

November 2025

Thank you for your Children in Need donations!

Thank you for all of your support for this year's Children in Need. We managed to raise £272 for Children in Need and we had a lot of fun in the process.



Thank you for your Harvest donations for Durham Foodbank!

Thank you for all of your support for this year's Harvest Appeal. We collected 85.6kg of food for the County Durham Foodbank which will provide 107 meals for local families in need.



Thank you for your Poppy Appeal donations!

Thank you for all of your support for this year's Poppy Appeal. We managed to raise £76.

Football Success for Team Blue Coat!

A huge well done to our school football team who recently came 2nd in a football league organised by the Durham and Chester-le-Street School Sports Partnership. They were all excellent representatives of the school and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout, we are incredibly proud of them all. And a huge thanks to Oliver's dad for offering to manage the team, it was greatly appreciated!



Christmas Events

A letter has already been sent out about the Christmas events that will be happening in school over the next few weeks. Here is a summary: -

- Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch: All children are welcome to join us for Christmas dinner. The cost of a school meal is £2.95 and the options are Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast.
- Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day: Children may wear Christmas jumpers/clothes to add to the festive spirit.
- Friday 12th December – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime @ The Exchange 1856. Contributions payable via Parent Pay.
 - Monday 15th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
 - Tuesday 16th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Service @ All Saints Church at 9.30am led by Year 3 & Year 4. Year 4 parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Thursday 18th December - Christmas Service @ All Saints Church at 9.30am led by Year 3 & Year 4. Year 3 parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Thursday 18th December – Live Music Concert from Durham Music Service.

Book Swap – Monday 1st December

Come along to our book swap on Monday 1st December from 3.20pm – 3.45pm. Bring gently-loved books from home and trade them for new stories to enjoy. It's a great way to share favourites, discover new reads, and build a love of reading together! If you have any books you no longer want, these can also be donated to school.



Attendance Update for November 2025

3M – 97.8% 5B – 97.3%

3N – 96.4% 5D – 98.2%

4S – 96.6% 6H – 97.4%

4W – 93.7% 6W – 97.8%

Parent Online Safety – Virtual Online Safety Courses

To coincide with Internet Safety Week in February 2026, Durham Learn are putting on three 'Keeping your child safe online' sessions via Microsoft Teams. Durham Learn appreciate that when they run these sessions in person at schools, that some parents are unable to attend for whatever reason. There is a morning, afternoon, and evening session to hopefully capture working parents.

People can sign up by clicking on the link below.

[Keeping Your Child Safe Online - Event Registration – Fill in form](#)

Diary Dates

Friday 5 th December	Raising Awareness of Diabetes Day – Wear Blue
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 12 th December	Whole School to Jack & the Beanstalk @ The Exchange 1856
Monday 15 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December 9.30am	Christmas Service @ All Saints Church (<i>Year 4 parents welcome to attend</i>)
Thursday 18 th December 9.30am	Christmas Service @ All Saints Church (<i>Year 3 parents welcome to attend</i>)
Thursday 18 th December	Live Music Concert from Durham Music Service
Christmas Holiday's commence Monday 22nd December and we re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026	