



## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> October  
2025

What a busy term it has been so far! Time has flown by, and it is hard to believe that we are now in October and just two weeks away from half term!



### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated food for our harvest festival assemblies that will take place on Monday. We are happy

to receive up until Monday. All your donations will be forwarded to Thornaby Food Bank.

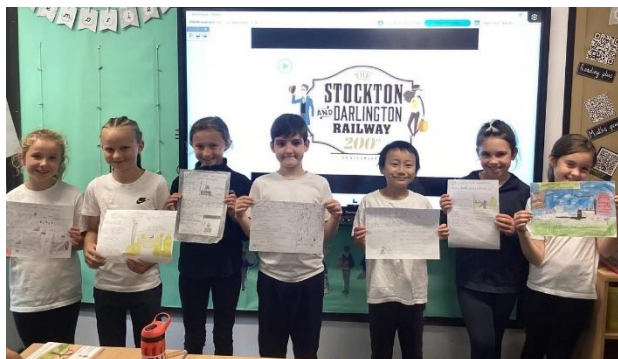
A huge thank you, once again, to the wonderful Mrs Young for her kind donation of a selection of hand-made Harvest hampers. Mrs Young is tireless in her support for our school, and she gives so generously.



### Stockton On Tees Railway Celebrations – Year 4

Children in Year 4 really enjoyed learning all about the Stockton and Darlington Railways as part of the 200-year Anniversary celebrations. They discovered lots of interesting facts and created posters to showcase their learning. They are looking forward

to exploring this local history later in the year with their history topic the railways along with a visit to the Hope Town museum.



### Learning about the Stone Age in Year 3

In Year 3 our children have been exploring the Stone Age and got a real sense of how long ago it was by using a toilet roll to map out the timeline. They had fun creating their own cave paintings using simple drawings and it was great to see their excitement and curiosity at work.



### School Leadership

We believe every child deserves to be heard and should be involved in the running of our school. We know that real learning and school improvement comes, not just from what teachers decide, but by working **with** our children. That's why this year we

have established a range of roles for our children in leading our school forwards. This of course starts with a wonderful School Council and Pupil Governors who have recently produced and distributed their very first newsletter to the whole school family. As well as this we have also established other roles in school including:

**Active 60 Sports Leaders** who recently attended training with Stockton Schools Sports partnership and who are responsible for helping our children to play active games at playtimes and lunchtimes. Well done everyone!



Children in Year 3 and 4 have created an **Eco Team** who received and are wearing their Eco Team badges very proudly this week. They are going to work together to improve our school carbon footprint, save energy and develop our school environment. Thank you to everyone involved.

Our school also has a whole team of librarians to help us make reading a pleasure around school. They have been chosen from around the school and are responsible for making sure our reading resources are carefully looked after and used properly both in



classrooms and in centre areas and the non-fiction library. Thank you to this team!

Our **Forest School Rangers** have a very important role in making sure our forest school site is safe, tidy and suitable for use for all the children. They are helping Mrs Forster every few weeks to manage the environment for everyone. Thank you.



### Halloween Disco

We will be holding our annual Halloween disco for children just before half term. We are cashless this year, so we will not be asking children to bring in money for tickets. Instead, we are asking parents and carers to use the QR code sent on Parent Mail to purchase tickets. Please contact the office who will be happy to help if you need it.

Details of the discos are as follows:

**20th October KS1** (Y1 and 2)  
Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm  
**21st October LKS2** (Y1 and 2)  
Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm  
**22nd October UKS2** (Y1 and 2)  
Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm



Children should enter the disco via the main school Reception entrance and should be collected from their usual doors on the school yard at 5.30pm.

Gates will open 15 minutes before the end of the disco.

### Tees Valley Cross Country Finals.

Some of Key Stage Two children attended the Tees Valley Primary Cross-Country Finals this week. They were an absolute credit to our school, showing determination, perseverance and passion. We are so proud of them all. Well done!



### MND Awareness Day

Many of you may aware one of our beloved Hartburn headteachers and past parent in our Barley Fields family, Mrs Claire Park, was recently diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). This news has deeply affected all of us but have been inspired by her strength, resilience, and bravery. In support of Claire, to raise awareness of MND, and to raise vital funds for MND research and support services, we are working with the trust schools to raise funds and will host a wear blue and orange non-uniform day on 17<sup>th</sup> October. A letter about this was sent out today.

### Diary Dates – Autumn 2025

**13th October** – Harvest Festival  
**14th October** Year 5 Miss Temple – You and I clay Project  
**15th October** Year 6 Campfire Ghost Stories  
**17<sup>th</sup> October**- MND Awareness Day  
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**21st October LKS2** (Y1 and 2) Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm  
**22nd October UKS2** (Y1 and 2) Halloween Disco 4.30-5.30pm  
**24th October** – Reception Spooky Dress Up day  
**Friday 24th October** – break up for half term

**Monday 3rd November** Return to school  
**Tuesday 4th November** Y5 Mrs Forster You and I clay Project  
**11th November** – Remembrance Day  
**18th November** – School Health Immunisation Team on Site  
**19th November** School Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm  
**26th November** 3.30-5.00pm Early Years Open evening for prospective new parents  
**27th December** Year 5 theatre trip - We Will Rock You  
**1st December** – Christmas Jumper Day  
**3rd December** Reception Nativity Performance 1 2.00pm  
**4th December** Reception Nativity Performance 2 2.00pm  
**5th December** – Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice  
**9th December** Year 4 Christmas Performance 5.00pm  
**10th December** Year 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am  
**11th December** Year 2 Christmas Performance 5.00pm  
**12th December** Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30am  
**16th December** Year 6 Christmas Performance 5.00pm  
**17th December** Year 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am  
**17th December** Year 1 and 3 Pantomime at Billingham Forum  
**19th December** Break Up for Christmas

**Have a lovely weekend everyone!**

**Mrs Taylor**  
**Head Teacher**