



# The Times Newsletter

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~ ATTENDANCE ~ THIS WEEK	
Reception	92.7%
Year 1/2	96.0%
Year 3/4	98.2%
Year 5/6	95.9%
Our attendance target is 96.6%	
This week's attendance: <b>95.7%</b>	

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE** - Welcome back to the start of the summer term! I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and that the children are excited to be back at school with their friends. There are lots of activities planned for the term, including the residential for Key Stage 2 children and a whole school skipping workshop in a couple of weeks' time. Let's hope the sun stays on our side! Please keep a look out, on our school Dojo, for class activities and, of course, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team, myself—Mrs. Lazenby, Mrs. Ashton or Mrs. Churchill.

**MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE CRICKET CLUB** - Middleton-In-Teesdale Cricket Club have organised a FREE 'After-School Cricket Taster Session' for next Thursday 5th May, between 3.00 and 4.00pm. The session is aimed at children aged 8-11 years old and will be run by Anthony Coatsworth and Gillian Hutchinson (both members of MiT Cricket Club). If your child would like to attend this free taster session, please phone the school office (640382) and leave your child's details.

**AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB** - The After-School Football Club will be resuming on Monday 9th May for our regular footballers. Space is available for any new pupils, in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, who would like to join - there is no charge for this club. If your child would like to attend, please contact the school office. 

**SKIPPING** - On Friday 6th May, a member of Skipping School Ltd will be visiting our school to deliver a fun skipping day for the whole school - Nursery to Year 6. Pupils will learn skipping techniques and games, all of which will encourage them to develop both their physical education and mental wellbeing. Please send your child/ren to school in their PE kits along with a filled water bottle.

**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11** - The National Booking Service has opened and bookings, for children aged 5 - 11, can now be made. The National Booking Service (NBS) shows available appointments and there is also a site finder to locate vaccine walk-in centres which is updated regularly. To make an appointment for your child/ren go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

**SATS WEEK** - Pupils in Year 6 will be sitting their SAT tests during the week, Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. To help the children relax into each day, we will be holding a breakfast club for our Year 6 pupils - letters have been sent home with further information. Health and wellbeing advice for parents as their children move towards the SAT tests can be found on the NHS website as follows:

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

DATE	SUBJECT
Mon 9th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tues 10th May	English reading
Wed 11th May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thurs 12th May	Mathematics paper 3

**SLANJAYVAH DANCE WORKSHOP** - On the afternoon of Friday 13th May, our pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be enjoying a Slanjayvah Dance Workshop. The Slanjayvah Dance company specialises in Scottish, Spanish and Celtic traditional dances, music and storytelling which includes fierce percussive dance and traditional foot stomping music. There will be a show held at Mickleton Village Hall on the evening of Friday 13th May, at 7.30pm, for families to enjoy. Ticket prices are: Adult £10, Child £5. For further information please call 01833 640909 or to book online: <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/6-feet-3-shoes/>

**ART** - This term, Year 1 & 2 will be welcoming Bethan Maddocks, a professional artist, into their class to work on an exciting Plants on the Edge Project art project. The project links to the unique flora that we are lucky enough to enjoy in Teesdale which, of course, includes the school's signature flower which is the Blue Gentian. Further information about Bethan and her work can be found at: <https://www.bethanmaddocks.com>

**CLASS 1 & 2** - There had been some exciting events taking place in the Year 1 & 2 class this week. Pupils have been reading all about Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, and ever since, strange happenings have been going on in the classroom. From sightings of young girl with golden hair and wearing red shoes, wandering the corridors, to bowls of porridge being eaten and even a school chair left turned upside down and broken! WANTED posters have been put up around the school and matters have been reported to the authorities with evidence taken away for clues as to who the suspect is!



# EYFS - NEW LIFE



During this week, pupils in EYFS welcomed some visitors to the setting. Two baby lambs and some baby chicks were brought in by our Early Years Practitioner, SallyAnn, who taught the children all about the responsibilities involved in caring for baby animals - from feeding to keeping them clean and warm.

All of our pupils were very good at being gentle and quiet when the baby animals were here and they all enjoyed taking turns in holding and feeding.

A big thank you to SallyAnn for bringing the lambs and chicks into our school and teaching our children all about them.

