

NEWSLETTER 19.9.25

Blue 2

Not all of our learning goes on in the classroom in Blue 2! Here we are in the hydro pool last week. For some of us, it was our very first time.

Sessions in the hydro pool allow us to teach our children crucial self-care skills such as dressing and undressing; as well as being an important part of our Physical Development curriculum.

We do enjoy our swimming sessions on a Friday!



Golden Ticket Winners!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PCTA and bought our Wonka Chocolate bars. Well done to all of the lucky people who won Golden Tickets and another massive thank you to the businesses who donated the fabulous prizes!





Durham County Carers are the primary Carer support service in County Durham and Darlington.

They can offer **Parent Carers support to help care for children with additional needs in a number of ways:**

- **DLA Forms:** they have trained volunteers to help complete Disability Living Allowance (DLA) forms.
- **PCNA:** They can complete a Parent Carer Needs Assessment with you and develop a plan together addressing issues raised during the assessment with a view to providing appropriate support and information. Parent Carers have a legal right to this assessment and can request it at any time (please note this assessment is only available for Carers in the Durham area).
- **Team Around the Family:** They may be able to support you at a Team Around the Family meeting.
- **Signposting & pointing you in the right direction:** They can signpost you to the wide range of local, regional and national organisations offering specialist Parent Carer support.
- **Peer Support Groups & Training:** Link you up with peer support groups or training opportunities.



FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER:

Visit <https://dccarers.org/>

Call **0300 0051213**

Enrichment



Thanks to some funding from Point North Community Grants Programme Purple 1 have visited Bright Woods Forest School in Barnard Castle. Here we had the opportunity to develop our physical skills while exploring the forest and learn how to stay safe around the campfire. We practiced our independent skills when putting on and taking off wellies and waterproofs. We also had to be very resilient as the weather was wet and windy.





School holidays 2025/2026 academic year

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens for Teaching Purposes
Autumn Half-Term 2025 (1 week)	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas 2025 (2 weeks)	Friday 19 December 2025	Tuesday 6 January 2026
Spring Half-Term 2026 (1 week)	Friday 20 February 2026	Monday 2 March 2026
Easter 2026 (2 weeks 1 day)	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May Bank Holiday 2026 (1 day)	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer Half-Term 2026 (1 week)	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 20 July 2026	TBA

Inset days: Monday 5th January 2026

Plus 4 Twilights

Dates for Autumn Term:

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 19th September 2025.

Julia Donaldson Week: Monday 29th September - Friday 3rd October 2025.

PCTA Halloween Disco: Tuesday 23rd October 2025.

Break up for half term: Friday 24th October 2025.

