



Summer 1 Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had a peaceful Easter holiday. The weather has certainly been variable but hopefully you managed to get some Vitamin D in somehow - I am envious of anyone who went to sunnier climes!

As I announced at the Easter Service, it is with both sadness and joy that we wish Mrs Coils a happy retirement at the end of this academic year.

Having worked here for 19 years, she has seen the school grow from barely 50 pupils to 200, been a long-serving SENCo working with families through some of the toughest times in their lives, acted up as headteacher, served in pretty much every subject leader role going, and been a consistent source of positivity and humour for both children and staff.

As a testament to Mrs Coils's personal convictions and desire to make a positive difference, teaching was not her first career - she started off working with teenagers to try and turn their lives around when things were not going as well as they should. Having seen that the younger ages is where professionals can make the most difference, she threw herself into teaching, just like her late husband Mr Coils who remains much-loved amongst the whole community that knew him.

From my time working with Mrs Coils, it is not just her passionate advocacy for children who need most support that I have leant on, but her love of small schools - her time teaching at the miniscule setting for Holy Island children clearly guided her practice immeasurably. Mrs Coils consistently upheld the school's village, family feeling, which was all the more important as we expanded over time.

It is difficult to overstate the importance of staff like Mrs Coils in a school like ours. An ever-calm presence with razor wit and a deep knowledge of so many families, we are all saddened to see her go. However, we also know that she has certainly earned her retirement!

For those families who have been here a long time, I particularly implore you to tell Mrs Coils just how wonderful she has been the next time you see her. As a Jonny-come-lately, my words are nowhere near as meaningful as yours will be to her! As we grow up, we tend to remember most fondly the staff we knew as teenagers, not realising that arguably the most important people in our lives after our family were those we knew when we were smallest - I hope that my own career can have the same impact that Mrs Coils has had on so many young people for so many years.

As ever, school must go on, and the vacancy has been advertised. I am hopeful that I will be able to confirm staffing in the next newsletter after May half-term.

Jonathan Booth
Headteacher



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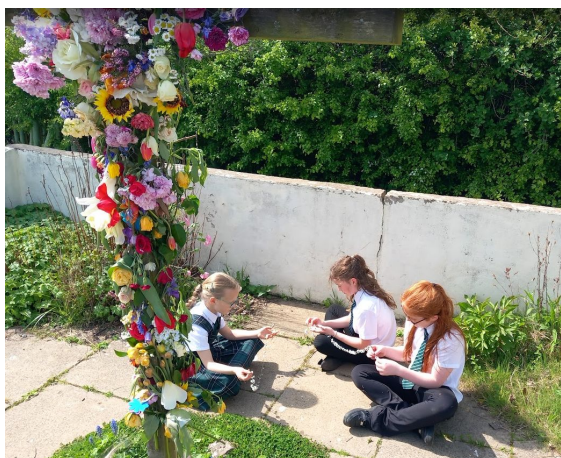
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Worship Services

This Monday, we started the week and term off with the school's annual tradition of decorating the cross with flowers. Thank you to the families who managed to send children with flowers in, no matter how big or small. I hope your garden (or that of any neighbours!!) recovers from such efforts.

It is always a joy to have the whole school together, from our smallest 2 year olds to our biggest 11 year olds.



Speaking of bringing the school together, it was wonderful to see the church packed to the rafters with standing room only for our Easter Service! The children did us so proud, from Reception's lovely singing of 'There's A Man Riding In On a Donkey', to the brave older volunteers who did our scripture readings, to the beautiful and moving singing by so many children (and families who joined in for a rousing 'Jerusalem' at the end!).

Upcoming Events

Following parent feedback and as detailed on previous newsletters, we have split the Sports Day and Summer Fairs into two separate events. By having our Sports Day earlier, it also gives us a bit more flexibility in the event of poor weather!

Wednesday 21st May (the final Wednesday before May half-term) will be Sports Day for Years 1-6 at 1:30pm, and Early Years will be doing theirs earlier in the morning (9:30am). We are hopeful that Miss Baston will be returning to be our resident score keeper!

Sticking to a sporting theme, Year 1 and 2 will begin swimming this term. We believe strongly in the importance of teaching swimming early and going beyond the 'basics' of the National Curriculum entitlement. This also allows us to invest our limited resources towards kayaking and paddle boarding for after May half-term.



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Parental Code of Conduct

I am required by our safeguarding consultants to annually send out a reminder of the academy trust's [parental code of conduct](#). I am keen to say that my two years here have been incredibly positive and I have felt very well-supported by families here.

Of course, there are times when families sometimes stray over these lines, which are thankfully very few and far between.

In the rare moments where boundaries are crossed, it's often due to strong feelings or concern, which we understand. Still, it's important that everyone in our school community feels safe, respected, and supported, including staff and families alike.

Just as we teach our children to be kind, responsible, and thoughtful, we must model that behaviour as adults. That means avoiding gossip, not making assumptions, and showing compassion — especially when we may not know what others are going through.

If you ever have genuine concerns about another family's wellbeing, please speak to the school or contact the appropriate agencies listed in the safeguarding section at the end of this newsletter. Raising concerns in the right way helps keep everyone safe.

We're proud to be a school that supports one another, in both good times and more difficult ones. A simple act of kindness or a moment of understanding can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us make this a community built on kindness and respect.

Easter Egg Competition

Well done to everyone who participated in our Easter Egg competition! Every single entry was worth all-important house points (it's looking like a close competition this year). Special congratulations to our winners and thank you to Morrisons for donating the prizes.



London Marathon

Speaking of achievements, Mrs Frater completed her childhood dream of competing in the London Marathon. Staff in school are proud to represent our school in wider life and live out our values - Mrs Frater certainly did that!

Congratulations to all of those of you who completed the mini Marathon too!



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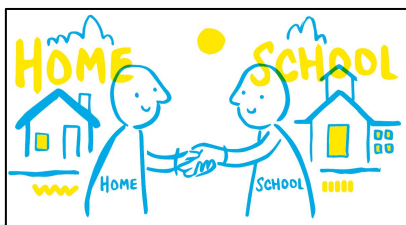
Safeguarding

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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Monday	28 th April	Return to school for Summer 1.	
		Flowering the cross worship - Nursery to Year 6	

May 2025

Monday	5 th 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
Saturday	18th May	Children's Cancer Run	Entries now open!
Wednesday	21st May	Sports Day EYFS Sports Day Y1-6	9:30am 1:30pm
Friday	23 th May	Final day before May half-term.	

June 2025

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
Saturday	21st June	Friends of Warkworth Family BBQ	Details to follow
Friday	27 th June	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils



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July 2025			
Week commencing 7th July		End of year reports out to families	
		SEND Parents Evening Week	
Wednesday	9th July	Summer Fair	
Friday	18 th July	Final day.	
Academic Year 2025-2026			
Autumn term			
Tuesday 2nd September 2025		Children return to school.	Training day on Monday 1st September.
Friday 24th October 2025		Final day before half-term	
Monday 3rd November 2025		Children return to school.	
Friday 19th December 2025		Final day	Christmas Service at church
Spring term			
Tuesday 6th January 2026		Children return to school.	Training day on Monday 5th January 2026.
Friday 13th February 2026		Final day before half-term	
Monday 23rd February 2026		Children return to school	
Thursday 2nd April 2026		Final day	Maundy Thursday service at church Good Friday on 3rd April
Summer term			
Monday 20th April 2026		Children return to school.	
Friday 26th May 2026		Final day before half-term	Bank holiday on 4th May
Monday 1st June 2026		Children return to school	
Friday 26th June 2026		School closed	Training day
Friday 17th July 2026		Final day	