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We have finished the year as we so often carried on throughout the year – by being very busy! The children and staff are now ready for a well-earned summer break.

The cricket festival at the end of last week was a lovely day shared with many of our local first schools. The children got a chance to play together and with children from the other schools. The event was very fun and the children did extremely well all day.

This week, we have had the BBC visiting both schools to film for their history documentary. It has been a bit of a blast from the recent past to re-create our Viking raid run up the beach for the cameras. We also had the 'grand opening' of the re-landscaped garden on Holy Island. Mrs Ward and Mrs Stiansen (together with willing family members) have done a great job of getting the garden ready for the opening and we look forward to seeing it flourish.

We say a sad goodbye and best wishes to Lyndsey who will no longer be working here as a lunchtime supervisor. Miss Easten will be taking over the hours, in addition to her current role, from September. Lyndsey has been a great part of our school community and we will miss her and hope she stays in touch! Thank you for all your hard work and your positive, caring attitude.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in September. The children return to school on Wednesday 4th September. There will not be swimming on the first day back.

Rebecca

Summer Reading Bingo

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Read to your sibling Date: _____	Read in a tent Date: _____	Read by flashlight Date: _____	Read by a seaside Date: _____	Read with a friend Date: _____
Read in bed Date: _____	Read in a garden Date: _____	Read by a pool Date: _____	Read an eBook Date: _____	Read with a grown up Date: _____
Read under a tree Date: _____	Read a non-fiction book Date: _____	Read a joke book Date: _____	Read a book in the library Date: _____	Read a cookbook Date: _____
Read in your pyjamas Date: _____	Read a biography Date: _____	Read a kid's magazine Date: _____	Read for 30 minutes Date: _____	Read in a playhouse Date: _____
Read a newspaper Date: _____	Read a book of your favourite author Date: _____	Read in your car Date: _____	Read about nature Date: _____	Read to a pet Date: _____
Read a poem Date: _____	Read a scary story Date: _____	Read in a blanket Date: _____	Read under the stars Date: _____	Read a mystery Date: _____

Congratulations to Class 2 – Sumdog winners

Class 2 were the daily winner of the Northumberland Sumdog maths competition on Monday 15th July. The winners are decided on the average number of questions answered accurately over a set time. Congratulations and very well done!



Please note that there are posters on the door at school advertising a Newcastle United Foundation Football School and Tilmouth Cricket Club Junior Cricket Camp during the holidays. If your child is interested, please see the posters for details.

E-safety advice for the summer holidays - www.saferinternet.org.uk

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published free advice for parents and carers to help keep children safe online – especially over the holidays. They recommend that you: sit down together and find out more about what they like to do online.

If you learn more about the apps, games and services children are using, you can spend some time on them, familiarise yourself with their reporting and blocking features and ensure that you have the knowledge to be able to help them if they face a problem over the summer holidays or in the future.



Information for September

- The price of school dinners will remain at £2.50 and swimming/sports hall sessions £3.50 - this does not actually cover the cost of the bus, sports hall hire and swimming tuition so school subsidises the lessons. For this reason, we still need to charge if your child goes to the Swan Centre, even if they don't actually swim. **Please note that there will be no swimming on the first day back.**
- The Government's Universal Free School Meals are for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is moving from Nursery into Reception you will now not need to pay for meals but if your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, you will now need to pay.
- The cut off date for parents of 3 year olds to apply for 30 hours nursery funding for the Autumn Term (if you are eligible) is 31st August. Please use the link below to check if you are eligible and to make the application <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

Dates for your Diary

Fri 19th July	School Stops for Summer holidays
2nd & 3rd Sept	Staff Training Days
Wed 4th Sept	Children return to school
Monday 9th Sept	Visit to Ford to watch the Tour of Britain Cycle Race
Tuesday 15th Oct	Nasal Flu vaccinations (Reception—Year 4)
Friday 25th Oct	School stops for half term week
Monday 4th Nov	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th Nov	Children return to school
Friday 15th Nov	Individual & Family Photos
Friday 20th Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays

Stay and Play Summer Sessions

Miss Hay and Miss Easten will be running the following sessions during the holidays for 0-4 year olds:

Mon 5th August—Teddy Bears' Picnic from 11.30am—1pm

Thurs 15th August—Biscuit decorating & classroom/ outdoor play from 1pm—2.30pm

Thurs 22nd August—Visit to Andy Howey's Birds of Prey Centre from 12noon—1pm

Friday 30th August—Water & Bubble outdoor play from 1pm—2.30pm

Please note that all children must be supervised by a parent/carer