The Blue

Durham Blue Coat
C.E. Aided Junior School

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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'With God, all things are possible' – Matthew 19:26

OCTOBER 2026

Key Dates

NOVEMBER

2nd School reopens to all pupils
2nd 4S Maths Café
5th Lets Rocket Bonfire Themed Lunch
13th Children in Need*
w/c 16th Anti-Bullying Week
w/c 16th Maths Week

DECEMBER

1st 5W Worship to Parents*
9th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner*
14th Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party*
15th Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party*
17th Christmas Service @ All Saints Church*
17th Durham Music Service Christmas Concert
18th School closes for Christmas Holidays

TBC & More information to follow

October Attendance

Attendance matters...every school day counts!

Class 3N	91.5%
Class 3/4M	90.6%
Class 4S	93.7%
Class 5B	94.2%
Class 5W	93.2%
Class 6H	91.8%
Class 6W	93%



Thank you for your Harvest Donations!

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful families for your generous donations to our Harvest Appeal. Our donations weighed 176.6kg generating 221 meals.

Your generosity will help support individuals and families in our local community who may be experiencing a difficult time. It has been lovely to see our school community come together to make a difference and put our Christian values into action.

Thank you again for your kindness and for helping us spread a little joy and hope to others this Harvest season!



Poppies for Remembrance

After half term, poppies will be available in school in exchange for a donation to support the Royal British Legion. These will be sold in the school hall at break time by the School Council. Thank you for your support.

Spotlight on Safeguarding - Road Safety

If you must use a vehicle to drop your child off at school, please:

- Keep alert to the fact that children and young people may not always cross the road safely and you may need to stop suddenly.
- Drive at a speed suitable to the road conditions.
- Park or drop off legally and responsibly.
- Show consideration to residents who may need to get in and out of their driveways and garages.
- Turn off your engine if you are parking/waiting. Lots of engines running creates poor air quality for everyone, including your child and you.

COURAGE JOY WISDOM

An action packed first half term at Blue Coat!

What a fantastic and action-packed first half term we have had! It has been wonderful to see our children getting involved in so many exciting opportunities, embracing new experiences and making memories along the way.

We kicked off our outdoor adventures with Welly Week**,** when children were encouraged to put on their wellies and waterproofs every day at break times, whatever the weather! This has been a great success, and most children now have their wellies and waterproofs in school, ready to enjoy the outdoors come rain or shine.

Our learning has extended far beyond the classroom, too. Darren from the SSP joined Year 3 for some of their PE lessons, providing the children with an exciting opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy being active. The whole school also took part in a Maths Subject Revolution event, celebrating maths in fun and engaging ways.

There has been plenty to celebrate in our school community. We enjoyed two delicious theme-day lunches, School Favourites and Harvest, which were a real treat for everyone. Year 4 also delivered a wonderful Harvest Service, sharing the spirit of gratitude and giving with our school community. Our regular worship sessions have also been enriched by volunteers from various churches, and it has been lovely to welcome them into school.

We have also enjoyed lots of opportunities to celebrate our learning with families. Class 3N and 3/4M hosted Maths and English Café events, welcoming parents into school to share in their children's learning. Class 5B and Class 3N delivered fantastic worships to their families, giving everyone the opportunity to see their confidence and talents shine. Our parents' evenings provided a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to come together to discuss children's progress, celebrate achievements and look ahead to future learning. We were also delighted to welcome prospective pupils and their families to our school open evening.

Year 6 have been busy on the sports field, taking part in the SSP Football League. It has been great to see the children representing our school, developing their teamwork and sportsmanship, and showing enthusiasm and determination.

A particularly meaningful part of this half term has been our fortnight of Courageous Advocacy projects**.** The children explored how they can make a positive difference in the world around them, thinking about important issues and discovering ways to stand up for what they believe in and help others. We are incredibly proud of their thoughtfulness, creativity and willingness to make a difference.

Year 6 enjoyed a visit from Framwellgate School Durham, providing them with a valuable opportunity to learn more about the next stage of their educational journey.

Of course, there has been plenty of fun along the way! Our 'Friends of Blue Coat' Autumn Disco was a huge success, giving everyone the chance to dance, laugh and celebrate together. And we will be rounding off this action-packed half term in style with our much-anticipated Break the Rules Day – a brilliant way to finish before the holidays!

We are incredibly proud of all our children for their enthusiasm, effort and willingness to get involved in everything school life has to offer. Thank you to our staff, families, volunteers and visitors for helping to make this half term so memorable.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half term break, and we look forward to another exciting term filled with lots more Joy, Courage and Wisdom!

Community Buzz

Ushaw College Half Term Activities
Join Ushaw on 26th and 27th October for half term autumn inspired activities including creativity, colour and craft. Included with admission and membership.

Kids Go Free this Half Term
Between 24th October and 1st November, up to 3 children aged 11 and under can travel for free when accompanied by an adult. Days out by bus

Simply Sport October Half Term Club
Simply Sport offer fun filled days of sports, games and activities for children aged 5 – 14 with a session at Infinite Air trampoline park included every day. For more information visit www.simplysportltd.co.uk