

# Friday News at Fellgate Primary School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## GET UP, GET IN, GET ON!

Acorns – 93%	Sycamores – 90%	Elms – 85%	Oaks – 97%
Rowans – 100%	Maples – 96%	Cherries – 99%	Chestnuts – 84%
			Birches – 87%

**Mrs Tones' phrase of the week** is 'keep on aiming high!' This week we looked at who could make the tallest tower and considered how the materials might be arranged differently to strengthen the structure and increase its height. Children were encouraged to persevere and keep trying if their structure collapsed. We discussed how this was a challenge to complete and a challenge isn't easy; it tests our skill and patience. If we are to succeed with a challenge, we will need to keep trying and aim high to succeed.

**School Trip:** Some of our children across the school visited Sunderland College to watch a sensory performance based around Julia Donaldson's well-known books. The children really enjoyed this experience and had lots of fun.

**Children's Services:** If you have had involvement with South Tyneside Children's Services, you can go along to a 'Let's Talk' event to share how the experience was for you. This will take place on Wednesday 2nd April 10am-1pm at South Shields Town Hall; lunch is provided.

**LET'S TALK CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
LISTENING TO PARENTS AND CARERS WITH EXPERIENCE OF  
OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

**WHAT IS LET'S TALK?**

This is our first annual Let's Talk event. It's a chance for parents and carers who have had involvement with South Tyneside Children and Families Service to come together and share their views.

Our aim is to continue learning, listening and improving, and we know the best way to do this is to work together with families. Please come along and tell us what you think - good or bad - so that we can move things forward together.

Senior managers will be there to hear your views and answer any questions you have.

**TALKING POINTS**  
Here are some ideas we'll use to start our conversations

- WHAT ALREADY WORKS WELL?
- WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?
- HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE CHILDREN'S SERVICES INVOLVED WITH YOUR FAMILY?
- HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER BETTER WITH PARENTS?

**Wednesday 2nd April**  
10 am - 1 pm  
Lunch & Refreshments will be provided

Reception Room, South Shields Town Hall, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL

To book a space, or if you have any questions, please contact:  
Helen.chart@southtyneside.gov.uk | 0191 424 8486 | 07352743926

If you require any support to attend the event please speak to your worker or contact Helen on the details above.

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This half term, Year 5s in Elms and Birches are taking part in **Mini Medics** sessions on a Friday afternoon. The purpose of the sessions is for the children to learn some basic first aid skills. So far, they have made a danger circle and practised putting people in the recovery position within the danger circle. The children have learnt how to apply bandages to a wound and what would happen if an artery bled. Last week, to help them understand the different parts of a heart by investigating a lamb's heart and actually holding it if they wanted to. The children are really enjoying the lessons and are learning life-skills that they can use in the real world.

**Facebook/ Instagram:** Please continue to have a look on our Facebook and Instagram pages to see what has happened in school this week. We have regular daily posts to share all of the wonderful things that the children are doing.

## **Spring Holiday Activity and Food Events: Monday 14th– Friday 25th April**

We are working with South Tyneside Council to deliver the Spring Holiday, Activities and Food Programme! There will be FREE activities and nutritious meals for children and young people aged 5-16 years who are eligible for benefit related free school meals (FSM), as well as eligible FSM young people up to the age of 18 with SEND. All events are subject to availability. HAF has a new booking system which will go live Monday 24th March via Plinth.

Activities and food are funded by the Department for Education. For more information:  
[www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub)

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### Holiday Activities + Food Spring

**FREE**

**MONDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 25TH APRIL**

For young people aged 5-16 years (18 SEND) and in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

For more information and eligibility please call 0191 424 0118, email [haf@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:haf@southtyneside.gov.uk) or visit [www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub](http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/holidayclub)

Booking is available from the 24th March

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## Fellgate Primary School 2024-2025

There will be further dates added to the annual calendar. Friends of Fellgate have further events planned which will be added.

Spring Term	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Rowans class assembly
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Maples class assembly
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Smelly Egg Competition
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Longest Journey Assembly
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last day of term

Summer Term 2025	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	KS2 SATs
Date to be confirmed	Family Picnic
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Family Breakfast
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Last day of term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	First day of term
Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports Week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports Day and Strawberry Tea
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Summer Fair
Week beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Class celebration with parents: look at books
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Performance
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Longest Journey Assembly

Just to confirm holidays for next year

## School holidays and term dates

① School holidays and term dates 2025/2026*		
Term	Open morning of	Close afternoon of
Autumn Term	Mon 01 Sep 2025	Fri 24 Oct 2025
	Mon 03 Nov 2025	Fri 19 Dec 2025
Spring Term	Mon 05 Jan 2026	Fri 20 Feb 2026
	Mon 02 Mar 2026	Thu 02 Apr 2026
Summer Term	Mon 20 Apr 2026	Fri 22 May 2026
	Mon 01 Jun 2026	Fri 17 Jul 2026

School closed Bank Holiday Monday 04 May 2026. In-service days to be confirmed.



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Our Star of the week goes to: -

<b>Acorns</b>	<b>Emmanuel</b>	has been working very hard in maths when we have been doubling odd and even numbers.
<b>Rowans</b>	<b>Olive</b>	for adapting to changes in her routine and building her resilience. Olive has been in a very happy mood and has had lovely interactions with staff. Well done Olive!
<b>Sycamores</b>	<b>Aylilah</b>	for trying hard with her writing and always looking for ways to improve.
<b>Maples</b>	<b>Xander</b>	for showing great resilience managing his emotions this week. Well done Xander!
<b>Cherries</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	for accepting challenge and showing resilience.
<b>Elms</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	for showing amazing resilience during our Swimming lessons. Each week, she challenges herself to do something new and never gives up; even if she finds it a little bit tricky to begin with. Great work Charlotte!
<b>Chestnuts</b>	<b>Frankie</b>	for his resilience and perseverance when completing tasks in class. He always tries hard! Well done Frankie!
<b>Oaks</b>	<b>Favor</b>	for showing resilience and always challenging himself to improve, resulting in some truly magnificent pieces of work.
<b>Birches</b>	<b>Theo</b>	for making a big effort to complete his work independently.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs Tones



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