



# Stamfordham Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As quick as the half term has started, it is already coming to an end. It's just a shame that the weather has not quite caught up yet!

I'd like to begin by saying a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils: Daisy, Edison, Evie, Freya, Grace, Gracie-Lee, Isaac, Rachel, Stanley and Willow who have completed their SATs this week. They have all worked so hard this year and approached the assessments with a very positive attitude. As a reward, they enjoyed a celebratory lunch at Fratelli on Thursday. Well done Year 6, we are so proud of you all!

A reminder that 'Sports Day' will take place on the first week back (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June). Further details will be sent out next week regarding timings etc. We look forward to seeing you all there. We have also finalised other dates for the end of term and these are included in the dates section at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

## **The last 2 weeks in school**

### **Early Years**

We've had a lovely couple of weeks in Early Years with lots of exciting learning taking place.

The children have continued exploring life cycles, focusing on broad beans after planting their own. We have learnt new vocabulary such as *germination* and talked about what plants need to grow, including water, warmth, soil and space. The children have enjoyed checking on their beans and watching them change. We also visited the pond to observe the tadpoles. We are still waiting for froglets to appear, but the children enjoyed discussing the different stages of the frog life cycle.

To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, we learnt about his life and his work as a naturalist before going on our own mini-beast hunt in the woods.

The children have also been practising their cutting skills while learning about dinosaurs. We introduced new vocabulary including *omnivore*, *carnivore* and *herbivore*, and the children enjoyed talking about what different dinosaurs eat.

In Preschool, the children are enjoying our new core book, *Sharing a Shell*. We have been discussing why litter belongs in the bin after noticing how the crab and anemone use a paper cup and ice cream tub as their home in the story.

## Class 2

We have had a fantastic few weeks in Class 2, all pupils have continued to work incredibly hard! In Science, children enjoyed a material hunt around the school grounds to spot wood, plastic, metal, and glass, thinking about some of the properties of these materials. Last week, they put their knowledge to the test by investigating a range of materials, needing something that is waterproof. They successfully worked out the best material to build our toy guests a dry, leak-proof roof. In English, we have continued to focus on the book 'Grandad's Secret Giant', with the children stepping into the shoes of townspeople to write polite 'Thank you letters' to the Giant. They took great care with their writing, focusing on using capital letters for names and thinking carefully about their spelling. Our Thursday afternoon cricket sessions have been a massive highlight. The children are doing a wonderful job building their throwing, catching, and batting skills while showing fantastic teamwork. Keep up the amazing work Class 2!

## Class 3

Class 3 have had another exciting and busy few weeks of learning! In Maths, we have been focusing on time. The children have been practising reading analogue and digital clocks to the minute, as well as solving simple time problems. Please continue to encourage your child to spot and read clocks at home to build their confidence. In Science, we have started a plant experiment to investigate whether the amount of light affects plant growth. The children have planted seeds and are making predictions about what might happen to plants placed in different lighting conditions. Over the coming weeks, we will carefully observe and record any changes. We will then create a line graph to help us analyse our results. Our Art lessons have been especially creative this week as the children designed and created their own clay dragon eyes. They explored texture, shape and detail to make each dragon eye unique, now we will add paint to finish them off! Keep up the good work Class 3!

## Class 4

The last 2 weeks have flown by in Class 4! Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have worked so hard in their SATs assessments this week. We are so proud of you all. A big thank you also to Year 5 who have been very supportive of their peers and shown flexibility across the week when the assessments were taking place. We have still somehow found time for some learning. In Art, we have continued looking at the work of 'Paul Klee'. We studied his artwork 'Castle and Sun' and then created our own versions using geometric shapes and a range of different media including pastels, watercolour and pencil. The final pieces were outstanding! In Science, we have looked at how life cycles differ in different animals and then went on to look at complete and incomplete metamorphosis. We have also begun looking at reproduction in plants and why each part of the plant is important in this process. This half term in music, Class 4 are learning how to play the ukulele. The pupils can now play several chords and will continue to build on this over the coming term.

## **WWF Fundraiser**

Our School Council pupils are busy organising a special 'Wear it Wild' fundraising day next Friday 22nd May, to support the WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and help protect endangered animals worldwide. For a £1 donation, pupils can come to school wearing animal-themed clothing, bright wild colours, or their favourite casual wear.

For an additional 50p per guess, your child can take part in the 'Guess the Sweets in the Jar' game with a chance to win the entire jar of animal sweets. Thank you for supporting our School Council's efforts to protect the planet's incredible wildlife.

## Bikeability

Well done to our Class 3 pupils who took part in Bikeability last week. All the pupils achieved their Level 1 badge and certificate. The instructor was very impressed with their behaviour and positive attitude.

## Ponteland High School Tours

Year 6 Students and their families are invited to Ponteland High School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May for an after-school tour of the building and to meet the Senior Leadership team, the year 7 transition/pastoral team and the SEN team.

## School Lunches

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Week 3 new menu

Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Week 1 new menu

**The dinner menus are available on the school website.**

**Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>London Parent Information Evening (Year 5 and 6) 3.30pm</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School club (Year 2, 3 and 4) <b>(4 of 4)</b> Art Club (Year 5 and 6) <b>(4 of 4)</b> <b>EYFS Breaki and a Book 9am -10am</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>PE with Mr Thompson</b> Athletics Club (Year 4, 5 and 6) <b>(5 of 5)</b> Craft Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) <b>(4 of 4)</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Cricket Club (Class 4, 5 and 6) <b>(4 of 4)</b> <b>Class 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Kingston Park</b> <b>Ponteland High School Tours for Year 6 pupils and families</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Music with Mr Radford</b> <b>WWF Fundraiser (non-uniform)</b> <b>School closes for half term at 3.10pm</b>

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>School reopens for all pupils</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Sports Day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Music with Mr Radford</b>

**Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 5/6 Bee Transition week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	London Trip – Year 5 and 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Year 6 transition days at Ponteland High School
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	Transition morning in school (pupils will spend the morning in their new classes)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Leaver's assembly in school (pm)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Early Years graduation (pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes for the summer break 1.15pm *Please note, there will be no Kidzone session*