



**Reception Mrs. Smith**

★ Pupil of the Week is Grayson Baker for showing perseverance when learning to write his name.

This week in Reception we had a very special visit from PC Bates and police dogs Bentley, Demon and Griff. We saw how they used their fantastic sense of smell to find hidden objects.

**Nursery Miss King**

★ Pupil of the Week is Del Snaith for beginning to recognise his name.

**Year 1 Miss Crampton**

★ Pupil of the Week is Kamran for settling in to West Cornforth Primary School with a mature attitude.

Our PE day is a Tuesday. Children will need to wear their PE Kits. Thank you 😊

**Year 2 Miss Cameron**

★ Pupil of the Week is Heidi Parkinson for producing a very informative leaflet all about Palm Oil and Orangutans.

Tuesdays are our PE day, please make sure your child comes to school in PE kit that day.

Our next Forest Friday session will now take place after half term, more information to follow on Class Dojo closer to the time. Thank you.

**Year 3 Miss Gregg**



Pupil of the Week is Charlie Dyce for his resilience in maths when completing reasoning and problem-solving questions.

**Year 4 Miss Prosser**

★ Pupil of the Week is Kelsey for being a role model to others and always having a positive attitude.

**Year 5 Miss Hird and Mrs. Brown**

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Isabelle Howe for being conscientious in all subjects.



**Year 6 Miss Denham**

★ **Pupil of the Week**

Pupil of the Week is Nathan - For his mature, sensible attitude during the fire brigade's bonfire safety presentation - asking and answering relevant questions.



**Class Dojo Messages**

If you need to contact your child's class teacher during the day for something that they need to be aware of before 3pm, please contact the school office. For example, if you are running late, your child needs to stay for drop-in, or they can't stay for a club etc. The school office must be informed regarding reasons for school absences. Thank you for your continued support.

## School News

### Dates for your diary:

- Break up for half term Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2022
- Return to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Break up for Christmas Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Whole school dates:

- **End of term progress meetings for parents will take place Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact the school to arrange a meeting time, if you have not done so already. Thank you.**
- SEND review meetings will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### Christmas Dates:

- EYFS Christmas performance 10am 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS1 & 2 Christmas performance 10am and 2pm 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- EYFS Christmas party 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS1 Christmas party 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- KS2 Christmas party 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## 🌟 Drama Superstars 🌟

**Year 1**  
Skye  
Benjamin

**Year 2**  
Mason  
George

**Year 3**  
Erin  
Taylor

**Year 4**  
Niamh  
Sophia

**Year 5**  
Billie-Rae  
Max

**Year 6**  
Tarleea  
Layla



County Durham and Darlington Fire Service visited Class 5 and 6 to remind them of the dangers of fireworks, in the run-up to Bonfire Night. The fire service had time to let the students explore the fire engine, as well as exploring how to use the hose.

Miss A Denham



## Well Done Layton Gibson

Layton has been busy fund raising for the Green Howards this year. One of his jobs involved selling raffle tickets at public events.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> 2022, Layton Gibson presented a cheque to the Green Howards.



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, NSPCC visited Class 6 to introduce their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign. Speak out Stay safe is an online safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old.



The programme helps children understand:

- - abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- - that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe
- - where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including [Childline service](#)
- The assemblies, which feature Ant and Dec, support children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe and include access to supporting classroom resources.

They are an effective way to support our school's safeguarding duties and link directly to the curriculum as well as help reinforce key messages about abuse and neglect as part of our school's teaching on relationships.

With the help of their mascot, Buddy the speech bubble, children will know they have the right to:

- - speak out and be heard
- - be safe
- - get help when they need it.

Want to know more about the programme? Take a look at the [NSPCC website](#) to find out more about what the service entails.

**We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.**



The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white and light blue text. At the top left, there is a logo consisting of three blue circles of varying sizes and a white crescent moon. To the right of this logo, the text reads 'the national sleep helpline' in white, with 'national sleep' in a larger font. Below this, the words 'CALL US' are written in light blue. The phone number '03303 530 541' is displayed in large, bold white digits. Underneath the number, there are five white icons: a solid circle, a half-circle, a crescent moon, a crescent moon, and a crescent moon. At the bottom, the text 'SPEAK TO TRAINED SLEEP ADVISORS' is written in white. Below that, the operating hours are listed: 'Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm' and 'Wednesday 9am - 11am', with the days and times in light blue.

the national sleep helpline

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**Safeguarding Concern**  
**Durham County Advice**  
**Tik Tok**

Please check your child's posts/account.

Parents may find these myth busters useful with children to help remind them about inappropriate use.

**MYTH** Reposting a clip that someone else made isn't a problem

Reposting a video or clip that isn't nice can really hurt people and is as bad legally as posting it in the first place. You can get in trouble both with the school and possibly the Police for re-posting!

**MYTH** There isn't anything you should do if you see an inappropriate clip.

Report it and stop more harm being done!

**MYTH** Anything I post, cannot be traced back to me.

The device you use has a unique ip address and police can trace this back to your phone – usually through your service provider

**MYTH** Anyone can use TikTok

The minimum age is 13, anyone younger than 13 is breaking the terms and conditions of the service and the account can be deleted Only use an app if your parents or carers approve!

**MYTH** It's not illegal to post a joke video.

The malicious communication act makes it illegal to post a message that is grossly offensive, indecent or menacing. The school or others may choose to contact the Police.

**MYTH** The Police can't do anything

The Police can and will act, and some youngsters have found that as they get older when they apply for jobs in some careers, for instance caring, working with children or older people their online behaviour may stop them getting a job!

**MYTH** It does not matter because no-one will ever find it

Many companies are starting to search social media before making a job offer – if you have posted something inappropriate they will probably find it!

**MYTH** I posted it at home - even if I get found out the school can't do anything

Your school behaviour policy will allow them to act even if you posted it at home. Some pupils at some schools have been excluded as a result of what they have posted.

**MYTH** Teachers cannot take my phone off me...

Teachers are allowed to search and confiscate phones. (This is explained in the DfE guidance published in 2018.)

Link to article in TES <https://www.tes.com/news/youre-tiktok-video-what-should-you-do-next>



The poster for Durham University's Community Fun Day features a bright blue background with a large yellow sun in the center. The Durham University logo is in the top left. Text in white clouds lists activities: 'Live music and theatre', 'Hands-on science', 'Dancing', 'Arts and crafts', and 'Sports'. The main title 'Community Fun Day' is in large black font, with the date and time 'Saturday 29 October 10am to 3pm' below it. Additional text includes 'Free entry\*', 'Palace Green, Durham', and 'Refreshments available'. A small note at the bottom left states '\*Charges may apply for some activities'. The bottom of the poster shows three photos of people participating in activities, and the website 'durham.ac.uk/communityfunday' is at the bottom.

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

### Upcoming Events and Information

Most upcoming events are being advertised on social media [Durham SEND Information, Advice, Support Service | Facebook](#) This is the link to the page and there is also an Autism Hub group [Durham SENDIASS Autism Hub | Facebook](#) which promotes not just the Autism Hub events, but also other events going on across the county.

There is a mailing list for parents/carers to join. To become part of the mailing list, email: [ann.connor@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ann.connor@durham.gov.uk) and ask to be added to the mailing list. You will then get any information emailed directly to you.

### SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding a SEND coffee morning on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9am-11am**. We will look at useful resources and gather views around SEND provision for this year. Angela from SENDIASS will be joining us to share useful information and have informal discussions with parents/carers. Add the date to your diary so that you don't miss the first coffee morning of this academic year!

### Mental Health and Emotional Support County Durham

Please find below link to updated mental health and emotional support services for adults and children, young people and families.

[Adults](#)

[Children, young people and families](#)

### Child and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Parent/ Carer Training



## Understanding and managing anxiety and emotionally based School avoidance

This session will increase understanding of what anxiety is and why we experience it, and raise awareness of triggers for school avoidance and how it can be managed.

Wednesday 19th October 2022 @ 9.30 am -11.30 am or

Tuesday 6th December 2022 @ 9.30 am - 11.30 am (both sessions will be the same)

## Emotional Wellbeing

What is it and how can we improve it for ourselves and our children?

Tuesday 27th September 2022 @ 9.30 am—11.30 am or

Wednesday 16th November 2022 @ 9.30 am—11.30 am (both sessions will be the same)

**The sessions are aimed at parents of school aged children but parents of younger/older children are very welcome. The sessions will be led by a CAMHS trainer and will run on Microsoft TEAMS**

To book places please email [tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net)

**Please state which session/s you would like to attend and give your name, email address and contact number.**



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