

**Friday 17th  
February 2023**



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# Shilbottle newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

## Celebrations

Class	Star	Presentation	Reading
R	Thomas	Elsie	
1	Cassius	Jack	
2	Bobby	Gracie	
3	Tommy	Scarlett	Amelia M
4	Archie	Bilge	
5	Charlotte	Luca	
6	James G	Imogen	James P
Headteacher Awards: Lochlan (R) & Alicia (4)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Year 2 with 98.9% Whole School Attendance: 94.4% (Target 96%)			

## Reading raffle winners:

Dexter, Jack, Joey T, April, Alfie, Daniel & James G

*Remember if your child is achieving in other areas outside of school, such as swimming awards, we would like to hear about it so we can add it to our newsletter and share it with the rest of the school community.*

## This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Artic & Antarctic

Years 1&2: Everyday Materials

Years 3&4: Sound

Year 5: Electricity

Year 6: Circulatory System

## Next week in our school the children will be learning about the following topics:

Reception: Signs of Spring

Years 1&2: We are photographers

Years 3&4: We are toy designers

Year 5: We are game developers

Year 6: We are marketers

## Teachers Strike Action—Tuesday 28th February

School will be closed to the majority of children on this date and will reopen to all children on Wednesday 1st March. Thank you for your support.

## World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March

The first Thursday back after the half term break is World Book Day. We intend to do several activities in school throughout the day with the children. As we are all very aware of the cost of living crisis we are trying our utmost not to place any additional financial pressures on families therefore we will not be asking children to dress up as their favourite book character. Hopefully these pressures will ease in the future and we can return to children dressing up.

## Ofsted Report—Parents Meeting—Monday 20th March 5:15pm

We are hoping to have copies of the Ofsted report sent to families once this is released by Ofsted, this is usually within 6 working weeks of the inspection (excluding holiday weeks). We have therefore provisionally arranged a meeting for parents to attend to discuss the outcomes of the report on the above date in the school hall. Staff and Governors will be available for parents to ask questions or provide feedback on the report. Obviously, if the publication is delayed we will rearrange this date.

## Alnwick Story Fest—Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February

More information about events taking place during the Alnwick Story Fest are available on their website if you are looking for activities to do with the children during the holiday weekend. ([alnwickstoryfest.com](http://alnwickstoryfest.com))

*Enjoy the half term break and once again thank you for your ongoing support!*

***Dates for the Future (please add to your home calendar/phone calendar)***

Date	Year	Event	Notes
Every Tuesday	R1234	Dance Workshops (NFC)	Spring 1 term only
Every Wednesday	5&6	Swimming at Willowburn	
Friday 17th February	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 28th February	All	Strike Day	School opens Wed 1st
Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March	All	Parents Evening - New dates are 1st and 2nd March (not 29th/30th) Apologies!	3:30– 6:00 <b>New dates</b>
Thursday 2nd March	All	World Book Day	
Monday 20th March	All	Parents meeting re Ofsted Report	5:15pm to 6:15pm
Thursday 23rd March	3 4 5	Jarrow Hall Visit	Packed lunches
Thursday 30th March	3&4	Class assembly for parents	Doors open at 2:20
Friday 31st March	All	School closes for Easter Break	
Monday 17th April	All	School reopens	Gates open 8:30am
May	2	SATs test papers to be sat during this month	
Monday 8th May	All	Additional Bank Holiday—King Charles III coronation	School will reopen Tues 9th May
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May	Year 6	SATS week	New dates confirmed by DfE
Thursday 18th May	All	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	School Hall
Tuesday 23rd May	5&6	Newcastle United Visit	
Thursday 25th May	1&2	Class Assembly for Parents	School Hall 2:30pm
Friday 26th May	All	School closes for half term	Normal closing hours
Tuesday 6th June	All	School reopens—Summer Term	Gates open 8:30am
Every Wednesday Summer Term	Planned R/1/2	Swimming at Willowburn <i>(classes to be confirmed)</i>	First session 7th June
6th to 16th June	4	National Multiplication Test	
Week commencing Monday 12th June	1	Phonics Screening Test	
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th June	6	Y6 London Visit	
Thursday 22nd June	5&6	Safety Workshops—Online and other dangers	
Friday 30th June	All	Sports Day/Summer Fair	Reschedule for 7th July if necessary
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July	3&4	Robinwood Residential	
Friday 21st July	All	School closes for Summer break	Reopens Tuesday 5th September