



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (8 pages)**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Well done-fantastic attendance-every year group is in the **green!**

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>ATTENDANCE %</u></b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>100%</b>



We have had another fun packed half term in school. The children have all made great progress from their starting points and the good weather has enabled us to have lots of outdoor time! The staff and I would like to wish you a very Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday. Many thanks to everyone for your ongoing support.

### **TEAM POINT WINNERS**

Congratulations to **WILLOW** who are this half term's team point winners. They enjoyed golden time and some sweet treats yesterday.

### **EASTER SERVICE**

We had a super Easter Service at St. Peter's yesterday. The children in Year 4 took us through the story of Holy week with some beautiful reading and as always, the children sang their hearts out! Thank you to Revd. Sarah and Chris Harding for helping us to organise our service. Thank you to all our parents and Friends from the Village who attended the service.





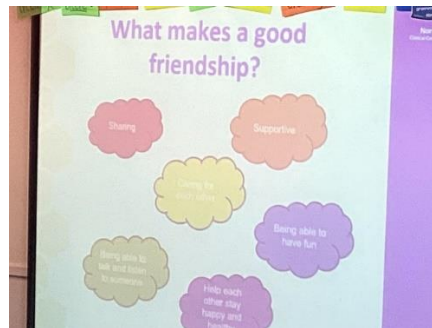
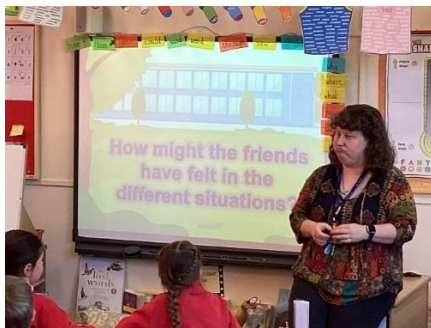
### **FUNDRAISER FOR ZERO HUNGER**

Our **Y1-4 'Nearly New Bring and Buy Sale'** was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated items and cash on ParentPay. **We raised an amazing £129.00.**

We have divided the amount between the West Northumberland Food Bank and the Myanmar appeal via Save the Children.

### **BE YOU SESSIONS**

Joy and Claire from the 'Be You' Mental Health team came into school on Tuesday to lead sessions focussing on 'Friendship' with all classes. The children discussed what makes a good friendship then role played various scenarios to show how they would resolve conflict. As always, the children participated with much enthusiasm and Joy and Claire were really impressed with their efforts.



### **VISIT FROM PC STEPH**

It was fabulous to welcome PC Steph into school on Wednesday. She wanted to say a huge thank you to the children for being so sensible and community minded during a recent incident of anti-social behaviour on the field after school. She talked to the children about appropriate behaviour and lots about what she does in her job. As always, the children were very interested and asked lots of questions especially about all the equipment she carries on her high-vis vest. Ava got more than she bargained for when she asked about handcuffs! The class put her under arrest and informed her of her rights!







### **ELVIS AND TUFFY THE READING BEARS**

Elvis had a super time with Jenny and her new puppy Pippin!



The bears are having a holiday. They will be back after Easter!



### **CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Lilly and Layla had a very successful time at a show jumping competition on Wednesday evening near Carlisle. Layla came first in her category and Lilly came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done girls!



Here's a lovely photo of a very proud Anna after scoring her first goal last week! Well done Anna!



Well done to Jenny and Robert who after much hard work and focus achieved their Orange belts in Karate! What a fabulous picture!



Please let Mrs Long know if your child/ren take part in extra-curricular clubs and activities and achieve awards or prizes. We would love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.

### **HUMSHAUGH FIRST SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please join our **private** Facebook group to get useful updates, reminders and information about school life.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1564281494324194/>

## **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

The children in **CLASS 2 and 3 will be doing ATHLETICS.** Both classes will be outside for PE, weather permitting, so please ensure they have trainers and a hoody as well as leggings/shorts and t-shirt.



## **FRIENDS OF HUMSHAUGH (PTA)**

The Friends of Humshaugh First School have created a spring story challenge (see below).

**All entries to be hand in at school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All children should have a sheet in their bookbag.**

# SPRING STORY BINGO



The friends of Humshaugh first school's spring story challenge.

Prizes for three in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal), four corners, and a full card.

All entries to be handed in at school by the Friday 2nd May 2025

Design a new cover for a book you love	Extreme Reading - take a photo of you reading somewhere unusual	Draw or describe the main character from a story.
What comes next - Peeking through the window she saw ....	FREE SPACE!	If an alien visited you from another planet what would they look like? draw or describe
If you could be a character from a story who would it be and why?	Decorate a jar based on a story	Create your own comic character



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

### MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

### MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

### ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

### ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

### UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

### IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

### QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.



## Baby & Toddler Group

New Group



Toys, games & crafts

**Tuesday Mornings**  
**9.30-11.00am**  
**at Humshaugh First School**

Everybody welcome - Humshaugh, Wark, Acomb, Hexham and surrounding areas

Tea, coffee, juice & biscuits provided

Email: [admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)  
 or call 01434 681408 for more information.

### **DIARY DATES**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

Wed 14<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July:

**Summer 1 starts-PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

**Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am**

Friends from the Village-Class 2

**Bank Holiday-School closed**

**Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am**

Y4 Residential-Robinwood

Last day of Summer 1

Summer 2 starts

Y1-4 Summer trip to Alnwick Gardens and Lilidorei-more info to follow!

Be You-Resilience sessions

Y3 visit to HMS (Taster sessions)-more info to follow!

BEE DAY-more info to follow!

Y4 Diocesan Leaver Service-Newcastle Cathedral-more info to follow!

'LOOK AT BOOKS'-more info on timings to follow

Be You – Y4 Transition session

TRANSFER DAY-Y4 to Middle Schools. R to visit Class 2 and Y2 to visit Class 3

Fun Day

Leaver Service 9.15am

Last day of term-break up for Summer!

**SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1.00pm**



# DYNAMOS CRICKET

## Girls Dynamos Programme

- Starting Thursday 8th May
- Contact Ella Martin-Dobson
- Ages 7-11
- 5-6pm
- At Tynedale CC
- Sign up now



**BOOK NOW**



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