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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move through the Autumn term, everybody is very much settled into their new classrooms and routines. We are already seeing some fantastic work being produced across the school, from fantastic writing to creative artwork. Pupils across school are showing a real determination to do their best and this is clearly evident in all classes.

Over the last two weeks, we have been focusing on two of our core values: **resilience** and **ambition**. We have been talking with the children about what these values mean and, importantly, how we can demonstrate them in our everyday lives at school. It has been fantastic to hear their ideas and see these values being put into action in classrooms and around school.

We have almost finalised our calendar dates right through until Christmas. I have added all the confirmed events 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

Early Years have had a lovely couple of weeks filled with learning, exploring and lots of fun! We are continuing to settle into our school routines, developing our listening skills and becoming more confident and independent each day. Our daily workouts have been a real favourite, helping us to develop our core strength, coordination, balance and gross motor skills as we have fun moving like different animals!

In Reception, we have continued with our phonics and have added i, n and p to our collection. We are becoming fantastic at hearing and blending sounds and are beginning to sound out our own CVC words. In Science, we have been exploring our senses and have focused on hearing, while in Music we have enjoyed singing lots of familiar nursery rhymes.

We have also had lots of fun making apple crumble using apples from our own tree! The children helped to chop the apples and rub butter into the flour, developing their fine motor skills and following instructions — and, of course, we all enjoyed tasting it too!

In Art, we have been exploring the work of Piet Mondrian, noticing his use of red, yellow and blue, alongside straight black horizontal and vertical lines. We have enjoyed developing our observation skills and experimenting with colour, shape and line in our own artwork.

It has been wonderful to see our Early Years children growing in confidence, independence and curiosity through all their exciting experiences!

Class 2

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have continued to settle into their Class 2 routines. In Science, children are very much enjoying exploring our 'Animals including humans' unit, focusing on how living things grow and survive. In English, our new class book, 'Frockodile', has been a massive hit. The children enjoyed discovering new vocabulary like 'swiftly' and 'adorable', and they are now practicing extending their sentences using the conjunction 'and' as well as trying hard to keep their handwriting as neat as possible. In PSHE, we have been focusing on how to be the kindest friend we can be and creating class rules to keep everyone safe and happy. The children shared some excellent ideas and have been demonstrating wonderfully caring and respectful behaviours around school. Keep up the amazing work, Class 2!

Class 3

What a busy and exciting few weeks we've had in Class 3! In History, we have been learning about the first Roman invasion of Britain. We've explored what happened when the Romans arrived and begun to discover more about this fascinating period in history. In Science last week, we created a bar chart to show which drinks contained the most sugar. The children enjoyed comparing the results and developing their skills in presenting data. We have also started a fantastic new art project on Andy Warhol. We studied his life and explored the distinctive style of his artwork. Over the next few weeks, we will be creating some of our own art inspired by Warhol. Keep up the good work everyone!

Class 4

Class 4 have had another busy and exciting couple of weeks, with lots of fantastic learning taking place! In English, we are coming to the end of our Core Book, 'Street Child'. We have enjoyed taking part in hot-seating, and we have been really impressed by the thoughtful and interesting questions the children came up with based on the text. Taking on the role of Jim helped us to really get into character and led beautifully into writing biographies about his life. We have been focusing on writing in the past tense and third person, while organising events in chronological order.

In Maths, we are almost at the end of our Place Value unit and the children have really impressed us with their growing confidence. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 and even 1,000,000 — and we have absolutely nailed it!

In History, we have been developing our skills as historians by analysing a range of Victorian sources, including census extracts, factory inspector reports and interview extracts from child workers. These have helped us to explore different perspectives and continue our enquiry question: "How far did life improve for children in the Victorian era?"

Across all subjects, we have also been working hard on the presentation of our work and remembering our high expectations. We are encouraging everyone to be ambitious, take pride in what they produce and keep persevering when something feels tricky. It has been wonderful to see the progress, effort and enthusiasm from Class 4!

Harvest Festival

Our school Harvest Festival will take place at St Mary's Church on Monday 12th October at 9.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us and refreshments will be served from 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place during the week commencing 12th October. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out how they are settling into their new year group. Further details regarding dates and how to book will follow shortly.

Healthy Relationships Workshops

NDAS have been in school over the last two weeks delivering a range of interactive workshops to pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. These workshops support our PSHE curriculum and have covered topics such as kind hands and voices, friendships and using technology safely.

School Lunches

Week commencing 28th September 2026 – Week 2

Week commencing 5th October 2026 – Week 3

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 28 th September	
Tuesday 29 th September	Swimming Year 3 and 4 Craft Club Year 5 & 6 (1 of 4)
Wednesday 30 th September	PE with Mr Thompson Tag Rugby Year 1, 2 & 3 (3 of 6)
Thursday 1 st October	Walk to School Month begins Healthy Relationships workshops (Year 1-6)
Friday 2 nd October	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 5 th October	
Tuesday 6 th October	Swimming Year 3 and 4 Craft Club Year 5 & 6 (2 of 4)
Wednesday 7 th October	PE with Mr Thompson Tag Rugby Year 1, 2 & 3 (4 of 6)
Thursday 8 th October	
Friday 9 th October	Music with Mr Radford Hello Yellow Day

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
October 2026	Walk to School Month
Monday 12 th October 2026	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	School closes for half term
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Teacher Training Day
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 9 th November 2026	School Photos
Friday 20 th November 2026	Nasal Flu Vaccination
Friday 4 th December 2026	Panto @ The Tyne Theatre (Year 1-6)
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	Christmas Performance (Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year2)
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Early Years Theatre Trip
Monday 14 th December 2026	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	Christmas Performance (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 18 th December 2026	School Closes for the Christmas break at 1.15pm ** There will be no Kidzone session after school but breakfast club will run as normal**
Monday 4 th January 2027	School re-opens to all pupils