

## Happy Friday!

It was lovely to see some new faces in school this week as we hosted **Nursery Stay and Play** sessions and our **Reception 2025** parent/carer meetings. We're already looking forward to welcoming everyone in the **new year!** Thanks, as ever, to our **Early Years** staff for putting these sessions together. On **Thursday**, we welcomed a new arrival to the **school community**. **Miss Gallon** and her family welcomed **Rosie** to the world at a healthy **6lb 13oz**. Rosie arrived slightly earlier than expected and is absolutely beautiful. Both **Rosie** and **mam** are doing well and we can't wait to meet her! In other news, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, **Mrs Robertson**, will be retiring in the summer after four years at **Beaconhill**. A big thank you from everyone for her hard work during her time with us. It looks like the next couple of days might be a bit of a washout so, whatever you are doing, I hope you all have a lovely weekend! Mr Routledge

## Be School Ready

If you have a child moving from **Nursery** to **Reception**, we thought you might find the **Parentkind** website a useful point of reference. Here is the link to **resources** that you might find interesting: [Be Ready for School](#)

**Parentkind**

We look forward to welcoming all our new Reception starters on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

## Multiplication Tables Check

Well done to our Year Four **children**, **staff** and you all at home for all of the work in preparation for the **Multiplication Tables Check** which took place this week. The children have been so well **prepared** for the **assessment** thanks to their **hard work** and **commitment** towards learning their times tables and using **TTRS**. All children knew exactly what their **strengths** were and which tables they needed to **practise**. A special thank you to **Mr Gray** for his work in **leading** our approach to **times tables**. He is incredibly **thorough** with assessment and **creative** with initiatives and he deserves a huge amount of **credit**. The **final results** will be shared with you all before the end of the **school year**. I am **delighted** and exceptionally proud of **everyone**. Well done!

## Phonics Screening Check

A huge well done to all of our **Year One** children and staff for the completion of the **Phonics Screening Check**. Children have worked hard all year and have made **superb** progress. I am particularly grateful to **Mr Shepherd** for overseeing our phonics curriculum. The **Year One team** have all worked hard to support children with their **phonetic knowledge** and, most importantly, it is great to see these skills applied to independent reading. Your child's **Phonics Screening Check results** will be shared with you before the end of the school year. I am proud of every single one of them for their hard work!



## Kate's Place

A parent has very kindly shared details about a **local community group** which may be of interest to some of you. **Kate's Place**, based in **Blyth**, supports **children** and **young people** who are facing the serious **illness** or **loss** of someone close to them. They offer **monthly sessions** filled with planned **activities**, **games**, **stories** and **conversations** in a **supportive environment**. These take place on **Sundays** from **14:00 - 16:00** and are completely free to attend. All sessions are held at **Blyth Children's Centre**, located at 103 Wright Street, Blyth NE24 1HG. Free refreshments are available for everyone. To sign up or find out more,



contact [admin@katesplace.co.uk](mailto:admin@katesplace.co.uk)

## Battle of the Bands

This week, we've had another amazing **Battle of the Bands** taking place. The energy and enthusiasm from all year groups has been fantastic. Congratulations to **Year Four**, who rocked their way to first place, with **Year Five** close behind in second, **Year Six** in third and **Year Three** in fourth. Across the school, children have answered over **1,000,000** times tables questions correctly during the five battles we have staged this year. This is an absolutely astounding achievement! Well done to all our incredible times tables champions. A tasty treat and an extra playtime is on its way.

## Attendance

This week, **Year Five** recorded the **highest attendance** with an impressive **98.67%**. Year Four and Year One also recorded attendances above our target of **96%** with **Year Three** just behind. As ever, please ensure that your child is in school, **on time, every day!**

**Reception** - 93.10% **Year One** - 96.90% **Year Two** - 94.44% **Year Three** - 95.33% **Year Four** - 97.14%  
**Year Five** - 98.67% **Year Six** - 92.22%

## On the Menu Next Week . . .

Week One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main Course</b>	Salmon Bites  Tuna or Cheese* Wrap  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Homemade Pasta Bolognese  Cheese* and Broccoli Pasta  Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Chicken Curry  Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Beef/Veggie Roast and Yorkshire Pudding  Fishfingers  Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Oven Baked Sausage/Veggie Sausage  Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza  Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)
<b>Potatoes/Pasta/Rice</b>	Oven Baked Mini Waffles	Garlic Bread	Rice, Naan Bread or Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes or Potato Smiles	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
<b>Salad Bar</b>	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
<b>Desserts</b>	Homemade Biscuit (Dairy Free)	Mini Muffin (Contains Milk) with a Glass of Juice	Peaches and Cream (Dairy Free Available)	Fruit Mousse Slice (Contains Milk)	School Pudding of the Day (Dairy Free Available)

\*Dairy Free Cheese Available