



Newsletter

7th November
2025

Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2!

We're thrilled to welcome everyone back for the second half of the Autumn term! The term ahead is packed with exciting activities, special events, and lots of opportunities for learning and fun. We can't wait to see the children diving into new challenges, showing their creativity, and enjoying everything this term has to offer. Let's make it a fantastic few weeks together!

Kindness Awards

Our pupil governors have been working hard to promote kindness and respect throughout the school. Today, they presented special awards to



children who have been noticed for showing exemplary kindness and consideration towards others. Their efforts in encouraging positive behaviour are having a really big impact, helping to make our wonderful school an even more caring and respectful place for everyone.

Y2 Bugs and Stuff



This week, our Year 2 children had an incredible opportunity to meet—and even hold—lots of fascinating creatures as part of their learning about the natural world. From insects to small reptiles, the children were able to see and touch animals they don't usually get to encounter. It was wonderful to see so many of them showing curiosity, asking thoughtful questions, and even bravely handling some of the creatures themselves—many of them much braver than I am! The visit not only brought their learning to life but also gave them a memorable, hands-on experience that they will remember for a long time.



Keeping Our Children Safe Online

At our school, we take online safety very seriously. Through our computing curriculum, children learn to use technology responsibly, recognise cyber-bullying, and protect their

personal information. While much of their internet use happens at home, we encourage parents to stay involved by monitoring online activity, setting boundaries, and understanding age ratings for games, apps, and social media platforms. Our school website provides helpful guides for parents, including instructions for setting restrictions and information about the main gaming and social media platforms. Additionally, leaflets with this information are available from the school office for parents who would like a printed copy.



For further support, parents and carers can visit The National College's dedicated parent resources

page <https://nationalcollege.com/parents> which offers a wealth of guides and training on keeping children safe online. nationalcollege.com+1

Remembrance Garden

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Next week, our school will be setting up the Remembrance Garden near the Pavilion area. We invite everyone to take a moment to visit and reflect. A big thank you to all who have already bought crosses and painted remembrance pebbles—they look wonderful.



We would love to add even more contributions, so if you would like to bring in a cross or a painted pebble, please send it in next week to be included in the garden.

We will also take part in a whole school remembrance assembly in this area on Tuesday 11th November.

We still have poppies and other items in school that can be purchased in support of the Ryal British Legion. Please send any money in a labelled envelope next week.

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 19th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm



Thank you for all the remarkable donations of books and bottles for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. All donations are very gratefully received so if you would still like to donate please send things in next week.

As our Fayre is mostly an indoor event with pressure on space **we won't unfortunately be able to accommodate buggy's and prams inside school for fire safety reasons.** We would appreciate you leaving these at home or outside the school. entrance areas. Entrance and exit to the Fayre to school will be via the main school key stage entrances during its opening times

A big thank you to Mrs Young who has donated the most magnificent prizes for our Christmas raffle too. These are on display in the entrance area. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the Christmas Fair, sent home with children and on sale during our Christmas performance if you wish to purchase them.

Christmas Calendar and Performance Tickets

Our school Christmas calendar will be sent out next week, bringing a touch of festive cheer to everyone! If you would like a hard copy, these will be available in the school entrance area for parents and carers to collect. Tickets for our Christmas performances will also be available week beginning 24th November—please check the calendar for dates and times and follow the instructions for purchasing tickets to secure your seats. We look forward to celebrating the festive season together!

Diary Dates – Autumn 2025

- 11th November** – Remembrance Day
- 14th November** – Children in Need
- 18th November** – School Health Immunisation Team on Site
- 19th November** School Christmas Fair 3.30-6.00pm
- 27th November** 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

Mrs Taylor x