

New Delaval Primary School

Newsletter - April 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break, I'm very pleased to welcome back our pupils for the Summer Term.

We have lots going on at New Delaval over the summer, including 2 residential visits, Year 4 will shortly be visiting Wooler, and Year 6 will soon be enjoying a long weekend residential at High Borran. Year 5 will also have an exciting sporting day at Cullercoats.

The summer term is a really busy term, our children will be working extremely hard towards national tests and end of year assessments which will be taking place in May and June (Please check dates on the school website)

To support your child, please ensure that they are in school and on time every single day. Staff are relying on the help and support of parents/carers to ensure each child achieves their best possible outcome.

Our Easter Crafts Afternoon and Egg Decorating competition were well supported, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves and there were some colourful entries! Well done to the winners.

Easter Raffle - congratulations to all the winners, over £250 was raised for the school, Thank You!

School Book Fayre

We will be holding a Book Fayre week commencing 19th of May, further details to follow

Reminder - School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school and that clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. Please note leggings **should not** be worn. If you are unsure or have any queries please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mr Struthers'.

Mr P Struthers
Headteacher

For lots more information!
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New Delaval Primary School Attendance Update

Our attendance since we returned from the February half break is **94.8 %**, the school target is **96%**.

Whole school attendance since September is now **94.2%**. This is **positive**, but our target for attendance is **96%** and we are still a long way from that target. National average attendance is **94.6%**.

Every day we share our attendance information with the Department for Education. We can compare our attendance to other schools in Northumberland and nationally. Compared to other Northumberland schools, we are ranked 103 out of 127. Compared to other schools nationally, we are ranked in the 8th decile, which is the bottom 20 to 30%.

Children who have attendance lower than 90% are known as **persistent absentees**. Having 90% attendance is the equivalent of missing one afternoon a week every week. Currently we have 19% of our children with less than 90% attendance. That means that 33 children have missed the equivalent of one afternoon a week every week. Compared to other schools nationally, we are ranked in the 8th decile, which is the bottom 20 to 30%. **This is really worrying.**

We know that children can be genuinely unwell and therefore should not be at school. If you're not sure about whether to send your child in to school or not, the NHS website is usually a good source of information. If your child is brought to school and we feel they need to go home, we will ring you. Medicine can be administered by staff. Please call into the school office to complete a medical form.

Regular school attendance is so very important.

It is no coincidence that children who miss school often do not go on to achieve their potential.

Please see the graphic below, figures as at 11th April

175 days to spend on family time, go on holiday, visit special places, do shopping and carry out jobs, have appointments					
365 days per year	190 school days 0 school days missed 100%				
	180 school days 10 school days missed 95%				
		171 school days 19 school days missed 90%		161 school days 29 school days missed 85%	
				152 school days 38 school days missed 80%	143 school days 47 school days missed 75%
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		WORRYING Less chance of success. Harder for your child to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Very little chance of success. You child is being massively disadvantaged.
	100% 26 children	95% - 100% 126 children	90% - 95% 54 children	85% - 90% 15 children	80% - 85% 8 children
					Less than 80% 10 children
	152 children		69 children		18 children