealousy explodes when the project is revealed, which leads her to go to the ultimate lengths to seek revenge and destroy it. But things aren't as they seem... Robot Girl is a heartstopping, futuristic read which you will not want to put down!"* Oak Class gave the book 9/10!



Clubs and Trips

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	COMMENCES	ENDS	TIME
Monday	Netball	Selected members of Oak Class	1 session at Hunwick 27.01.25	3 sessions at Parkside 03.02.25, 10.02.25 & 17.02.25	Hunwick 3.15pm – 4.15pm Parkside 4pm to 5pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics for Beginners	Reception to Year 2	Tuesday 07.01.2025	Tuesday 18.02.2025	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Craft Club	Maple Class (Year 1 and Year 2)	Wednesday 15.01.2025	Wednesday 19.02.2025	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	Performing Arts Club	Year 3 to Year 6 only for this term	Thursday 09.01.2025	Thursday 20.02.2025	3.15pm – 4.20pm
Friday	Football Club	Year 2 to Year 6	Friday 10.01.2025	Friday 21.01.2025	3.15pm – 4.15pm

PLEASE BOOK AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS VIA ARBOR.

THANK YOU.

Oak Class Football League

**Football Training will take place at Hunwick Primary School for Oak Class on the following dates:
Wednesday 29.01.2025, Wednesday 05.02.2025 and Wednesday 12.02.2025 in preparation for the Football League which will take place at Parkside on the following dates:**

Monday 03.03.2025, Monday 10.03.2025 and Monday 17.03.2025 from 4.00pm to 5.15pm.

Sign up for this club is via Arbor.

PGL Residential Trip Year 5 and 6

A reminder that the first instalment of £76.00 was due before 20th December 2024 and the next instalment of £76.00 is due to be paid before 21.02.2025.

The amount can be paid in full or in instalments. The instalment plan is as follows:

20th December 2024 - £76.00

21ST February 2025 - £76.00

11th April 2025 - £76.65

Any queries, please contact the school office.

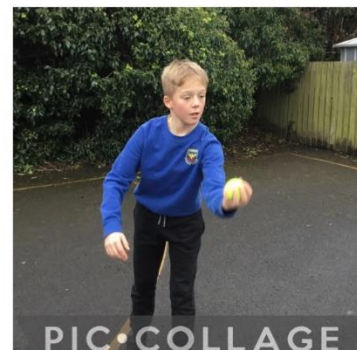
Please notes, these dates are a guide and the instalments can be paid any time before the date stated.

Cricket

On Monday 20th January, the whole school had their first training session with James, a development coach from Durham Cricket. He will be in school over the next half term working on the essential cricket skills needed to become brilliant batters and fielders!

The first session focussed on fielding - developing our throwing and catching skills.

Don't forget everyone needs to wear their P.E. kit on MONDAY to take part in these fantastic sessions.



PIC COLLAGE

Message from Education Enterprise February Half Term Holiday Club

February half term is fast approaching and it's almost time for our February Half Term Holiday Club.

Our team has been working tirelessly to create a program that combines fun, teamwork and learning. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we have prepared a diverse range of activities and games that can cater a range of interests and age groups. Our holiday club is not just an opportunity for fun and games; it's a chance to grow, learn and meet new people. Expect a range of activities including football, multi-sports, dodgeball, nerf wars, den building, gymnastics, and dance.

For 2025 we are continuing with our online booking system for all our holiday clubs. **All bookings and payments are taken directly through our website** <http://educationenterprise.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Here you will be able to see all our holiday clubs happening during this academic year. We will still be offering our sibling discount.

Any questions regarding booking and payment please email: lee@educationenterprise.co.uk

See you at the Education Enterprise February Half Term Holiday Club!

EDUCATION ENTERPRISE FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Date: w/c February 24th
Children aged 4 - 11 years

Expect a wide range of sports,
activities and games suitable
for everyone taking place
across each day.

TO BOOK VISIT
WWW.EDUCATIONENTERPRISE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CLUBS/
OR SCAN THE QR CODE!



HOLIDAY CLUB SCHEDULE

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February	DEN BUILDING	BIKES & SCOOTERS	FOOTBALL WORLD CUP	FANCY DRESS, PARTY GAMES & DISCO	NERF WARS*

PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH EVENT

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*NERF WARS IS AN ADDITIONAL £3

Message from Durham High School

We are once again running our free of charge Science Sparks Club for Year 6 girls starting Thursday 13 February for 4 sessions from 4-5pm.

These fun sessions take place here at Durham High School in our fabulous Senior House Laboratory, parents will need to drop off and collect their daughters.

Places are limited so it is recommended booking a place early to guarantee a place.



Join us for Y6 SCIENCE SPARKS

Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm
20 spaces available | No cost to attend

BOOK NOW

Dates:

- 13 February
- 20 February
- 6 March
- 13 March

Activities:

- Fire writing
- Slime making
- Lego Technic
- Experiments
- Bunsen burners

Do you love science and want to have fun learning more?

Sign up for Science Sparks via the link below or head to our website!

Open to girls at DHS and girls from primary schools across Durham who want to expand their skills in science.

Meet at Durham High School reception at 4:00pm

Parents will need to drop off and collect girls.





www.dhsfg.org.uk/
www.trybooking.com/uk/EIXY
enquiries@dhsfg.org.uk

Farewell Hall South Rd
Durham DH1 3TB
0191 384 3226



Sign up here!

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

Social Media Acceptable Use for Parents and Carers at Hunwick Primary School

Most people take part in online activities and social media. It's fun, interesting and keeps us connected. There are various online school groups managed by parents for parents and carers, such as What's App groups and Facebook groups etc and they can be a useful source of knowledge, support and advice. It is a parent/carer's decision to join and act appropriately within these spaces; however, we ask that you use common sense when discussing school life online.

Think before you post....

We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to fuel campaigns and voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents or pupils. We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by a parent/carer to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent, pupil or member of staff.



We expect parents and carers of social media to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interest of our pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues or concern

If parents/carers have any concerns about their child in relation to the school, they should:

1. Initially contact the class teacher
2. If the concern remains, they should contact the school office who can direct your concern to a member of the leadership team
3. If still unresolved, contact the school governors through the complaints procedure

They should not use social media as a medium to air any concerns or grievances.

Online activity which we consider inappropriate:

1. Identifying or posting images/videos of pupils
2. Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents
3. Bringing the school into disrepute
4. Posting defamatory or libellous comments
5. Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or pupils
6. Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children
7. Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language
8. Breaching school security procedures

We are a values-based school and encourage our parents and carers to approach online communications in this manner too.

At our school we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately and in line with the actions outlined above.

2025/2026 Holidays

	AUGUST 2025					SEPTEMBER 2025					OCTOBER 2025					NOVEMBER 2025					DECEMBER 2025					JANUARY 2026					
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
	FEBRUARY 2026					MARCH 2026					APRIL 2026					MAY 2026					JUNE 2026					JULY 2026					
Monday		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		
Tuesday		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Friday		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Saturday		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	

Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	
Inset – School Closed to Students	
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