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Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderfully lively week, with our school building truly ringing with the sound of music! All of our children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the *Dance With Me* sessions, as well as exploring their musical talents through brass lessons. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, confidence and creativity shine through as they perform and learn new skills.

Dance with Me Mornings – A Celebration of Movement and Joy

We were delighted to welcome the School Sports Partnership into school for three fantastic *Dance with Me* mornings. These sessions were a wonderful opportunity for pupils and families to come together, get active, and most importantly—have fun!



It was lovely to see everyone joining in so enthusiastically, dancing side by side to a wide range of music genres. From upbeat pop to energetic rhythms, the hall was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of impressive moves. The positive energy and confidence shown by all involved made these mornings a real highlight of the term.

To round off our dancing experience, we gathered together on Thursday to showcase the routines we had been practising. Each class performed with such pride, and it was fantastic to see the creativity and teamwork on display as we shared our dances with one another.

We hope you've had a chance to enjoy these performances as well—class teachers have hopefully shared the routines with you via Class Dojo so you can celebrate at home too! It's clear that we have many talented dancers in our midst. Who knows—perhaps future stars inspired by greats such as Darcey Bussell or Diversity's Ashley Banjo are already among us! We look forward to seeing how this enthusiasm for dance continues to grow across the school.

A big thank you to the School Sports Partnership for delivering such engaging sessions, and to everyone who took part—you made it something truly special.



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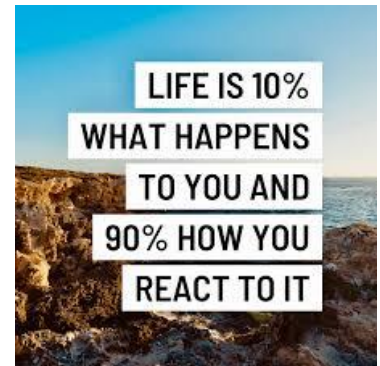
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THE ZONES OF REGULATION™

In school, we have been developing our use of *The Zones of Regulation* to help children understand and manage their emotions, particularly when they are feeling challenged or overwhelmed.



This approach supports children in recognising their feelings and learning strategies to regulate them effectively, promoting emotional wellbeing and positive behaviour.

If you would like to learn more about the Zones of Regulation and how it is used in school, please watch this short information video produced by Newcastle City Council:

https://youtu.be/3u2VKcu1dxo?si=dCSZc_aL2lrOhy5T

Year 6 Visit: Learning About Hate Crime

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 6 pupils welcomed Sophie, our Local Cohesion Officer and PCSO, for an important and thought-provoking session on hate crime.

Sophie shared that, over the past couple of months, there has been a significant increase in hate crime incidents in Seaham. This was a powerful message for our children and really highlighted the importance of understanding, respect and community responsibility.



During the session, the children watched some thought-provoking videos and took part in meaningful discussions. They were incredibly mature, reflective and respectful when sharing their thoughts and opinions.

We finished the session by recognising that tackling hate crime is something we all have a role in. By working together as a community, we can help to ensure that hate crime is reduced and ultimately dissolved in Seaham.

We are very proud of how thoughtfully our Year 6 pupils engaged with such an important topic.



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Morning Drop-Off Reminder

School begins promptly at 8:50am, with gates opening at 8:40am to provide a calm and gradual start to the day for our children.

We kindly ask all families to ensure children arrive **on time**. Recently, we have noticed some children arriving after the gates have closed and expecting staff to return to reopen them. At this time, staff are required to be back in class to begin teaching.

Please note that the gates will be **locked at 8:50am**. If you arrive after this time, you will need to bring your child to the **main office** to sign them in.

Family Service

It was lovely to see so many of our families at today's family service, which was led so confidently by Year 5. Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of how much the children have grown in confidence when speaking and performing in front of a larger audience.

We recognise that presenting can feel challenging for many young people, but with the support and encouragement of our whole school community, they are developing resilience and important coping strategies that will serve them well in the future.

Well done to everyone involved.

Enjoy your half term, however you plan to spend it and we look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Mrs Black

Important dates

Summer 2	
Monday 1st June 2026	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	School Reopens for children
Monday 1st - Friday 12th June 2026	Y4 multiplication check
Monday 8th - 12th June 2026	Y1 Phonics testing
Monday 16th June 2026	Skipping Day – PE kit to be worn
Tuesday 17th June 2026	Skipping Day – PE kit to be worn
Friday 19th June 2026	EYFS Family service assembly 9am
Thursday 25th June 2026	Summer Disco – 4pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Brass Concert – 9.30am



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Friday 3rd July 2026	Move up visit – all classes
Monday 6th July 2026	Sports day
Friday 10th July 2026	Reports sent home
Tuesday 14th July 2026	Whole School Summer Run – PE kit to be worn
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Service 9am
Monday 20th July	School Closed for Staff Training



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