



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ernie Evans  
Delilah Barclay  
Amelia Lamb  
Delilah Dryden  
Grace Holmes  
Zakk Anderson  
Luna Vernon

## NAME THE DINOSAUR WINNERS

Thanks to everyone that took part in our name the dinosaur competition that has helped raise £50 for our PTA funds. The lucky winning names were Aria R and Evelyn R. The names chosen by our beautiful assistant were 'Ice' and 'Bella'.



## AND SO IT ALL BEGINS BUILDING WORK

As you may have seen from the construction vehicles parked near our playground, the work to construct the 2 additional classrooms to accommodate our Y5 and Y6 pupils is due to begin imminently. The building is due to be positioned on the other side of the path from the current fire exits out of the Y3 and Y4 classrooms. The access point to the school grounds for the construction work will be from the current exit onto Burton Road. We have a pre-start meeting next week that will give us more details about timescales and phases of the build. Parents are asked to carefully read any information that is sent out from school regarding accessing and exiting the school site safely and then follow this guidance carefully to help ensure the safety of everyone on site even if this means a slightly longer walk than usual. We will brief the children accordingly as well as giving them opportunities to get a closer look at the different phases of work that will be taking place.

## A NEW APPROACH TO ENGLISH

In preparation for next year, we are currently trialling a new approach to English in Years 1-4. The children in these year groups have all been working on texts that they have never accessed before to gain a very deep understanding of the book alongside lots more grammar work accompanied by short burst writing task on a daily basis. The children are now being exposed to much more complex grammar at a younger age which we expect will prepare them even better for the rigorous expectations of Y5 and Y6. Take a look at the videos we posted on our Facebook page this week of 2 of our Year 2 children performing the letters they wrote during one of these lessons. [SEE THE VIDEOS HERE.](#)

## EARLY WARNING DIARY DATES

Due to essential staff safeguarding training involving all of our staff **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AVAILABLE TO ANY CHILDREN ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE.**

**SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 6th MAY**

## WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING THIS HALF TERM?

Each half term our class teachers create an online newsletter for the school website that details the planned learning across the curriculum for the half term. These newsletters contain information, advice and useful links that can help parents support the children with their learning. These newsletters can be found [HERE.](#)

Of course, some of the most valuable help that parents can give their children is by reading with them every day and supporting and encouraging them to access Doodlemaths regularly.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%

**OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 95.6%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Seahorses)	91.6%	91.2%	6
YR (Turtles)	88.3%	94.7%	4
Y1 (Jellyfish)	98.0%	94.5%	1
Y2 (Puffins)	96.5%	94.8%	0
Y3 (Sharks)	95.3%	94.1%	0
Y4 (Penguins)	100.0%	96.8%	4

## 2024 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24th May	Parents to classrooms after assembly to see books
Friday 24th May	3.15pm School closes for half term.
Monday 3rd June	School reopens
<b>***NEW***</b> Tuesday 4th June	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AVAILABLE
Wednesday 5th June	Y4 Quadkids athletics at Amble Links
Thursday 6th June	Y3 to Children's Countryside Day at Wooler
<b>***NEW***</b> Wednesday 26th June	3.15pm PTA SUMMER FAIR
Friday 19th July	2pm—School closes for Summer Holiday

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE.](#)

## SUMMER FAIR

We have just set a date for our PTA Summer Fair. This will be held on Wednesday 26th June after school. Last year's fair was our most successful ever having been blessed with fantastic weather. We hope that this year's will be just as big! We've already started to think about different stalls and activities to have available but would love to hear from anyone who has any other fundraising ideas for the fair or from anyone who would be willing to help out in any way. Please get in touch with Ailsa in the school office if you are able to help out. Last year, the pizza and chips from our school kitchen were a sell out hit so we'll certainly ensure that we have more available this year. Let's just hope that we can work around the building work to make it another great fair!