

July 2026

Message from Mrs Robson

As we come towards the end of another academic year we'd like to share with you what the children have been doing over the summer term. All classes have been on trips, had stay and plays with their parents, class assemblies and In Harmony performances. I hope you enjoy reading about them. Children in KS2 have successfully completed their SATs and we are very proud of what they have achieved, they are the **highest SATS results ever!** They are also preparing to transfer to secondary school and we wish them all every success in their next school.

We also have to say happy retirement to Mrs Maughan who is retiring after over 20 years teaching at Bridgewater.

In September Bridgewater will be 20 years old. Formerly it was Delaval Road Primary School and there has been a school on this site for over 100 years. Y6 worked with an artist to design a piece of art work to capture the heritage of the school which will be displayed in September and is the class of '26's legacy to the school.



We are proud to announce that we are now an Oracy Centre of Excellence for our work on developing our children's oracy. We have worked with Voice 21, funded by the combined authorities, for a number of years now and it is

wonderful that the children's and staff's achievements have been recognised. As a Centre of Excellence other schools in the north will come and look at our practice and provision.

Enterprise fair



Our annual Enterprise Fair was a huge success again this year. Children came dressed as their future career too that day so we had doctors, engineers, teachers, vets and many more working on the stalls. We raised almost £900 towards our school trips so a hug thank you to everyone.

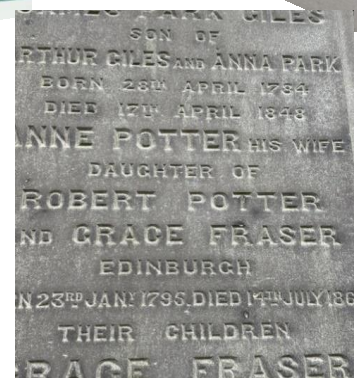
Y6 Visit to Edinburgh

Y6 had a fantastic day out to Edinburgh travelling there and back by train. They visited the Natural History Museum, the Castle, Greyfriar's Bobby and the Grave yard which inspired JK Rowling's Harry Potter books. They also had a lovely meal in



Bella Italia. A great day had by everyone.

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Some of our Y6 children also went on a sailing trip with pupils from Hawthorn school and had an amazing time.



In D.T, we created Buzz games. Working in pairs, we created an interesting shape with wire and decorated the background to create a theme. After making the wand and attaching the wires to a buzzer (hidden underneath) we could play.



For Health and Wellbeing week, we learned CPR so that one day we could save someone's life. We learned the rules for safety, always checking for dangers first and then practised chest compressions to 'Staying Alive' so that we maintained a good rhythm.

Y5 A Midsummer Night's Dream



Year 5 worked extremely hard with the Theatre Royal company to recreate William Shakespeare's playful comedy,

'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' They practiced and practiced, learning their lines by heart to make sure it was perfect, helping each other out along the way. They even added in their own props and costumes!



Let's just say we all managed to perfect the art of glitter and face-paint, and we could most certainly start our own

hair salon specialising in Goblin Esque up-dos.

They then performed alongside other schools in our trust at Broadwood and blew absolutely everybody away with their talent and effort. Well done Year 5!



Y4 visit Lindisfarne



Year 4

Honeybees loved their trip to Lindisfarne. We got to see the Priory where the Vikings raided. We also enjoyed looking at the castle and enjoyed our lunch overlooking the sea.

Y4 Whickham Thorns



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Whickham Thorns. We did a range of outdoor activities including: crate stacking, snowtubing and how to make a fire.



Y4 at the Glasshouse

Year 4 had a tour of the Glasshouse and we had a djembe drumming lesson through our In Harmony links.



Y3 & Y4 at the Trust Sports event



Children from Years 3 and 4



had a fantastic time at a Trust sports afternoon where they got to try archery and golf.

Y3 trip to Cragside



As part of our History topic on Lord Armstrong Year 3 visited Cragside House and Gardens. We explored Cragside House and found out lots of information about Lord Armstrong. We also visited the Pump House and Powerhouse where we viewed the hydraulic and hydroelectric machinery installed by Lord Armstrong. We enjoyed having lunch and playing in the adventure play area which was so much fun.

where she was born, christened and buried in the village as well.



Y2 Stay & Play



On 2nd July, Penguins class invited our parents and carers into school to join us for a Stay and Play session. We showed our

Parents and Carers our play yard and they were able to stay with us and take part in some of our games and OPAL activities.



Y2 go to Bamburgh and visit the Grace Darling Museum.



As part of our History topic on Grace Darling, Year 2 visited the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh this half term. We found it very interesting seeing Grace's actual clothes, coble boat and her necklace. We went to see

Y1 Locomotion



Year 1 had a visit to Locomotion in Shildon to learn more about George Stephenson and the Rocket.

We also went on a visit to Broxfield farm where we fed the pigs and enjoyed a tractor trailer ride into the field to see the cows and their calves.





Reception visit Scotswood Gardens



We had a superb time at Scotswood Gardens continuing our learning about Minibeasts. We shared all of the facts that we have been learning in class, and the lady was very impressed.

Did you know...

Spiders have 48 knees

Adult worms have a ring around their tummy

Boy spiders are smaller than girl spiders

Ladybirds have wings under their hard shell.

Nursery go to the beach



The Hedgehog & Squirrel classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to Whitley Bay beach this half term as a reward for all their hard work this year. The children had lots of fun building sandcastles,

paddling in the sea, playing games and enjoying a delicious picnic with their friends. It was a wonderful day and a lovely way to celebrate a successful year together.



Healthy eating in Nursery



As part of our Healthy Eating topic, Healthworks came into nursery to deliver sessions to us all. We spent some time focusing on the story of Handas surprise. The children prepared different fruits which they chopped and peeled and then got to eat!

They also had a session on keeping our teeth clean. The children learned about keeping our teeth healthy and how to brush them efficiently.



A reminder for children returning in September

In Harmony will mean that the school day will end at 3.30pm for different year groups on different days, this will start from Monday 14th September. Y4 and Y5 swimming will also mean they will finish on some days at 3.30pm as they do now, this will start from Monday 7th September. Information about this will come out during the first week back in September.

School is open throughout the summer with a range of activities taking place so please contact the office if you want your child to attend or book through Scopy. **School fully opens again on Thursday 3rd September** and we will send reminders to families using Dojo and texts at the beginning of that week.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Robson

Times for September are as follows:

Breakfast club

7.30am	Paid for breakfast club.
8am	Working families (with permission) via the main office. Breakfast club doors opened.
8.10am	Y6 start time please come to the Hall & Gym
8.10am	Y5, Y4, Y3, Y2
8.10am	Y1, Rec & nursery via side gate on Derwent Street to Early Years dining hall.

End of the school day:

3pm	Y6 from the top yard.
3.05pm	Y2 from hall* (Penguins) and Gym (Seals), siblings from Y3-6 will leave with them. Nursery pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street. Y4 from the top yard. Reception pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street.
3.10pm	Y3 from hall* (Tigers) and Gym (Elephants) siblings from Y4-6 will leave with them. Y5 from the top yard. Y1 pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street.
*	When In Harmony starts Penguins and Tigers will leave from the link corridor.

Children who are over 8 years old can walk home alone provided parents have signed a letter giving permission.

Teachers will be available for a quick chat at the end of the day but longer conversations need an appointment booked.

Holiday fines

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. **No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4.5 days (which is 10 sessions or more) from September.**

Updated Policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools' Trust

Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn St Paul's, Moorside and Lemington Riverside Primary Schools. We work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children. Other Trust partners are Newcastle University, Centre For Life, Healthworks, Tyne and Wear Archive Museums, NUFC and Newcastle Local Authority. We are also part of the West End Children's Community. The Trust newsletter has been shared on our whole school Dojo page this week.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and **no one is allowed to smoke or vape** in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.



After School Club

In our after school childcare the children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please contact the school office.



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency.

We also sent text messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date. We also use Dojo so please make sure you are signed up.



Medical Needs

If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately.



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer fantastic provision from



birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Wendy Harker or ask at the office.



Website

Our website address is

www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk.

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.



Have a fantastic summer everyone!



West End Children's Community

West End Schools' Trust works with the West End Children's Community (WECC). This partnership is a registered charity and is made up of a variety of organisations including schools, universities, charities, cultural organisations and the local authority.

Over time, the WECC wants to get more people involved, including families and children and we are working with Citizens UK to do this through community organising. WECC aims to share ideas and resources to make the Inner West a great place to grow up. Watch out for opportunities to get involved.

A huge thank you to all the school community for your support this year.

