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Shilbottle newsletter

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Dear Parents and carers,

Class	Star of the Week	Presentation	Golden Table
R	Ella	Hugo	Lennon
1	Freya	Bobbi-Rose	Sunny
2	Esmae	Jonah	Dexter
3	Rosie	Kaitlin	Oscar
4	Joey T	Charlotte	Gracie
5	Zara	Ellie	Francesca
6	Henry	Serenna	Lydia
Headteacher Awards: Tommy G (R), Zara (5) and Donnie (5)			
Highest Class Attendance this week: Years 1, 3 & 4 with 100% Whole School Attendance: 96.6% (Target 96%)			

This week in our school the children have been learning about the following topics:

Reception: Spring
Years 1& 2: Computing - Word processing
Years 3& 4: Computing - Coding
Year 5& 6: Computing - AI

The following topics will be covered during their next school week:

Reception: Planting Seeds
Years 1& 2: Computing - Using the internet
Years 3& 4: Computing - Coding
Year 5& 6: Computing - AI

Start Small, Dream Big workshops

One of the projects we have been aiming to develop and integrate into our curriculum is the principles of the 'Start Small, Dream Big' project in conjunction with North East Ambition and The Careers and Enterprise Company.

The aim of this project is to increase the children's awareness of possible career options for the future by enabling them to work and interact with a range of employers. You will be aware we have previously invited parents into school to discuss their own careers and their learning journey and we continue to welcome any new volunteers who are willing to give up half an hour of their time to talk to our children. Please contact the school office if this is an area you are able to support us with.

Yesterday a group of staff from Northumberland County Council visited our school to work with the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6. They learnt about the range of jobs available to them should they wish to work for the local authority in the future and the skills they will need to help them achieve their goals. This work also supports our creative habits of the mind work in developing children's employability skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and learning about careers they were previously unaware of and we must say a huge thank you to Mrs Hinchcliffe and her team for supporting this work.

Pele Academy update

Yesterday, we welcomed Mr McGrane (CEO of the Pele Trust) who visited our classes and observed our celebration assembly. He was very impressed with the range of awards and the behaviour of our children. At present we are currently on track to convert to academy status with effect from 1st April 25. We will continue to keep you updated with any developments as and when they occur.

School Lunches—Week beginning Monday 10th March 2025

Monday: Chinese chicken curry, prawn crackers, rice & peas - Cake & custard
Tuesday: Sausage roll, potato smiles, peas & carrots or beans - Chocolate chip muffin
Wednesday: Roast ham, stuffing, yorkshire pud, potatoes & gravy - Warm chocolate brownie
Thursday: Cheese/ham wraps, pasta twists, sweetcorn & carrots - Marshmallow krispie cakes
Friday: Beef burger with cheese, fries, sweetcorn or beans - Pudding of the day

Dates for the Future (please add dates to your home calendar/phone calendar)

Date	Year	Event	Notes
2025			
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	3 and 4	Swimming—Years 3 and 4 Final session Wed 9th April	26th March No swimming (Residential)
Wed 26th to Fri 28th March	3/4	Ford Castle Residential	<i>Dates and location confirmed 30th Jan</i>
Thursday 10th April	1/2	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Friday 11th April	All	Last day of Spring Term	School closes at 2pm
Monday 28th April	All	School reopens for Summer Term	8:30am
Monday 5th May	All	Bank holiday—School open Tuesday 6th May	Y6 After School Booster—Tues 6th
Every Wednesday— Spring Term only	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Swimming	
Mon 12th May to Thurs 15th May	6	KS2 SATs	
<i>Thursday 22nd May</i>	All	School closes for Half Term (usual finishing times)	Reopen Mon 2nd June
Wednesday 18th June	5/6	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Wed 25th to Fri 27th June	Y6	London residential	
Monday 30th June	All	Teacher Training Day—School Closed	Reopens Tues 1st July
Thursday 3rd July	Rec	Class assembly	Doors open 1:45 Start at 2:00
Friday 18th July	All	School Closes for Summer Break	Reopens Tuesday 2nd September