

19th September
2025

What a busy and exciting start to the term we have had! There is a real buzz and sense of purpose around the entire building, and it is wonderful to walk around our school and see the children so focused and engaged with their learning.

Pupil Governor Led Assembly



On Monday, our Year 6 pupil governors led our whole school assembly. As it was the International Day of Democracy, it was the perfect time for the pupil governors to deliver an assembly on the importance of pupil voice. They talked about the upcoming launch of our pupil led newsletter, the pupil questionnaire and our school council elections. I was so pleased to see how they linked democracy to fundamental British values and to the UNICEF Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our pupil



governors did a fantastic job in organising and delivering this assembly and I am enormously proud of them all. It takes real guts to stand up and talk in front of so many children and adults, but they were all so confident in their delivery- marvellous!



School Council Elections

On Thursday, we held our school council elections in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. School council elections are a great way to teach the children about the importance of democracy as a fundamental British value, and it was great to see the polling station set up in the dining hall and children from each year group casting their votes in a very official manner!

Well done to all those who were elected to represent their year groups on our new school council. The successful candidates were Olivia, Haris, George and Neve in Key Stage One and Taylor, Louie, Frankie, Felicity, Wilf, Olivia, Aila and Ellis in Key Stage Two.

Our new school councillors will now join with our Year 6 pupil governors on a range of exciting initiatives aimed at pupil empowerment. The first meeting of the council will take place next week and I know that Mr Shildrick is looking forward to working with you all this year.

The Barley Fields Big Listen

This week, our Year 6 pupil governors worked with Mr Shildrick to launch the 'Barley Fields Big Listen'.



This was a questionnaire that aimed to allow children the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions about our school. The responses are still coming in, but initial analysis of the responses so far is hugely favourable and show that the vast majority of our students really enjoy being a part of our Barley Fields' family! In the coming weeks, Mr Shildrick and our school council will look carefully at the responses to consider what we can realistically improve further or change to make our school even better. Our pupil governors will lead an assembly on the results of the Barley Fields Big Listen later in the term.

Our New Pupil Newsletter

Part of the work of our school council this year will be around the launch of our new pupil newsletter- BF VOICE- written by the children for the children. Mr Shildrick will support in the editing and publication of this newsletter, but its contents will be entirely about what matters to your children. The first edition will be distributed via Parent Mail later this term so please do look out for this as the children will be working so hard to put together its contents. I am sure that you will all agree that the launch of BF VOICE is another step towards raising the importance of pupil voice and in empowering our children in school. The newsletter will be run just like a real newspaper with opportunities for children to act as reporters, photographers, editors and publishers. I am really looking forwards to seeing what the children can produce.



Barley Fields' Remembrance Garden



Many thanks to families who have already made kind donations towards our proposed Remembrance Garden. This was an idea put forward by our pupil governors who were keen to see our whole school mark Remembrance in a new way and to raise funds to support all our veterans through purchasing wooden crosses from the Royal British Legion.

If you have not already done so and would like to donate, it's not too late. Crosses cost £3 to purchase from the British Legion but any donations, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated. Let us hope that we all see lots of these special Remembrance crosses on our school site in November to show our thanks for those who have given their lives to protect our freedom and also to those who have served or still serve in our armed forces.

Learning Together Launch – Tuesday 23rd September

We warmly invite our families to our **Learning Together Launch** on **Tuesday 23rd September**. Come along to:



- Visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher
- See their work so far and learn about class routines
- Ask questions about the year ahead

The school will be open from **2:30pm to 5:00pm** (last entry at 5:00pm). Please note there will be **no entry between 3:05pm and 3:20pm** for safe dismissal. For the best chance to speak with your child's teacher, we recommend visiting after 3:20pm once all pupils have been dismissed. We look forward to welcoming you and starting another exciting year of learning together!

Dates for Your Diaries

23rd September 2.30-5.00pm Learning Together Launch Reception to Y6 children

24th September 3.30-5.00pm Early Years Open evening for prospective new parents

6th – 10th October – Harvest Festival donations received in school

8th October – Year 5 Mrs Forster – You and I clay project

14th October Year 5 Miss Temple – You and I clay Project

15th October Year 6 Campfire Ghost Stories

17th October- MND Awareness Day

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

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 Gaynon 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!

Love from Mrs Taylor



Term Dates 2025-26

	AUGUST 2025					SEPTEMBER 2025					OCTOBER 2025					NOVEMBER 2025						
Monday		4	11	18	25		8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
Tuesday		5	12	19	26		9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		
Wednesday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Friday		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
	DECEMBER 2025					JANUARY 2026					FEBRUARY 2026					MARCH 2026						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	
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	APRIL 2026					MAY 2026					JUNE 2026					JULY 2026						
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Blue shaded areas denote holiday dates
Grey indicates Bank Holidays



PD Day - School closed to children