



The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools

Love your Neighbour as yourself so we can all aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best that we can be...

Hope - Honesty - Forgiveness - Friendship - Trust - Love



Summer 2 2026 Newsletter

Message from class teacher

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! It is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. We have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead. Parents are always welcome to get in touch if they have any questions or concerns. Weekly homework will be given on Friday and is due the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will take place on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record.

~Design and Technology~

Children will investigate food traditions from different cultures, develop practical cooking skills and create their own food products. They will evaluate ingredients and finished products whilst learning about nutrition and food preparation.

~Literacy~

This half term, Year 5/6 will be developing their writing through recounts, stories and reflective writing linked to their leavers' service. They will continue to strengthen their grammar, punctuation and vocabulary skills in preparation for transition.

~P.E~

This half term, Year 5/6 will continue to develop their fitness through Skip4Fit sessions. Pupils will challenge themselves to improve their skipping techniques, endurance and coordination whilst promoting healthy lifestyles and enjoying regular physical activity.

~PSHE~

This term, Year 5/6 will develop their financial awareness by exploring topics such as budgeting, borrowing, advertising and keeping money safe. They will also learn basic first aid skills, helping them respond safely and responsibly in emergency situations.

~Commando Joes~

This half term, pupils will follow the adventures of Ibn Battuta, one of history's greatest explorers. Through exciting Commando Joe's missions, children will develop resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills while learning about his incredible journeys across Africa, Asia and Europe.

~Mathematics~

Children will focus on statistics and converting units before consolidating key mathematical concepts. They will apply their understanding through problem-solving activities and develop confidence in using maths across different contexts.

~Science~

This half term, Science will be taught through Forest School, allowing pupils to develop their enquiry skills in a real-world setting. They will plan investigations, carry out fair tests, classify materials and living things, and draw conclusions from their findings.

~Geography~

Pupils will refine their geographical skills through the use of latitude, longitude, compass points and grid references. They will interpret maps, compare different mapping styles and create detailed maps of their local area.

~Music~

This half term, children will explore musical structure through improvisation, composition and performance. They will create accompaniments using chords and perform confidently while developing their understanding of key musical features.

~R.E~

This half term, Year 5/6 will explore the concept of pilgrimage across a range of world faiths. Children will learn about Christian pilgrimages, the Muslim Hajj, Hindu pilgrimage traditions and journeys within Judaism. They will compare the purpose and importance of these sacred journeys, considering how pilgrimage helps believers express faith, deepen commitment and connect with places of spiritual significance in the modern world.

~Computing~

This half term, Year 5/6 will use Scratch to design and create their own interactive quizzes. They will plan questions, use selection and conditions, test their programs and debug errors to make sure their quizzes work successfully.