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Dear Parents

It has been a fantastic year and time to thank our Northburn community for contributions to making it a success. To some, we will be saying goodbye and good luck.

Firstly, thank you for your continued support. It has been lovely to see you all at our summer events. We were very lucky to go ahead with all of our sports days and avoid the rain!

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. £670.43 was raised at the summer fair (organised by the P.T.A). Again, I would like to acknowledge and pass on my gratitude to the P.T.A for the amazing work they do to raise the money, which allows us to enrich the curriculum.

Thank you to all staff and governors for your commitment to Northburn and for going over and above to ensure our children have a great learning experience in their primary years. From the number of thank you cards received, I know it is very much appreciated by the school community.

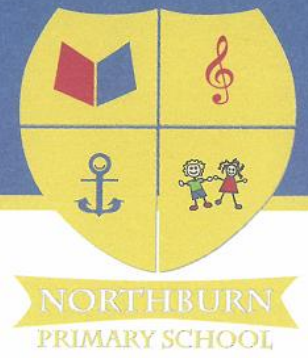
We have just received notification that we have again been awarded the Platinum Sports' Award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2023/24. A fantastic achievement. I look forward to a full sporting events programme next year.

The children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 have received their School Challenge Award badges this week. Well done to all those children who received a gold badge for outstanding effort.

I would also like to wish our Year 6 children all the best. A thank you from Northburn for being a thoroughly entertaining cohort. Your singing will be a miss during our celebration assemblies on a Friday morning. We know that their futures store many successes; they are a group of truly talented individuals. Goodbye and good luck.

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Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Whittingham. She has been a valued member of our Northburn team and supports pupils throughout the entire school and on a daily basis. We are thankful for her dedication and commitment to Northburn for the last 3 years and wish her all the best for the future.

It feels like a good time to reflect on the fantastic work and experiences throughout school this term and year.

## **Early Years**

The nursery beach trip was a huge success with every child attending with their family. Although the rain came and we got very wet, we were certainly not deterred from enjoying an amazingly fun day.

Reception have enjoyed exploring the big apparatus in PE which has allowed them to practise their jumping and landing. They have also shown some wonderful imagination in their play and have enjoyed putting on 'shows' for each other.

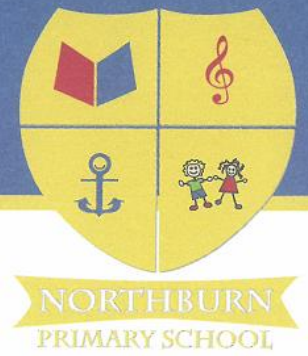
Our EYFS sports and picnic afternoon provided a great opportunity for nursery and reception to come together to celebrate our sports skills, enjoying a beautiful picnic with all of our families.

We ended our EYFS year with a themed pirate and princess party with a visit from the wonderful Ariel.

## **Key Stage One**

Year 1 and 2 really enjoyed our trip to Beamish where we got to chat to the real-life Santa Claus. Learning to breakdance and our circus day was also a highlight as we got to learn lots of new skills.

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## Support Base

This has been our first year together in our specialist support base and what a year it has been! We have enjoyed getting to know each other and developing our new classroom and outdoor space. Some of our highlights include learning and using a variety of different communication tools, our fantastic movement sessions both in the classroom and with outside specialists and our trip to the Tim Lamb Centre. We can't wait to start our next adventure and Class and Class 7.

## Lower Key Stage

Our trip to the Great North Museum was a huge success and the children loved handling real Roman artefacts in the Romans workshop. It also took a lot of courage to walk through the Egyptian death ritual, but we made it!

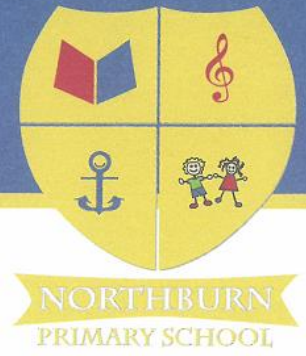
## Upper Key Stage Two

The Year 5 visit to St James' Park, the iconic home of Newcastle United, proved to be a fantastic opportunity for both pupils and teachers. Excitement filled the air as the pupils explored the dressing rooms, imagining the presence of famous Newcastle players. A mock press conference in the press suite added a touch of glamour to their day. Climbing to level seven offered breathtaking views of Newcastle, albeit a little scary. The pupils enjoyed posing in the dugouts and alongside the statues of legendary figures Sir Bobby Robson and Alan Shearer. Altogether, it was an afternoon filled with unforgettable memories and experiences.

Year 6 have had a busy time recently as we have celebrated their time with us at Northburn. We welcomed parents to the Leavers' Afternoon Tea where memories were shared and Year 6 did a grand job of singing their favourite songs!

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## What your child will need on their first day back:

- Your child will need to be in their school uniform- all named please. (They **do not** need to wear a PE kit or bring one into school).
- A named water bottle (not glass).
- A packed lunch unless they are having a school dinner.
- A reading folder- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- A reading folder or small bag (not designer or with a label) – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Nursery- you will have been informed about starting and finishing times for your child.

Reception doors and KS1 doors open at 8.45 am and again for the end of the day at 3.15.

If your child is registered in Class 6 and Class 7 (Primary Specialist Support Base), doors also open at 8:45 am for school to start and 3:15 pm for the end of the day. Information will follow for parents of pupils in Class 6 regarding access to their new classroom. Lower and Upper KS2 doors open at 8.40am.

The school uniform policy can be found on the school website. Please note that earrings and jewellery are not permitted. Please do not send your child into school with expensive PE kits with logos. Also, your child does not need an expensive water bottle that can be lost and damaged. Water bottles should be plastic in case they are accidentally dropped.

## PE Timetables

**For the first week**, your child does **not need** to wear their PE kit. For the rest of the year, your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days:

**Monday:** Classes: 5 & 6

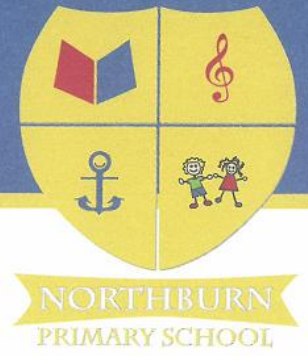
**Tuesday:** Classes: 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13

**Wednesday:** Classes: Reception, 3, 4, 8, 11

**Thursday:** Classes: Nursery, 5, 7

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**Friday:** Classes: 8, 9, 10, Year 5 & 6 alternate weeks - form teachers will clarify with pupils and it will be noted in their planners.

### **Forest School Timetable:**

Every Tuesday for Reception

Wednesdays for Y1-Y6

- Autumn 1 Year 2 (Class 5)
- Autumn 2 Year 4 (Class 9 and Class 10)
- Spring 1 Year 3 (Class 8)
- Spring 2 Year 1 (Class 3 and Class 4)
- Summer 1 Year 5 (Class 11, 12, 13)
- Summer 2 Nursery and Year 6 (Class 11, 12, 13) - selected weeks

Class 6 and 7 will access Forest School throughout the week.

On behalf of the governors, I have been asked to thank all of the staff and pupils for working hard this year. To the pupils leaving, our school governors wish you all the very best; continue to learn, have ambition and be kind.

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Scott, in September, after her very successful term away supporting another school, at the request of the local authority. You may have seen her around school in recent weeks and she is looking forward to getting back full time Northburn.

Finally, have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

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Acting Headteacher

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