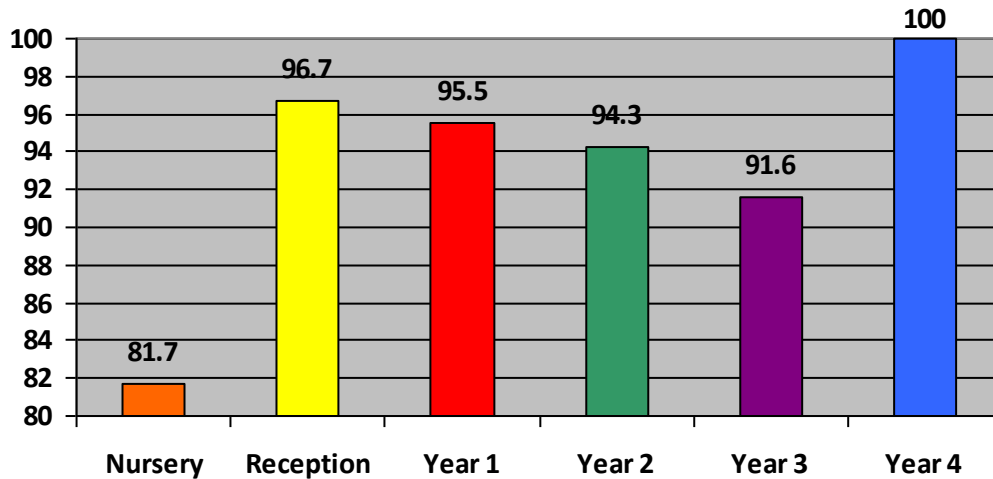


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Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.4%	National average attendance year to date 94.6%
Whole school attendance this week 95.6%	National average attendance this week 94.4%



Our attendance (year to date) was above national average, but it is now **BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE**. 19.5 school days have been missed this week, which has really pulled our numbers down.

Whole school attendance this week was 95.6%, which is better than it has been recently. 19.5 days have been missed this week. 16 children have missed at least one day this week. 15 school days have been missed this week due to holidays.

Class of the week for this week is **Blue** class with 100% attendance. **Well done Blue class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box. Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Brodie** in Green class.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Bobby	Mrs Lyons	Declan
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Willow	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Freddie
Miss Winter	Lincoln	Miss Winter	Sophie
Mrs Bell	Edison	Mrs Bell	Hunter
Mrs Kembrey	Ethan	Mrs Kembrey	Sierra
Mrs Askew	Grace	Mrs Askew	Rio
Miss Chappell	Jorja	Mrs Miller	Emily
Staff star	Mrs Miller	Mrs Jose	Isaac B
		Mrs Ellison	Ava

Birthdays

We have had two birthdays in school this week.

Gracie in Yellow class was 5 this week.

Angel in Purple class was 8 this week.

We hope you had a lovely birthday, Gracie and Angel.



School meals update

Next week we will be on **week 1** of our two week rolling programme of dishes.

Events coming up this half term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 05 July at 9:00am	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 05 July (bottle tombola)
	Summer fayre Tuesday 16 July from 3:15pm
Other school events	
Year 3 and 4 Les Olympiques des Animaux Thursday 04 July	Celebration assemblies
Year 4 transition week Monday 08 July to Friday 12 July	Friday 19 July at 9:00am
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 18 July at 9:00am	School is closed on these dates- Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August 2024 for the Summer holidays and on Monday 02 and Tuesday 03 September 2024 for staff training days.
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 18 July at 6:00pm	

Summer fayre non uniform Friday 05 July

Next Friday children and staff are invited to **wear non-uniform** and bring in a **donation** for the summer fayre **bottle tombola**. Your donations are very much appreciated. The more donations we receive the more prizes we will have on our tombola.

Sports events

What an amazing sports week that our PE lead, Mrs Lyons, organised for our children to take part in this week. Thank you so much Mrs Lyons.

Sponsored sports event

On Wednesday we were delighted to be visited by Newcastle United women's footballer Daisy Burt for our fundraising circuit challenge. Daisy spoke to the children and staff about her life as footballer. The children had the chance to ask Daisy questions, including asking her what it was like to walk out at St James' Park as a lifelong Newcastle United fan.

We were all utterly enthralled and inspired by Daisy. It was an absolute privilege to have her in school.

Following on from Daisy's talk, the children completed their **fundraising circuit challenge**. There were some very pink faces by the end of their 4-part circuit of activities!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and handed in sponsor money. I am delighted to announce that we raised **£766.50 so far, with at least another £400 pledged**. Well done everyone. We will look at what we are going to spend that money on and we'll let you know. If you still have sponsor money, please can we have it handed into school on **Monday 01 July** so the money can be added to the current total.

Sports morning and afternoon

The children had a great time taking part in their sports events this week. Children in **Early Years** had their sports morning yesterday morning. Unfortunately, I was in a meeting all morning, but Mrs Kembrey and Mrs Askew said all of the children did a brilliant job and tried hard with all of the different activities.

The children in **key stages 1 and 2** had their sports afternoon this afternoon. Again, they did a great job until the rain came and we had to finish early. We had hoped to dodge the rain, but it just came down too hard to continue. Controlling the weather is still a skill for us to master for next time.

Eat, sleep, play, learn fund reminder

Last year, Northumberland County Council allocated the **Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn fund** to support our children and young people, which was part of the council's response to cost-of-living pressures.

The fund was very well received across the County and received over 500 applications for support. The county council have now refreshed the fund to ensure it is continuously responding to the needs of our residents and helping to alleviate any obstacles which are causing financial difficulty and having a direct impact on a child's life.

Last year our school helped quite a few of our families who benefitted directly from the Eat, Sleep, Play, Learn fund, with items such as pillows, duvets and bedding.

To access the fund, we need to **make a referral for the fund on your behalf**. If you think there is something that you would like help with, please let us know and we will make a referral to the fund for you.

Class teachers for next year

As we start to head towards the end of term, we are already planning for the school year ahead. Next year, the school budget allows us to continue to have **6 single aged classes** in our school from Nursery to Year 4. It may not be the case that we are able to offer six single aged class from 2025, but that is something we will look at nearer the time. Our largest class is currently 22 children. This means that your child is taught in a smaller than average class and they get lots more attention from the adults who work with them.

The class teachers will remain in the same year groups for next year. They are-

Orange class	Nursery	Mrs Askew
Yellow class	Reception	Mrs Kembrey
Red class	Year 1	Mrs Bell
Green class	Year 2	Miss Winter
Purple class	Year 3	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas
Blue class	Year 4	Mrs Lyons

Class teachers had **transition meetings** this week to share information about the children in their class. Children will be given opportunities to **visit their new classrooms** and **get to know their teachers** on multiple occasions between now and the end of term to ensure they are prepared for the move into a new class in September.

Reminder about Year 4 transition week beginning Monday 08 July

On **Monday 08 July** and **Tuesday 09 July**, children will be here at our school working with Mrs Lyons. They will start their transition week project on Monday and Tuesday. If your child is going to Whytrig, they will go to another SVLP first school on Monday and Tuesday.

On **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**, Year 4 children will spend each day at their middle school. **Morning sessions** at middle school will start at **9:15am** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and **end at 3:00pm**. This is to allow parents to drop off siblings at feeder first schools and to alleviate potential traffic congestion caused by additional vehicles carrying first school children to middle school sites. Please note that **transport** to and from middle school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is **not provided**. It is the responsibility of Year 4 parents and carers to drop off and collect their child at middle school on these three days.

Open evening at Seaton Sluice Middle School is on **Wednesday 10 July at 6:00pm**. Open evening at Whytrig Middle School is on **Thursday 11 July at 6:00pm**.

Nursery and Reception class assembly Friday 05 July

Next Friday children in Early Years have their class assembly in the hall at 9:00am. Doors will open at 8:50am. We cannot open the doors until the classroom doors are closed. This is our final class assembly of the year and we are really looking forward to it.

Year 4 treat trip to Lightwater Valley Friday 05 July

Next Friday we have organised an end of term treat trip for our Blue class children to go to **Lightwater Valley Family Adventure Park**. The trip has been planned as a leaving gift from our school, to give the children another lovely memory of their time with us.

The school is covering the **entire cost** of the trip so it is accessible to all pupils. This includes the cost of the coach, entry into the park and access to all rides and attractions.

Please remember that we will leave school at **8:15am**. This is so we can make the most of having a full day in the park. We will not be able to wait for latecomers. **Please arrive at school at 8:00am**.

We are leaving the park at 4:00pm and will be back at school at **approximately 5:30 - 6:00pm**. Again, this is so we can stay in the park for as long as possible. Our journey time will entirely depend on traffic. We will keep you up to date with our expected return time via messages on School Gateway.

Les Olympiques des Animaux

Next Thursday afternoon we are being visited by a **theatre company** who are putting on a French performance called **Les Olympiques des Animaux**- the Animal Olympics.

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a workshop before the performance starts in the afternoon and some children will be asked to take part in the performance. The performance will follow the workshops and will be for children in Years 1 to 4.

This is an excellent **cultural opportunity** for our children to see a real life performance in our school and to see a performance where the actors are speaking and singing in French. The performance is being put on for us free of charge, which makes it even better!

New yard markings

We have finally managed to have the **new thermoplastic markings** put down on the bottom yard. We've had a number of false starts due to the very wet weather we've had recently, but now they are in place, they look absolutely great. We have put pictures of the children enjoying the new markings on both the school website and the Facebook page. Here are just a couple.

