

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

31st March 2023

We've had a wonderful Spring term at Roseberry. The children continue to be well-behaved, polite and hardworking. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. If you know of any new families moving to the area, please recommend Roseberry!

Best wishes,

Mrs Dunn



Achievers of the Half-Term

Reception Starlings— Kaiden-Dylan for his effort and positive attitude.

Year 1 Herons— Katie for her hard work and resilience.

Year 1/2 Doves— Connor for his amazing effort and progress.

Year 2 Swifts— Jude for his enthusiasm and engagement.

Year 3/4 Rooks— Grace for her hard work and perseverance.

Year 3/4 Wrens— Aila for her increased confidence.

Year 5 Finches— Caiden for his progress and increased confidence.

Year 5/6 Kingfishers— Laycie for her work ethic, progress and achievements.

Important Summer term dates

Monday 17th April—return to school

Thursday 27th April—World Daily Mile Day

Friday 5th May—Coronation celebrations in school

Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday

9th—12th May—Y6 SATs

15th—19th May—Y2 SATs

Friday 26th May—Half-term



Decorated egg competition winners and runners up

- Sparrows Nursery**— Layla and Travis
- Robins Nursery**— Ella and Frankie
- Reception Starlings**— Pippa and Grace
- Year 1 Herons**— Zoey and Theo
- Year 1/2 Doves**— Joey and Holly O
- Year 2 Swifts**— Frankie and Hollie H
- Year 3/4 Rooks**— Jack G and Georgia C
- Year 3/4 Wrens**— Lola L and Riley
- Year 5 Finches**— Joe H and Aimee D
- Year 5/6 Kingfishers**— Elia and Reuben



Highly commended— Harvey S (Finches), Jacob (Rooks), Izzy (Swifts) Katie (Herons) and Isla (Starlings)



Supporting our local community

We had a very special assembly from Dorothy Rand, a local historian, dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant George 'Sonny' Demand, a former Roseberry pupil. Sonny Demand played an integral role as a soldier during World War 2. The assembly was attended by some members of his family, local councillors, Kevan Jones MP and other guests from the community. Some pupils then accompanied the visitors to the official unveiling of the memorial bench in Newfield. We were thrilled to host such a lovely event and are always proud to be associated with local events such as this. Well done to the children in assembly for listening so well and to the six who represented us so wonderfully at the ceremony.



Attendance information

Attendance will now be managed by a company called A Star Attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 96%, we will contact you by letter in the first instance and future attendance will be monitored.

Excellent attendance in school is vital for children to be able to make good progress. Remember to contact school **before 8.30am** if your child is going to be absent. We will contact you before 10am if you do not do this. Please be aware that if we are unable to contact you to ascertain your child's whereabouts, we may conduct a home visit or instruct the police to complete a welfare check if we have serious concerns.

Please try not to book holidays during term-time as these will not be authorised and may result in a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority.

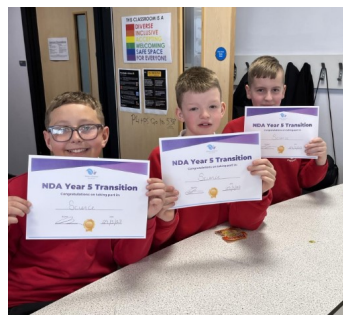
North Durham Academy

Year 5 enjoyed their Transition Day at **North Durham Academy**. The pupils participated in a Science session where they extracted DNA from kiwi fruits!

If you are considering NDA as a secondary school, please get in touch as they welcome visits where you can have a look around in further detail.

North Durham Academy now also provide a free bus service which would transport pupils from our catchment area to and from school.

Click on this [link](#) to view their website.



Making Memories

Our second Making Memories afternoon took place on the last day of half-term and all pupils had the opportunity to take part in a fun activity.

Sparrows Nursery went on an Easter egg hunt in the quad!



Robins Nursery made Easter nests and then tried their hands at egg rolling.



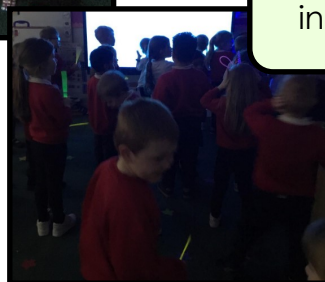
Y3 and Y4 made hot cross buns then ate them whilst enjoyed a relaxing film afternoon watching Peter Pan with popcorn.



KS1 created parachutes to keep an egg from cracking when dropped from height!



Glow stick party in Reception.



Year 5 Finches enjoyed pond dipping.



Y5/6 Kingfishers went on a hike to the Beamish cow sculptures and collected some sticks on the way.



Photos from school over the last half-term



Y3/4 had a wonderful time at Segedunum as part of their work about the Romans.



One of the parents in Y1/2 Doves came in to talk to the children about her job as a radiographer. She even brought in some bones for us to look at.



Sparrows Nursery have been planting potatoes!



Reception Starlings have been planting sunflower seeds.



Y1 Herons had a brilliant time at their invasion games festival.

Y3 and Y4 Peter Pan performance

This year, we decided that Y3 and Y4 would put on a performance at Easter instead of at Christmas and it was definitely a treat worth waiting for! The children performed two shows this week and they were absolutely brilliant. We are so proud of how hard the children worked to learn their lines and the words to the songs. A big thank you to all of the staff too—it wasn't easy to coordinate this play and it took a lot of energy and determination but it was all worth it! Well done everyone!



Comments from parents

Show was fantastic. You could see a lot of hard work had been involved. The singing was amazing and certainly brought a tear to my eye.

The children and school staff worked very hard to pull off the whole production. There were a lot of songs and lines to learn and it was a great success.

The play was really well chosen and the children were brilliant!

Absolutely amazing experience. I was disappointed that there was no nativity but this has surpassed any expectations I had of an Easter performance and with hindsight I'm pleased this was done. Massive congratulations to all the children and a huge thanks to the staff that have put their time and effort in.

It was absolutely brilliant, well done to all the children that took part.

Reading at Roseberry



Author, Sarah Morrel, inspired us all to become writers with her exciting assembly and workshops.



Y5/6 Kingfishers visited Pelton Grange Care Home to read with the residents.



Celebrating World Book Day! We loved dressing up and inviting family members in to read with us.



Our book fair was very successful with lots of people visiting to buy books.



£983 was taken at the book fair which means £480 of books for school!



Spelling Bee

We held a Spelling Bee this term to encourage children to practise and enjoy spelling. The finalists from each class competed in the Grand Final. Here are the finalists from Year 2 Swifts. Well done to everyone who competed and thank you to North Durham Academy for helping with the judging.



Litter Picking Club



We had a very exciting visit from Tidy Ted who awarded our litter pickers from KS2 with a special certificate for their efforts in keeping our local community clean and tidy.

School Library

A reminder that our library is open for parents to visit and borrow a book after school on Mondays and Thursdays. We would love to welcome more parents in to make use of this facility and to enjoy reading for pleasure.



Cooking at Roseberry



Year 5 making flat bread.

Y5/6 making flatbreads and tzatziki dips

