

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School

5th November 2025



The first half-term of the year was a great success for everyone. Lots of new pupils have settled in well to our school and children are enjoying their new classes.

Next half-term is going to be an exciting one in the run-up to Christmas!

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions or worries.

Mrs Dunn and the Roseberry staff team.

Achievers of the Half-Term (Autumn 1)



Reception Rabbits — Isabelle for having a fantastic start to the school year and being a brilliant role model for both her behaviour and work.

Year 1 Foxes — Emmett for being a respectful and motivated member of our class.

Year 2 Moles — Emelia for making a fantastic start to Year 2 and being a fantastic role model to others in class.

Year 2 Owls — Fearne for showing a huge growth in confidence already in Year 2 and always being a brilliant, respectful role model.

Year 3 Badgers — Matthew F for being an outstanding role model for others. He has made a brilliant transition to Key Stage 2 and displays excellence in all lessons he undertakes.

Year 4 Bats — Jake for his amazing growth in confidence this half-term.

Year 4 Robins — Emma for constantly putting in 100% effort and taking her learning head on and already being a times table master

Year 5 Squirrels — Jayden for his hardworking, enthusiastic attitude to learning. He is an absolute joy to have in the classroom.

Year 6 Otters — Zayn has really impressed me with his start to the year and his mature attitude and approach towards his learning. He is always giving 100% and is always eager for a challenge.

Year 6 Woodpeckers — Celeste- for having a great first half term! She has settled in seamlessly and thrown herself into life at Roseberry with a enthusiasm.

Well done everyone and thank you to the people who joined us for our
Achievers' Assembly.

Important dates

Wednesday 12th November – Anti-Bullying Day – children to wear odd socks

Friday 14th November - Children in Need – dress up in spotty clothes / Pudsey colours
(Payable on Arbor)

Week beginning 17th November—Parents' Evenings. Letter will be sent out on 6.11.25.
Please return the slip to request a timeslot.

Thursday 20th November—Tuesday 25th November—Book Fair in school.

Christmas Events

Monday 1st December— Pantomime in school for Reception to Y6. £3 donation requested, payable on Arbor.

Wednesday 3rd December – Share a Christmas Story afternoon at 2pm. *This is an opportunity for parents to come into school and listen to a Christmas story with their children then make a Christmas craft together. Siblings will be able to work together with parents in the classroom of the youngest child. Further information will be provided.*

Friday 5th December—From 3.30pm until 7pm—Santa in a Van with Durham Constabulary and Christmas Market. Further information will be provided.

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Performances

Parents will be able to request two tickets for the performances via a google form which the office will send out shortly. We will inform parents if more tickets become available for certain performances.

The doors will open 15 minutes before the performance start time to allow parents into the hall where refreshments will be on sale. Please note that Year 3 and 4 do their performance in the Spring term, not Christmas. Year 6 will do a Leavers' Assembly performance in July.

Monday 8th December—Reception Carol Concert at 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December—Nursery Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 10th December – Y1 and Y2 Performance at 1.30pm

Thursday 11th December—Y1 and Y2 Performance at 9.15am

Thursday 11th December—Y5 Performance at 1.30pm

Christmas Parties

Monday 15th December – Y1 and Y2 Party

Tuesday 16th December—Reception Party

Wednesday 17th December—Nursery Party

Thursday 18th December – Y5 and Y6 Party

Friday 19th December—Y3 and Y4 Party

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas





Introducing this year's Head Pupil Team.

Our Head Pupils are Jack and Beulah. They are supported by our Deputy Head Pupils Elizabeth and Ben. They have made a flying start to their duties this year including drawing the Reading Raffle in assembly and gathering pupil views about our school values.



Important dates for your diary

Friday 19th December —Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 6th January —Children return to school

Friday 20th February —Break up for half-term

Monday 2nd March—Children return to school

Thursday 2nd April—Break up for Easter

Monday 20th April—Children return to school

Monday 4th May—School closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May—Break up for half-term

Monday 1st June—Children return to school

Friday 17th July—Break up for summer

Year 6 SATs—Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May. If your child is in Year 6, they **must** be in school every day that week.

Wraparound Provision

We offer After-School Club until 5.45pm (5pm on Fridays). We hope our pricing structure reflects the different needs of parents.

We are the most affordable choice in Chester-le-Street. At some local schools, breakfast club can cost up to £7.50 and after-school club can cost up to £13.50. Our pricing structure is as follows:

Breakfast Club	
8am—8.50am including breakfast	£2.50
After-School Club	
3.30pm—4.30pm including snack	£3
3.30pm—5.45pm including light tea	£7
4.30—5.45pm including light tea	£4

The tea served includes food such as pasta, pizza, beans on toast, fish fingers, chicken burgers and jacket potatoes. This is very popular with the children.

We also offer wraparound provision for children in our three-year-old nursery. This is limited to 8 places and priority will be given to pupils with siblings already in breakfast or after-school club.

Breakfast Club	
8am—8.50am including breakfast	£3
After-School Club	
3.30pm—4.30pm including snack	£4

Please pay for sessions through Arbor as usual. If you require any support with this, please contact the school office on 01913700182.

Roseberry Scarecrow Trail 2025

We were delighted to hold another Scarecrow Trail this term. Everyone was blown away by the creativity shown in all of the scarecrows and the hard work that went into making them. Thank you so much for all of your support. We couldn't have done it without you!



First place: Georgie in Year 1 with Derpy

Second place: Dexter in Year 5 with Hamish the cow

Third place: Harland (Year 4), Sapphire (Year 2) and Charlie (Year 1) with Mr Bell.



Your generosity helped us to raise £431 for our School Fund which helps to subsidise all school trips so that parents don't ever have to pay more than £10.

Attendance

Children who come to school every day will have higher attainment than those who don't. This is reflected nationally at the end of KS2 and at GCSE level. To give your child the best chance of school success, they need to attend every day.

Term-time holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. **The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.**

Parents are expected to make medical / dental appointments for pupils outside of school hours.

If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact school to make an appointment to discuss how we can help.

If your child is poorly, please don't forget to contact school by 9am to give a reason for their absence. If you do not do this, you will be contacted by school by 10am.

We have already submitted a number of fixed penalty notices to the Local Authority this term so please don't think that nothing will happen if your child has unauthorised absences.



Fixed Penalty Notices for irregular attendance at school Important information for parents

1 Overview

Penalty notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution where parents have failed to ensure their child attends school regularly. They can be used in cases where absence has not been authorised by a head teacher.

The notices are used to prevent the need for court action, for example, when support has not been engaged with or is not appropriate (for example, leave of absence during term time). **Changes from September 2024 are shown below.**

2 Leave

Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation **would not** constitute an exceptional circumstance.

3 Absence

A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if there are **5 days / 10 sessions** of absence in a period of **10 school weeks** (where absence has not been authorised).

A notice may be issued where the 5-day level of absence has not been reached, for example, if there are several periods of leave.

4 Amount

Within a 3-year period:

The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.

A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).