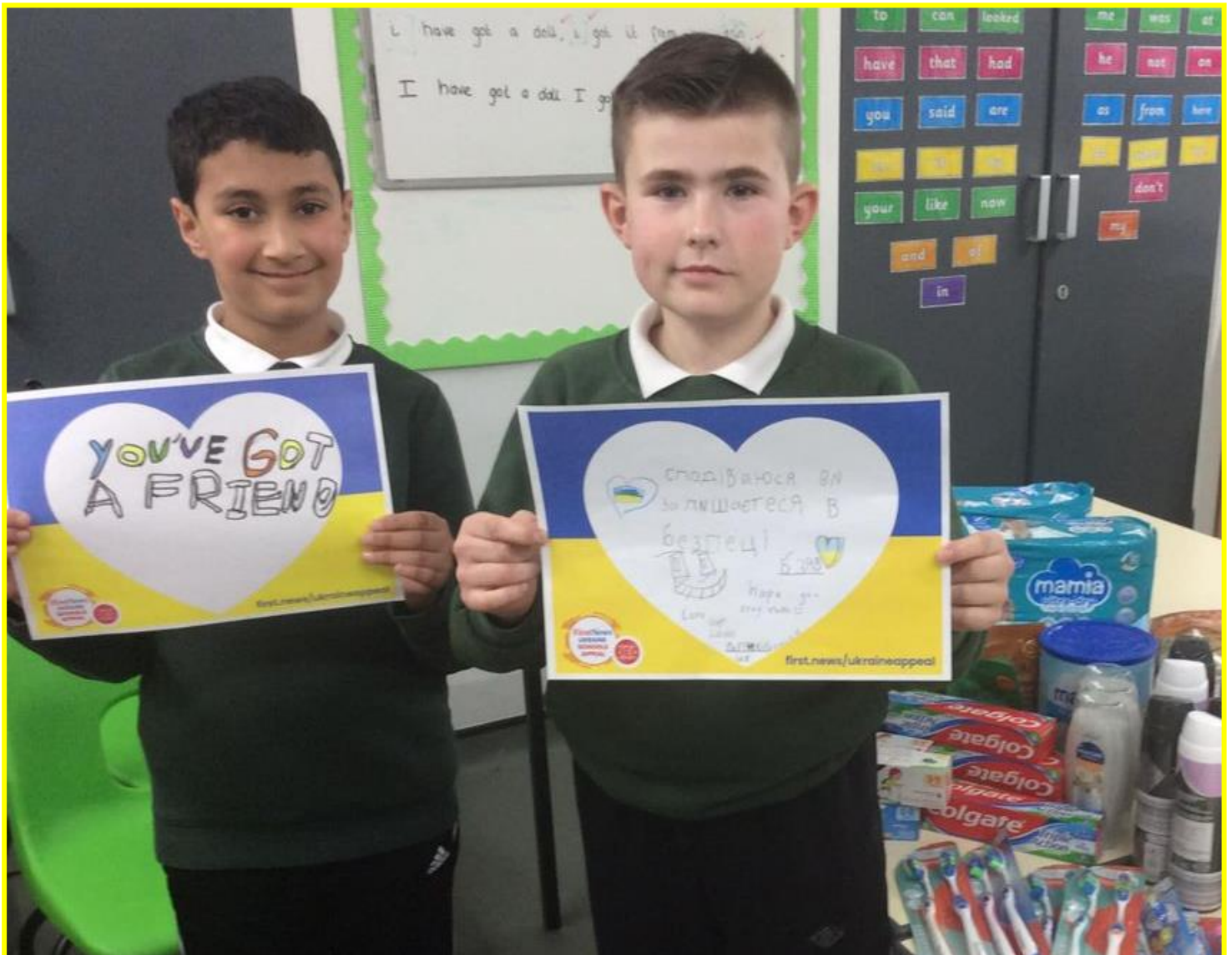




We stand with

UKRAINE



Class 4 decorated and sold blue and yellow iced biscuits to raise money to support the British Red Cross effort in Ukraine and countries with Ukrainian refugees. They raised an amazing £56 which was used to buy items from The Red Cross donation list. Children in Class 4 selected which items to buy which were then sent to support Ukrainian refugees in Poland. 💙💛



Well done  
to Class 4!





Thank you all so much for your kind donations to support the Ukranian refugees in Poland. Two collections have been picked up from our school. We are sure that all your donations will be appreciated.



# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, children were invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book, or to come dressed in their pyjamas and dressing gown, ready for a bedtime story!



We also held a 'Read in an unusual place' competition, where children sent in a photograph of them reading in an unusual place.

Congratulations Charlotte!

We hope the sheep enjoyed your new story!

Nursery had a fabulous time dressing up and reading their favourite books.

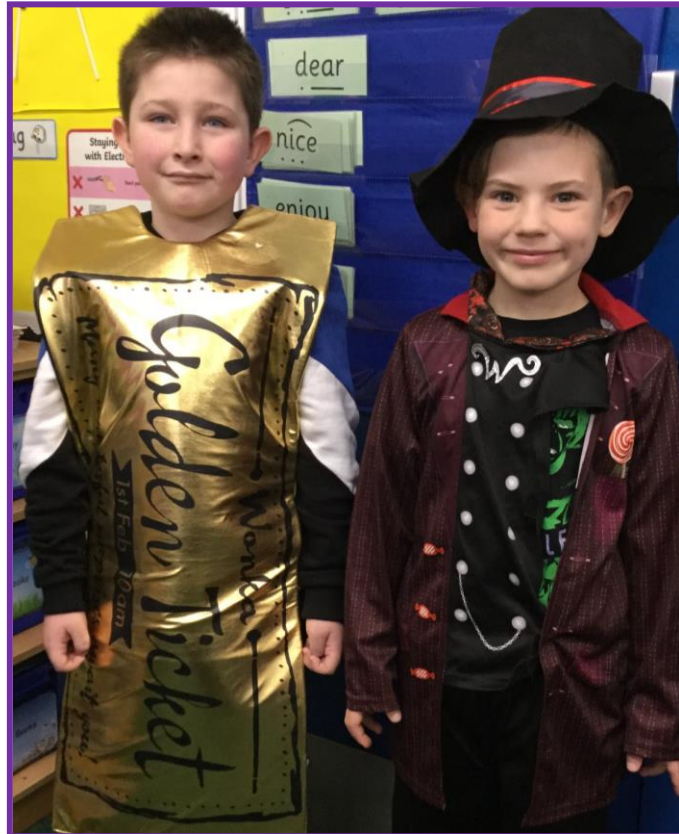




Class 1 had a great day celebrating World Book Day. I'm sure you will agree the children all looked fabulous in their costumes. They started the day reading the story "Aliens in Underpants" which they loved. They completed lots of activities based around this story including alien maths, designing and describing our own alien, playdough aliens and much more.



Class 2 had a great time during World Book Day!  
They enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with each other, reading stories as a class, re-writing a fairy story and taking part in a book scavenger hunt!



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Class 3 studied Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, reading the chapter about the Chocolate Factory before writing setting descriptions.

The children then invented their own Wonka Bar and designed wrappers.



Years 5 and 6 celebrated 20 years of Harry Potter on World Book Day. They read the opening Chapter to 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', looking at how JK Rowling writes about journey throughout all of her books. They then chose a magical portal method of transport and a place to travel to based on Hogwarts, before writing their own short stories.





Congratulations to our World Book Day costume winners! They all chose a book to take home. Well done to everyone else who enjoyed coming to school dressed as a character from a story or in their pyjamas!

Winners:

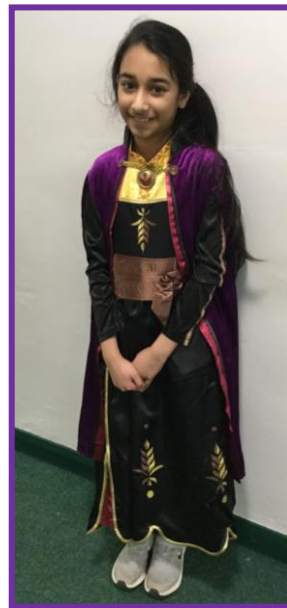
Class 1 - Louise



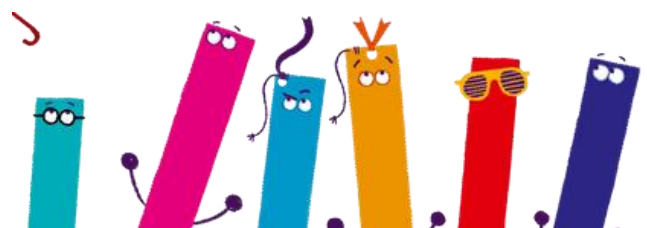
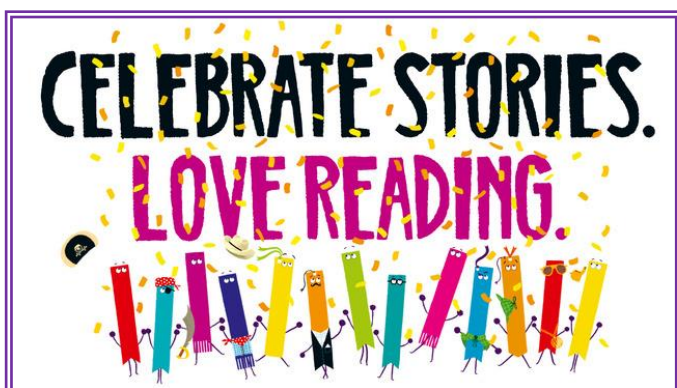
Class 2 - Nathan and Myla-Mai

Class 3 - Sophie and Callum

Class 4 - Ebony and Avika



Audiobooks are another brilliant way of enjoying stories - discover a whole new [World of Stories](https://www.worldbookday.com/) with this selection of FREE audiobooks.



World Book Day website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

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Laurel Avenue Community Primary School

Super Stars! 🏆🏆🏆🏆

Every week, class teachers will select a Super Star who has impressed them with all their fabulous work or behaviour at school.

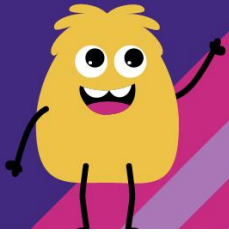
Congratulations to all our stars!

Nu... See more



This week Nursery are learning about what firefighters do. We have built a fire engine and squirted water to put out "flames" drawn in chalk.





*The theme for British  
Science Week this year was*

# *Growth.*



*Nursery's British Science Week was all about how we change as we grow. They had a baby clinic in their role play area and they did some sensory play with baby porridge. They have made a display with their baby photographs and self-portraits to show how they have changed.*



*Class 1 planted different kinds of seeds... cress, peas, radishes, leafy vegetables, herbs and flowers. They investigated to see which plants grew more quickly and which will take much longer.*

*They also investigated whether cress grows best in compost, on paper, on cotton wool or on something else. (The answer is compost!) They tried out some very strange things. Do you think cress will grow on half an apple? If anyone can think of another strange place to grow cress why not try it and send in a photograph?*



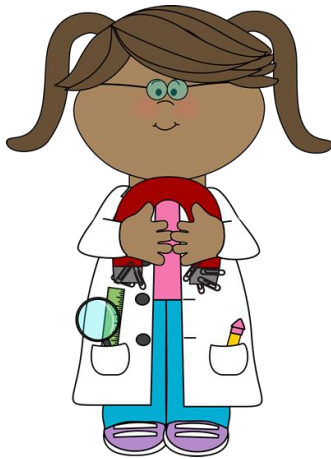
*Class 2 talked about how bodies grow as we get older. They measured their hands, plotting the results on a scatter graph to see how hands grow as we get older.*



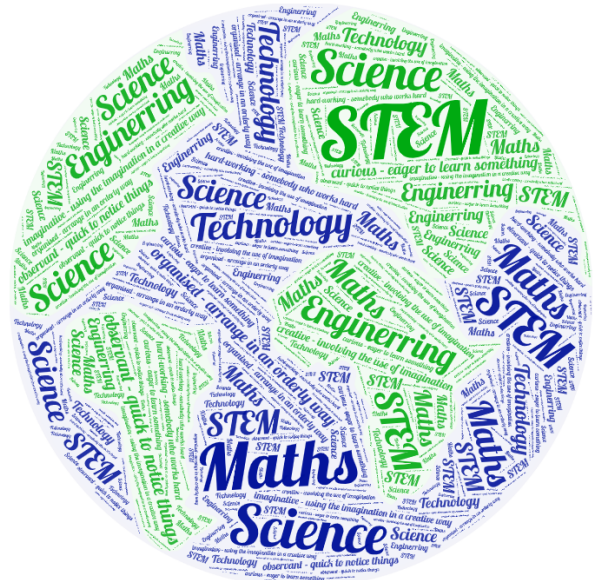
*They also learned about Gentoo penguins and how they have had to adapt to climate change whilst building their nests. They built their own nests before pouring water over them to see if they would last during heavy rain.*



*Class 3 made links to their Read, Write, Inc Literacy work where they have been writing explanations. They took part in a live lesson, watching lambs and calves being born, whilst creating their life cycles. Finally, they tried the 'dream machine - seeing with our brain' task and studied the Jastrow and Ebbinghaus optical illusions. This showed us how our brain uses rules and guesses so that we can understand what our growing bodies sense.*



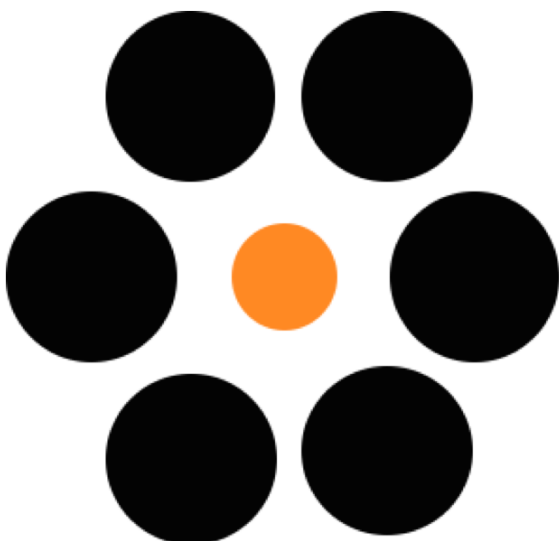
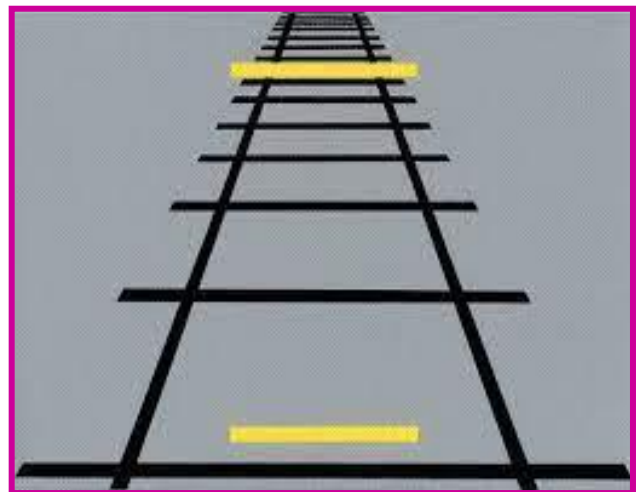
*During Science week Class 4 considered what qualities it takes to work within STEM industries. They created word art to show these qualities.*



*Children also considered how we see with our brains. They looked at optical illusions and why we appear to see things in a certain way.*

### *Ponzo Illusion.*

*Which of the yellow lines is the shortest?*

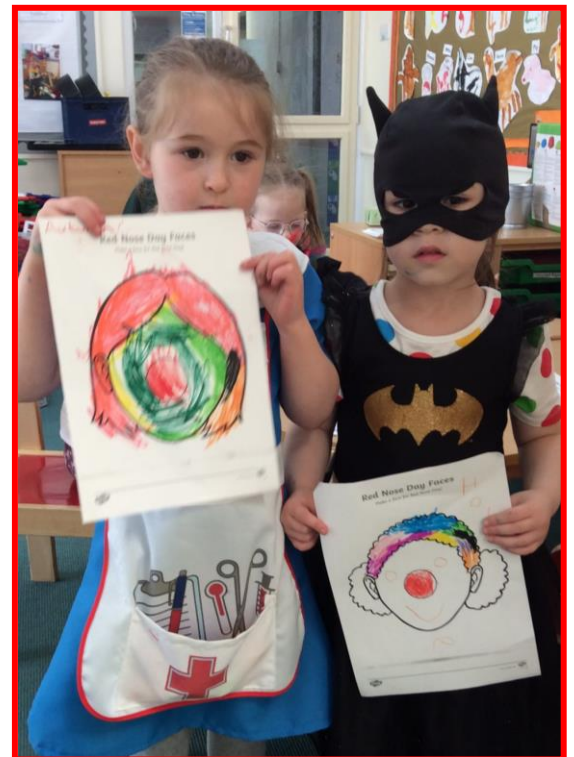


*Which of the orange circles is largest?*

*(Both yellow lines are the same length and both orange circles are the same size.)*

# RED NOSE DAY

What amazing Super Heroes we had in our Nursery and Class !!



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Thank You  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT



Thank you for all your kind donations for Red Nose Day.  
We had a fun day and raised a brilliant



£90.50.



THANK YOU  
for supporting Red Nose Day

Years 5 and 6 have been working on developing teamwork and communication skills during one of their sessions with Durham Sixth Form students.



Class 2 enjoyed their spring walk to look for the first signs of spring. They learnt about being safe outside in the forest, about woodland management - what they can and can't pick and what they can and can't walk on. They created their own forest crowns and built animal and fairy homes before playing games in the forest such as Magic Spot and 1,2,3 Where are You?



Hello Spring





Year 4 children have had a great time taking part in Forest School after school club, completing many different activities such as:

Making forest art;

Building forest homes for animals;

Kite making;

Den building;

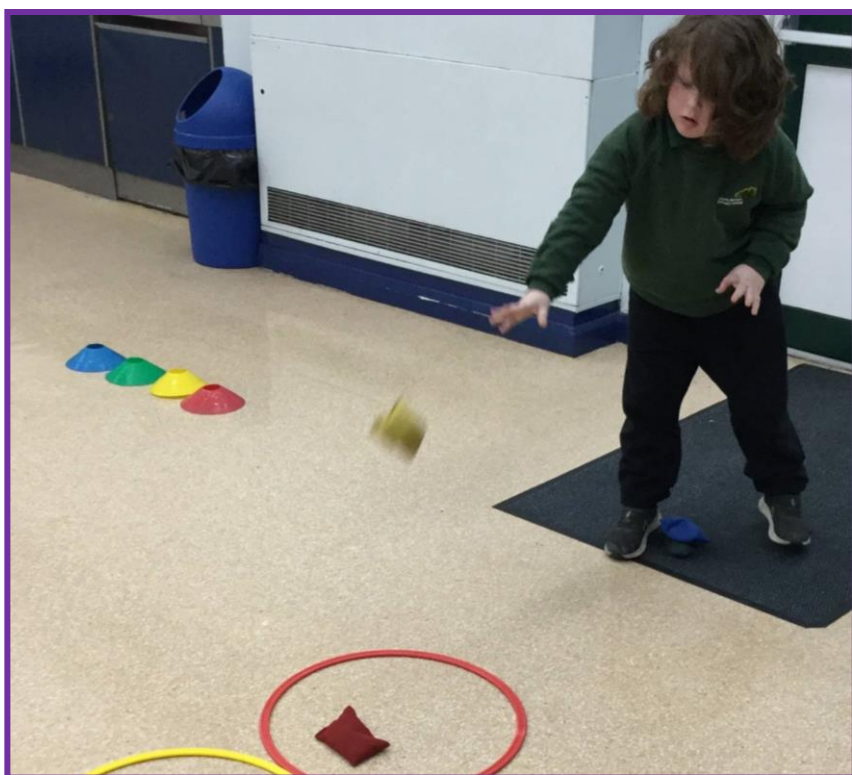
Cooking - marshmallows, s'mores, chocolate bananas (the favourite so far) and chocolate orange cakes).







Class 2 took part in an indoor athletics competition this term. They tested their skills of balancing, throwing, long jump, speed bounce and sprinting. Well done, Class 2!



# Easter Craft Competition Winners

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Elliott judged the competition, which she found very difficult as there were so many brilliant and varied entries!

## Nursery Two-Year-Olds

Congratulations to our Nursery winner Alfie for Alfie at the Farm.

Second place: Cole

Third place: Ollie

Charlotte



## Younger Nursery

Congratulations to our Younger Nursery winner Violet for her sheep.

Second place: Ella

## Older Nursery

Congratulations to our Older Nursery winner Romeo for his Thomas the Tank Engine.

Second place: Lewis

Third place: Hunter



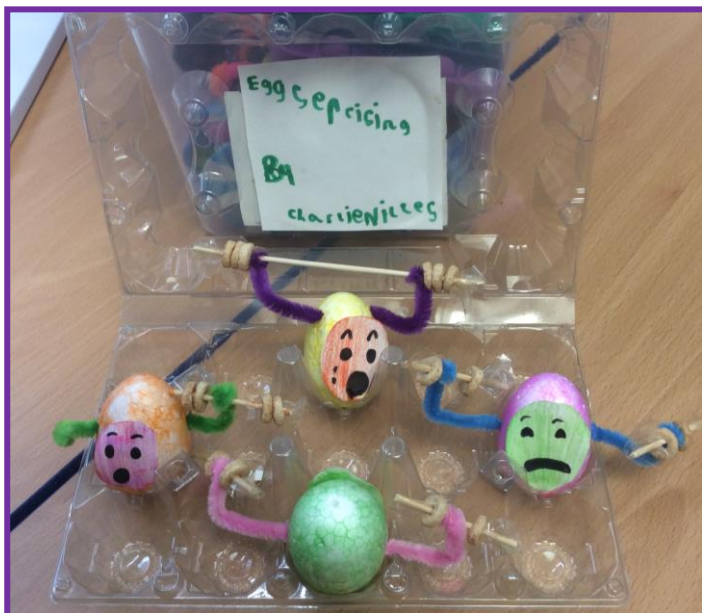


## Reception

Congratulations to our Reception winner Carter for Chicken Soup.

Second place: Henry

Third place: Ollie-Joe



## Year 1

Congratulations to our Year 1 winner Charlie for his Eggcercising.

Second place: Evie-Mae

Third place: Imogen



Year 2

Congratulations to our  
Year 2 winner Hamoodie

Second place: Emma

Third place: Jaxon R



Year 3

Congratulations to our  
Year 3 winner Charlie for  
The Very Hungry  
Caterpillar.

Second place: Rubie

Third place: Olivia



Congratulations



Year 4

Congratulations to our  
Year 4 winner Phoebe  
for her animals.

Second place: Bethany

Third place: Leo

Year 5

Congratulations to our  
Year 5 winner Tommy  
for his rainforest.

Second place: Scarlett

Third place: Matty and  
Connor



Year 6

Congratulations to our  
Year 6 winner Logan O  
with Egga-Dale Farm

Second place: Aliyah

Third place: Yazan and  
Daniel





**ParentPay**  
COUNT ON US

## **ParentPay - our new online payment service**

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

### **What are the benefits to parents and pupils?**

ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7.

The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind.

Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint.

Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime.

## What are the benefits to our school?

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services.

Improves school security.

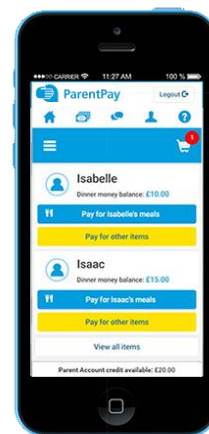
Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

## How to get started with ParentPay?

**We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:**

Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage.

NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process.

Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.

Once activation is complete you can go straight to 'items for payment', select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.



# CONGRATULATIONS



**Star Pupils** These children have been selected this half term to be Stars by their teachers for many different reasons, including excellent work and effort during lessons at school and at home.



**Nursery 2 year olds:** Cole, Alfie and Declan.

**Nursery:** Ella, Hunter and Ivor.



**Class 1:** Joehn, Mia and Carter.



**Class 2:** Imogen, Evie-Mae and Hamoodie.

**Class 3:** Harrison, Charlie, Sophie, Finley & all Year 3.

**Class 4T:** Samual, Kane and Tommy.



**Class 4W:** Jaydan, Kaiden and Aliyah.

**Ms Davison:** Riley, Louise, Catherine, Daniel, Sharie, Harvey, Tristan, Ariya, S, Alice, Charlie N, Levi, Alisha, Karam, Phoebe, Connor, Amelia and Sophie.



# BREAKFAST CLUB

 GREGGS

Breakfast Club continues to be a great success!

We would not be able to offer this free club without the sponsorship from Greggs and of course without the brilliant support from our dedicated volunteers!

A very warm and great big thank you to all our  
 brilliant Breakfast Club volunteers.   
We really do appreciate all that you do!

*Helen Blakey, Catherine Gillet, Claire  
 Linfoot, Steve Linfoot,  
June Nichol and Bo Wood.* 

*We really would love to welcome some  
new volunteers. If your child attends  
Breakfast Club and you could spare  
even one hour a week, please let  
Ms Davison know. Thank you.*

*Reminder: Breakfast Club  
starts at 8.20 am.*



**FREE**

**Nursery Places**  
Don't miss out – Call us NOW

**Our Contact**  
0191 3868416

**Our Hours**  
9.00am – 3.15pm

**Our Teachers**  
Qualified, Experienced  
& Friendly

Do you have or know of a child who is nearly two and would like to book a place in our nursery to start the term after their second birthday? Do you have or know of any two, three or four-year olds who would like to begin their learning journey in our school nursery?

The next few pages of the newsletter explain the offers and places we have in our school nursery so please give us a ring to discuss a place for your child.

If you would like your child to start in the school nursery, you will need to call 0191 3868416 and ask to speak to Gaynor Davison or Chris Lawson. You can also email [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net)

We'd love to hear from you.

Call us:  
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Laurel Avenue  
Community Primary School

Laurel Avenue Community Primary School Nursery  
Where children shine

Starting your child in our school nursery is a wonderful way to start their learning adventure and introduce them to school life and our vibrant, caring community.

[Click to read our school nursery brochure and find out more about our fabulous nursery.](#)



*Important*



*If you have a nursery aged child and you would like them to start in our fabulous nursery, you need to come into school to complete our application form and arrange a visit.*

***This is the only way your child can start their learning journey in our school nursery.***

*If you are interested in any places for two, three or four-year-olds, please call in at the office, call school on 0191 3868416 or e mail [laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net](mailto:laurelavenue@durhamlearning.net) to arrange a visit or to check your eligibility code for your two-year-old.*

*We'd love to hear from you.*



*We currently have some spaces available for three and four-year olds at the start of the week (full days Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 – 12.00), end of the week (Wednesday afternoon 12.15 – 3.15, full days Thursday and Friday), five mornings (9.00 – 12.00) and five afternoons (12.15 – 3.15 pm). **Some sessions are nearly full.** Every three and four-year-old is eligible for fifteen hours of free Nursery provision.*

*We take children in straight after their third birthday.*

*Application forms are available from the school office or our website.*

*Your two-year-old can get free play and learn sessions (15 hours) if you get one of the following benefits:*

*Income Support*

*Jobseeker's Allowance*

*Support for a 'Looked After' child*

*Child Tax credits - income below*

*£16,190*

*Guaranteed Element  
of State Pension Credit*

*Support under the Immigration and  
Asylum Act 1999*

*Employment and Support Allowance  
– income related*

*Disability Living Allowance (child)*

*Working Tax Credits and earn no  
more than £16,190*

*Current Education, Health and Care  
Plan (child)*

*Special Guardianship, or an  
adoption, or Residence Order*



Your 2-year-old may be entitled to 15 hours per week of funded childcare and early education



### *How do you apply?*

*Bring your golden ticket into our school office and we will tell you when your child can start.*

*If you don't have a golden ticket, visit:*

*<https://education.durham.gov.uk/parentportal/> where you can check whether you are eligible.*

*If you are eligible you will then receive a letter which you should bring into school.*

*Places will be available at the start of the term after their second birthday.*

*Application forms are available from school.*

## **FREE childcare**

From  
September  
2017



for **working parents**

of 3 and 4 year olds for up to 30 hours a week

Find out if you are eligible at  
[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears)



# 30 HOURS

## FUNDED CHILDCARE

*If you think that you are eligible, and you would like to extend your child's education in our nursery to 30 hours, please visit*

*[www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.durham.gov.uk/earlyyears) to find out or look here for more information <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>*

*Our School Nursery takes children for the full 30 hours so please make enquiries at the office or with Ms Davison or Mrs Lawson, to discuss this.*

*Thank you.*

# Reminder

*Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 has been moved to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and an additional bank holiday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This means that schools were asked to identify an additional day's holiday during the 2021/22 school year.*

*Laurel Avenue Community Primary selected Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 as this additional day which means school will be closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and children will return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.*



# *Laurel Avenue Community Centre*

*We are so excited to be part of the Fun and Food programme again this Easter. We have activities taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April.*



**Better for everyone**



*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Coach trip to Preston Park Museum - Butterfly World.*

*Children will receive a packed lunch and snacks.*

*Admission to the museum and park is free.*

***Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 11 am until 2 pm.***

*Activities include Easter crafts, games and sports including dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, football, cricket, rounders and table tennis.*

*Children will receive a hot meal at lunchtime and snacks throughout the day.*

***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Coach trip to South Shields Beach.***

*Children will receive a packed lunch and snacks.*

***Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Trip to Infinite Air trampoline park.***

*Children will receive a packed lunch and snacks.*

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Family Fun Day, Easter Egg hunt and fish and chips. Booking is essential.***

***We currently still have spaces available on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April.***

*To book please email:*

*[admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com](mailto:admin@laurelavenuecommunity.com)*

All the staff at  
Laurel Avenue Community  
Primary School  
would like to wish you a  
very Happy Easter.

Happy  
EASTER

