



# NCEA Warkworth Primary School

## Autumn 2 Newsletter

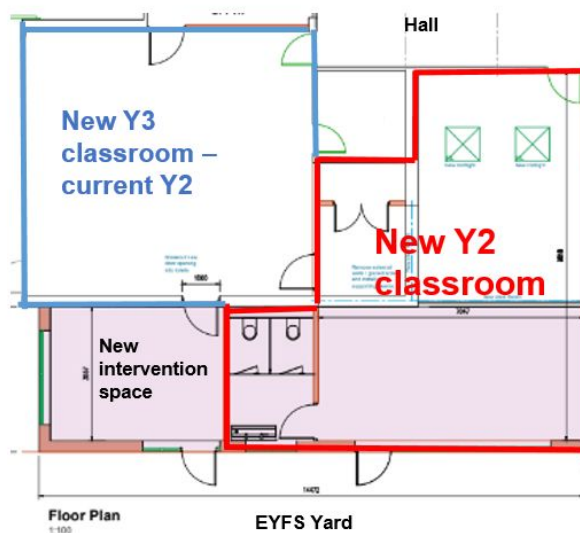
### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you all after what I hope was a lovely October half-term for you all. It is November already - the fireworks have popped, many of you may feel (like I do!) that you never see any sunlight, and it's getting colder. However, I do always love this month as it feels especially productive before the joyous chaos of December! If any of you have already finished your Christmas shopping, please do not tell me as I have quite a bit left to do!!

We finally have our new library! It is still being arranged and sorted ahead of the 'grand opening' this coming Monday (11th November). The library is being named in honour of Prof John Hobrough, our previous Chair of Governors, who will be cutting the ribbon next week alongside Rev Helen giving the space a blessing. It looks fantastic but we are particularly excited for the next few months as we prepare lending spaces not just for children of our school but also the wider community - watch this space!

Plans for our new classroom are fast progressing. I will keep families updated, particularly those families in Years 1 and 2 who it affects most closely, as soon as I can. We have much more formalised plans now which I am delighted to share with you. The extension is essentially going to bring the current Thrive Room and Year 2 classroom 'out' into the EYFS yard, placing it in line with the Year 1 classroom. I have attached an annotated floor plan which hopefully makes it clear! (The parts that are red are the actual extension.) Work is due to commence in May half-term 2025 ready for September 2025.



As I shared with families at our Harvest performance, it is with the utmost sadness that we commemorate Miss Wilkie's final day here today on Friday 8th November. Miss Wilkie has been a tremendous asset of the school for some time but needed a new position to better suit her family situation and childcaring responsibilities.

However much I understand it is the right choice for her, it has been devastating for us in school! She is deeply loved here and we wish her the very best of luck in her career. Miss Somers will step up to full-time, taking over Miss Wilkie's job role.

Lastly, we wish Mrs Stuart good luck as she goes for her operation next week! I wrote to Year 3 parents earlier this week explaining that Mr Boulby would be with us until at least Christmas.

May I also wish you all a lovely November and December and I look forward to seeing you over the various Christmas performances and, of course, you are welcome to see me any time.

**Jonathan Booth**  
Headteacher





# FRIDAY

## Fridays

As discussed in prior communications, Mrs Gibson no longer works on a Friday. The office is managed by Miss Fife and I and sometimes other staff on these days.

We ask that, if you need anything on a Friday, that you avoid messaging Mrs Gibson over Class Dojo and either email the general admin email address ([admin.wps@warkworth.ncea.org.uk](mailto:admin.wps@warkworth.ncea.org.uk)) or phone. Thank you for your patience!

## Nursery and Wraparound Care

We are very proud of our wraparound offer where children receive a wide range of activities (usually screen free!), including reading, artwork and homework opportunities. We are also happy to be flexible with Wraparound, as we know families can have sudden changes happen that affect their childcare. The only complication is for Nursery children as there are different legal requirements around staffing for this change. We ask that, for any families with Nursery children, that we receive at **least one week's notice** for Wraparound, otherwise we will not be able to accommodate your child. Thank you for your understanding.

## James Calvert Spence College

We have warmly welcomed the new headteacher of JCSC, Mr Andriot, into school on a number of occasions as he gets to know schools in the local area. Over half-term, I shared with Years 5 and 6 families a video showing their new build plans - [please visit the website](#) if you are interested.



## Children in Need - Friday 15th November

As is tradition, we are delighted to participate in BBC Children in Need, raising money for so many fantastic causes across the country. Children are invited to wear either one item that's spotty alongside the rest of their uniform or come head to toe in spots! Families will be invited to make optional donations to Children in Need via the official website.

## Remembrance



We were honoured to have Mrs Glanville, the trust Music Lead, take our Remembrance Worship this week. Mrs Glanville is a serving reserve of the Northumberland 5th Fusiliers and has played a number of very special occasions. She came dressed appropriately (!) and showed videos of her performances at places such as Durham Cathedral for Remembrance events.

We reflected on the dedication of armed forces veterans and those who currently serve, as well as their families and the fact that so many of our families have close ties to those who serve.

Mrs Glanville (pictured below!) will be performing at the Remembrance Service this Sunday in Alwick and I am looking forward to attending the service in Warkworth this Sunday too.



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## Christmas Plans!



It's the most wonderful time of the year...! You will receive plenty of information about upcoming Christmas events, many of which (like the Nativities) have been in the calendar at the end of the newsletter for some time:

### **Warkworth Village Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 23rd November**

Families are warmly invited to attend the Christmas Lights switch on at 4:30pm in the village. I am particularly excited that our Choir will again be performing!

### **Bring a Bottle Non-Uniform Day Wednesday 20th November**

Ahead of our Christmas Fair, we are asking families to bring in bottles (whatever the content, so long as it can be drunk, or used for showering etc.!) that we can raffle them at the Fair.

### **Christmas Fair Tuesday 3rd December**

Details will follow via Class Dojo. This will be run by the Friends of Warkworth.

### **Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 4th December**

Christmas Jumper Day will be on the same day as our Christmas Dinner day. Donations will be welcomed for Save the Children, with a link sent via Class Dojo.



## Nativities

### **Monday 9th December - Monday 16th**

Nativities for each year group have been scheduled since June to give families as much notice as possible. Individual dates are in the calendar at the back of each newsletter.



## Pantomime!

Just like last year, children from Years 1-6 will get to attend the Pantomime at Phoenix Theatre in Blyth.

It is an absolute favourite Christmas tradition of mine (oh no it isn't... oh yes it is...). Not only are they good fun, but I believe strongly in giving children early exposure to a theatre environment - a pantomime can be a lovely introduction to the performing arts.

Further details will follow shortly.

## Christmas Card Competition - Light Switch On!

As per last year., we are delighted to relaunch the Christmas Card Competition in association with St Lawrence's Church. Children are welcome to create their own either A5 or A4-sized Christmas Card that will be used in The Pelican, the local Warkworth newsletter. The winner(s) will also get the opportunity to switch on the Christmas Lights in the village!

Entries are required by 9am on **Tuesday 19th November**. If anyone would like paper for their entry, please feel free to ask in the office. Good luck!



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## Safeguarding

Mr Booth is our school's Designated Safeguarding Leader, with Mrs Gibson, Miss Milne and Miss Fife our Deputy Leaders. If you have concerns about a child, you may contact any one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child, please contact one of the following:

- OneCall - 01670 536400
- Northumbria Police - 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline - 0808 800 5000

There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public.



# Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



You can find copies of all school policies [on our website](#) as well as trust-wide policies on the [NCEA website](#).

For ease of reference, I will provide hyperlinks to the following policies if you wish to consult them:

- Attendance Policy [here](#)
- Behaviour Policy [here](#)
- Anti-Bullying Policy [here](#)
- Online Safety Policy [here](#)
- Safeguarding Policy specific to Warkworth [here](#) and the trust-wide Child Protection Policy [here](#)
- Trust complaints policy [here](#)

With my very best wishes,

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November 2024			
Monday	4th November	Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust training day	
Tuesday	5th November	Children return to school	
		Hancock Museum trip for Years 3 and 4	
Monday	11th November	Years 5 and 6 Centre for Life Visit	
Thursday	14th November	Year 4 Forest School	
Friday	15th November	Year 3 Forest School	
Friday	22nd November	Years 5 and 6 Forest School	
Saturday	23rd November	Choir Performing at Christmas Light Switch on, Warkworth Village	
December 2024			
Tuesday	3rd December	Christmas Fair	
Wednesday	4th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day	
Monday	9th December	Years 5 and 6 Nativity Performances	9:20am & 3:30pm
Tuesday	10th December	Years 3 and 4 Nativity Performances	9:20am & 3:30pm
Wednesday	11th December	Christmas Pantomime for Years 1-6	Morning
		Early Years Nativity Performances	9:20am & 2:00pm
Thursday	12th December	Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance	9:20am
Monday	16th December	Years 1 and 2 Nativity Performance	3:20pm
Friday	20th December	Final day of school before Christmas holiday.	



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January 2025			
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school for Spring 1.	
Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> January		SEND Parents Evening Week	
Tuesday-Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> January	Thurston Residential, Years 5 and 6	
February 2024			
Week commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week	Activities in school
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> February	Last day before half-term.	
March 2025			
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Return to school for Spring 2.	
Week commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents' Evening	
Week commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> March		SEND Parents Evening	
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Final day before Easter holiday.	



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<b>April 2025</b>			
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for Summer 1.	
<b>May 2025</b>			
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday.	School closed to all pupils
During the month		Year 2 SATS	Details to follow
Week commencing 12th May		Year 6 SATS	Details to follow
Friday	23 <sup>th</sup> May	Final day before May half-term.	

<b>June 2025</b>			
Monday	2nd June	Return to school for Summer 2.	
During the month		Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check	Details to follow
Week commencing 9th June		Year 1 Phonics Screen	Details to follow
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
<b>July 2025</b>			
Week commencing 7th July		End of year reports out to families	
		SEND Parents Evening Week	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Final day.	