



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025

Dear Families,

And so, we find ourselves at the end of what has been an egg-citing and fun-packed Spring Term. I can't believe we are already two thirds of the way through the year! As I look back over the last few newsletters, it is a joy to see the amazing opportunities and successes we have seen in school, and how much our children have loved every minute.

This week has been all about Easter. Our Easter carousel day on Wednesday was a huge success, where the children recreated many of the important events that took place during Holy Week. They had their feet washed by the teachers, made palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem (Hosanna!) and also took a Holy Communion of bread and 'wine' to consider Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Mrs. Hart also led the annual tradition of 'egg jarping'. The rule of the game is simple: one holds a hard-boiled egg and taps the egg of another participant with one's own egg intending to break the other's, without breaking one's own. Simple, but so much fun! And so lovely to see our youngest and oldest children playing together.

The children really egg-celled themselves with their creativity this week! The decorated egg competition was VERY difficult to judge, with such imaginative entries. Prizes have been given to the winners, who are listed below. Well done to all entrants! Along with the pre-service refreshments sales, we raised £45 overall.

### EYFS egg decorating competition winners

1<sup>st</sup> Phoebe

2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie

3<sup>rd</sup> Elsie

### Class One egg decorating competition winners

1<sup>st</sup> Wren

2<sup>nd</sup> Sam D-F

3<sup>rd</sup> AJ

### Class Two egg decorating competition winners

1<sup>st</sup> Mia

2<sup>nd</sup> Ivan

3<sup>rd</sup> Lucy W and Abigail

This week, Class Two were also visited by Peter Nutsford, a wildlife photographer who has just returned from working in Kenya. Peter delivered a talk on African wildlife, based on some of the Big Five and Ugly Five animals of East Africa. He talked about their habitat and why some are endangered. The children were transfixed throughout and loved his engaging, exciting and fun presentation.

We ended our Easter week with our Easter service where it was so lovely to welcome so many of you to church. The children sang and spoke beautifully. I would like to say a huge thank you to our prayer leaders for sharing their thoughtful words and leading us all in prayer during this special time.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Ellen, our kitchen assistant, who is leaving us to begin a new job. Thank you for all you have done for Broomhaugh CofE First School and good luck for the future – we will miss you!

I hope you all have a restful holiday - full of sunshine! - and enjoy some family time together.

**S Hart & N Burton**  
**Executive Head Teacher**  
**Deputy Head Teacher**



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## Attendance

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2 100%	Year 1 97%	Year 4 96%

### Spring Term Forest School Update

Year 3 and 4:

This term most of Class 2 have become very accomplished den builders. Each week the dens seem to get bigger and more complex, and this has definitely been one of the group's favourite activities this year. We have done lots of cooking, particularly back in January when the weather was extremely cold. We enjoyed boiling water in the Kelly kettle to warm ourselves up with a hot toddy (hot blackcurrant squash!) and we celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day by toasting pancakes and eating them with honey. We've made toffee apple slices, s'mores, and have discovered a new favourite - pitta pocket pizzas. In February we marked National Storytelling Week by doing group storytelling using natural objects found in the woods. Everyone has had the opportunity to light their own mini fire using the notoriously tricky fire steel. It can be difficult creating a spark, and then getting the spark to light the tinder, but the children showed incredible determination and perseverance and all those who had a go were successful. The group have also learned how to use loppers and secateurs safely, and have created lots of beautiful things with willow and other sticks. We had some beautiful God's Eyes (also known as a Mexican Eye) made one week which the children were very proud of, and we've also seen some fantastic models made with clay. The children have played lots of games this term; Foxy, Foxy, Sleeping Bear, Human Knot, Minefield, Web of Life, Spot and Longest Line. Some of these games require teamwork and collaboration which both year groups excel at. This term the children were excited to receive their Ruby Robin badges and a class certificate for successfully completing the Songbird Survival Trust's Ruby Robin Challenge back in December.

Reception:

Reception Class continue to enjoy their weekly sessions in the woods. In January we went on a winter walk around the school grounds, feeding the birds and following animal tracks in the snow (we even thought we saw a camel's hoof print in the Secret Garden!) On Winnie the Pooh Day we listened to a story all about Pooh Bear's love of honey, then enjoyed some pancakes and honey by the fire. To mark the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch, we made cardboard mosaic bird feeders and hung them around the woods for the birds to enjoy. We read the book In My Nest and were inspired to make our own nests for my needle-felted robin who was spoilt for choice by the end of the session! To celebrate National Storytelling Week in February, we went into the Secret Garden and sat in the hide to do our own storytelling session. We have some fantastic storytellers in Reception Class! We have done quite a bit of den building this term, and played lots of games including favourites Foxy, Foxy, Spot and Scatter, and also some new ones for Reception - Minefield, Sleeping Bear, and Cuckoo, Where Are You? After reading Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy we made our own log dogs. We learned how to do a lark's head knot to attach string leads so that we could take our dogs for a walk. The log dogs now live in one of our Forest School sheds and have been out to play quite a few times since then! The children learned how to use loppers safely when we cut down some willow from the tunnel in the Secret Garden. We then used the secateurs and peelers to make wands and other fabulous willow creations. The children enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt to see how many different natural objects they could fit in one small matchbox. We have also toasted marshmallows on the fire to make s'mores and cooked French toast - which went down a storm with this group. At the Spring Equinox we took a walk around the grounds looking for signs of Spring. We found lots of buds, new leaves and Spring flowers. During our last session we made woodland creatures out of clay.

The Easter Bunny paid us a visit this week and both classes enjoyed a chocolate Easter Egg hunt to see us all into the Easter holidays. Let's hope the current beautiful weather continues and we can all enjoy plenty of time outdoors this holiday. As always, photos of our sessions are on the school website.

Happy Easter everyone,

*Sarah Curtis (Forest School Leader)*

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## Dates for your Diary

**New dates have been added in red:**

Date	Event	Notes
<b>April</b>		
Monday 28 April	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 29	Cricket Engagement day - All year groups	
<b>May</b>		
Thursday 1	Year 4 Residential Meeting for Parents & Pupils 3:15	Information sent out
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Friday 9	Year 4 Quad Kids @ CMS	Full Class Transition Event More Info to follow
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>Water Aid Workshop - Brunch</b>	<b>Please bring in a variety pack' sized box of cereal</b>
Thursday 15	Year 3 & 4 Visit Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	Information to follow
Thursday 22	KS2 Federation Sporting Event @ Wentworth Leisure Centre Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle	Athletics  More Information to follow
Friday 23 May	Year 4 Residential Return  School Closed for half term 3:15	Return to school 3:30/4pm to be confirmed
<b>June</b>		
Monday 2	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 10	Golf in school for all years (am)  New Reception Parents Meeting 5pm – 6pm	Close House Coach in school More Information to follow
Wednesday 11	Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch	
Thursday 12	Musical Theatre Club Performance at Parish Hall	4pm-5pm
Tuesday 17	Golf in school for all years (am) Reception New Starters Stay & Play 09:30 – 10:30	Close House Coach in school More Information to follow
Wednesday 18	Year 4 Leavers Service @ Newcastle Cathedral 1pm - 3pm Reception New Starters Stay & Play 09:30 – 10:30	More Info to follow  More Information to follow
Friday 20	World Music Day Sounds of the 70s Big Gig Event	
Tuesday 24	Golf in school for Receptions  KS1am/ KS2 pm Federation Sporting Event @ Corbridge Cricket Club	Close House Coach in school  Cricket
Friday 27	Whole School Beach Visit with Corbridge First School	More Information to follow
<b>July</b>		
Thursday 3	Sports Day	More Information to follow
Friday 4	Federation choir singing at St. Andrew's Church 1.30pm	More Info to follow
Tuesday 8	Transfer Day for all Year Groups	More Info to follow
Friday 11	Year 4 Multi Sports Skills Festival	More info to follow
Monday 14	Reports Sent Home	
Wednesday 16	Leavers Lunch Leavers Assembly 2:30 Glastonbroomy 5:30 – 7pm for Year 4	More Information to follow More Information to follow

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Thursday 17	Leavers Service at St James' 09:30 Reception Class Graduation 2pm	More Information to follow More Information to follow
Friday 18	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1:30	Please Note 1:30 finish
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday 2	School Re-Opens	