

Well done, Year 6!

Well done to our amazing Year 6 children who have been absolute stars this week! They are such a positive, engaged and vibrant group of pupils and their approach to the SATs this week has been outstanding. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them! They have all given 100% effort, a positive attitude and so much determination to do their very best!

Today, Mr Scott and the team will be leading a 'Celebration Day' including waffles for breakfast, sports and dancing, a trip to the cinema this afternoon and the annual favourite... a visit from Tyne Valley Ices – a very well-deserved treat for the children and the staff this week. Have a great weekend everyone!



House Point Totals

Each week, we celebrate our P Point (positive point) total across the school. We include the 'Top 4' pupils in each year group, as well as the overall house totals for Aln, Coquet, Wansbeck and Tweed.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	66,244	1	Vini W	1	Jemima C	1	Hollie W	1	Edward S
Coquet	66,624	2	Beau C	2	Marcus M	2	Charlie P	2	Arthur O
Tweed	66,263	3	Izzy O	3	Jackson L	3	Jessica Do	3	Joanna R
Wansbeck	66,480	4	Matilda H	4	Scott B	4	Jessica T	4	Betti A

Reminders

- With the summer months upon us (despite the current cold temperatures), please could you remind your child that they should have a water bottle with them in school.
- Please encourage your child to be equipped for school with the necessary equipment – half term might be a good opportunity to stock up if needed.
- Uniform should also be checked regularly, please – it's important that high standards are maintained even towards the end of the year – we know that pupils are starting to grow out of things now -please liaise with us as we have stocks available in school to support with this.

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HMS PTFA News

HMS PTFA SUMMER FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

We are very excited to announce the date for this year's [HMS PTFA Summer Fair](#). The PTFA are very busy planning a World Cup themed extravaganza for the whole family to enjoy.

- Saturday 27th June 12-3pm
- Hexham Middle School
- Giant inflatable, raffle, tombola, themed games and stalls, BBQ, refreshments.

If you're able to help plan the summer fair, the PTFA could really use your help! Lots of stalls need themes, decorations, prizes and a bit of preparation support. If you have a creative idea and would like to plan your own stall that would be welcome too! Please get in touch with Amy and Karen by emailing hmsptachair@gmail.com - all support is **HUGELY** appreciated.



- If you can volunteer on the day, please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FAAAC28A6F85-64095724-summer#/>

- **Non-Uniform Day - Friday 22nd May** - please try to send in donations of tombola prizes for the fair.

HMS PTFA Summer UV Discos – sign up now

Our next PTFA Discos – this time with added UV – will take place on Thursday 21st May. The [sign-up form](#) is available here. Please send £3 into the school office for your child's ticket. Please be advised that any UV 'paint' should be applied before arriving at school. Bright or white clothing encouraged!



Library News

Scholastic Book Fair for all pupils: lunchtimes Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st May

We will be welcoming the Pop-Up Scholastic Book Fair to HMS before we break up for half-term. This will be held in HMS Library at lunchtimes on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May. Our fantastic Library Champions will be helping to run the event. For an idea of the prices and sorts of books that will be available to buy, please follow the links here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/ro>

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/ra>



NB: cash payments only please and change would be welcome. Thank you!

HMS Art News

BBCF Competition



Our pupils have been entered into a worldwide competition run by the BBCF called the “Create the Black Card” competition. Miss Taylor has been blown away by this year’s talent and the amazing ideas inspired by the upcoming Toy Story 5 movie. We are all looking forward to hearing the results at the beginning of June! You can see the entries of our pupils [here](#) on our website.

Visiting Artist Workshop

Year 7 were very excited to work with visiting local artist, Yvette Hawkins, last Friday. [The pupils engaged in the session brilliantly and the creativity was great to see.](#) Yvette spoke to the pupils about her career as an artist and her work in bookbinding. During the workshops, pupils were able to create their own ‘Tunnel Book’ and you can see some examples here – what an achievement! Well done, Year 6 and thank you very much to Miss Taylor and Yvette for leading the sessions and to the HMS PTFA for their funding support.



Attendance – Top 3!

This week’s attendance was **95%**. We really value that our pupils and parents have a positive attitude towards school attendance – pupils should be in school every day, ready to learn and to make the most of their school opportunities. We encourage pupils to be resilient to ensure that they don’t miss out on great learning each day – especially as we enter the colder months. Thank you for your support.

1 st form class – 100%	2 nd form class – 99%	3 rd form class – 98%
6-MBE	7-PGA	6-RAL, 6-FHA

National Consultation and Survey

Growing up in the online world: a national consultation

The government is consulting on measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change, and is seeking the views of [parents and carers](#) and [children and young people](#). There is an [online event](#) for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home. The consultation closes on 26 May.

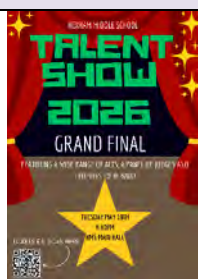
The Big Future - national children and young people’s survey

The Children's Commissioner is asking for all children and young people to complete the new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture). The Commissioner wants to make sure that she hears from as many children and young people as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. She is asking them about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future. More than anything, she wants to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.



We will be promoting this in school but, if your child hasn't yet submitted a response, please ask them to complete the survey via this link: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. The findings will be published next year and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see to the problems that they say are most important to them.

Join us...



HMS Talent Show – Grand Final

The grand final of the HMS Talent Show is on Tuesday 19 May 2026. For tickets see [here](#) on our website – we'd love you to join us. It's always a fantastic evening of variety acts and entertainment. We are very proud of all of the pupils who have reached the grand finals. We hope to see lots of you there to support the finalists on the night. Thank you for your support!

Community News

Positive Behaviour Support workshops

Skills for People run a series of positive behaviour support workshops in Hexham. Next dates are 18th May and 1st June. Sign up required. More information is available [here](#).

Kinship Support Group

The latest Kinship Support Group dates and information are available [here](#) on our website.

Staying Safe Online

Switched on to young people's privacy

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched the [Switched on to privacy](#) campaign. This is designed to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about online privacy. Please do look at the resources and discuss these with your child.

For Parents - Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online. Link - [Find the Right Words](#). (Alan McKenzie – Online Safety specialist).

Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the [Northumberland County Council website](#). To apply, please [complete this form](#) via Northumberland County Council.

School Calendar

Date	Event	Who
Monday 18 May	HINT: Demand Avoidance Parent/Carer Workshop - 4pm	All year groups + Partnership Schools
Tuesday 19 May	Scholastic Book Fair opens – see info above	All year groups
Tuesday 19 May	Year Group Photograph	Year 5 and Year 8
Tuesday 19 May	HMS Talent Show 2026 – Grand Final, 6.30pm	All year groups
Tuesday 19 May	U13 (Y8) boys and girls cricket competition @ Stocksfield	Year 8 (group)
Wednesday 20 May	Year 4 SEND Welcome Evening	Year 4
Wednesday 20 May	Tag rugby festival @ Kingston Park	Year 5 (group)
Thursday 21 May	PTFA UV Discos	All year groups
Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May	Art Gallery Visits – Baltic, Newcastle	All year groups – groups
Friday 22 May	Non-Uniform Day – please try to send in donations for our Summer Fair tombola if possible	All year groups
Friday 22 May	School closes for the half-term break	All year groups
Monday 1 June	School re-opens at 8.40am	All year groups
Monday 1 to Friday 5 June	Spain Trip	Year 7 and Year 8 (group)

Saturday 27 June

Save the date – HMS PTFA SUMMER FAIR, 12-3pm

All welcome!

Have a lovely weekend everyone - thank you for your continued support.

Mr Watters

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Mackenzie

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Scott, Mr Rutherford-Orrrock, Miss Lamont and Miss Bell

Heads of Key Stage: Miss Bell (Y5), Mr Scott (Y6 and Y7), Miss
Lamont (Y8)

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Morgan, Mr Rutherford-Orrrock and
Miss Poxton

Academic Support Coordinator: Mrs Toor

Pupil Support Workers: Ms Thompson and Mrs Richards

Attendance Officer: Miss Parradine

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email (admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk).