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1st November 2025

Dear Parents & carers,

Staffing update

Ms Brown is joining us as Office Manager from 3rd November to replace Mrs Gillott. Please bear with us as she learns her new role and gets used to our systems and procedures.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service

Our poppy appeal will begin this week to support the Royal British Legion. Poppy merchandise is available from the school office for a donation of £1.00 until Tuesday 11th November. All of the children have been involved in creating poppy wreaths which will be displayed at the war memorial in the square in Swarland. Our whole school will represent the school and attend the Swarland memorial service on Tuesday 11th November in the village square. They will lay their class wreaths at this event. Please note permission is not required for this trip as it is a local event.

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November, we will be raising money for Children In Need. Children may come to school in something spotty or wear Pudsey garments, or their own clothes for a small donation. We will have Pudsey items to purchase for £1.00 such as pens, wristbands and pin badges from the school office from Monday 10th November.

Anti-Bullying Week

The week commencing the 10th November is national Anti-Bullying Week. Classes will be addressing strategies to prevent bullying and promote healthy relationships and celebrating differences and uniqueness.

Home School Association

The Home School Association kindly request donations for our Christmas Fair raffle and tombola please. Bottles, toiletries, sweets, gifts etc can be dropped off at school. The Christmas Fair will take place at Longframlington Village Hall on Saturday 29th November from 10:00 - 12:00pm.





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E-Safety Links

Please see the links below to help parents support their children using social media:

Discord app settings - [HERE](#).

TikTok parental controls - [HERE](#).

Snapchat parental controls - [HERE](#).

Instagram parental controls - [HERE](#).

Pinterest privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).

FaceTime privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).

WhatsApp privacy guide - [HERE](#).

Online Safety at Home workshop

We are offering a workshop for parents about online safety for children via Zoom.

The session will last around 40-45 minutes and aims to explain:

- What children get up to online at different ages
- The four Cs - helping us to assess and identify key risks
- Actions parents can take to help keep their children safe online
- Where they can go for further information and support

The first workshop is on Wednesday 26th November at 3:45pm. There will be further workshops on 10th February and 16th June and we will share these links nearer the time.

Road Safety

Please could we remind all parents about safe driving and parking. In particular being mindful of children going to/from school on bikes and ensuring that they have plenty of space if you are overtaking. There have been a number of incidents lately where inconsiderate driving has caused potentially serious accidents, including a child being knocked off their bike. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Louise Fletcher

Headteacher





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Dates for Diary

1st November - portal opens for Reception school places for September 2026

3rd November - back to school after half-term

3rd November - Poppies available to buy in school

w/c 10th November - Anti-Bullying week

10th November - Children in Need merchandise available to buy in school

11th November - Remembrance Service in Swarland Village square 11:00am

14th November - Children in Need non-uniform day

18th November - Reception class vision screening check

26th November - Parent's online safety at home workshop (online via Zoom link)

29th November - Christmas Fair @ Longframlington Memorial Hall

1st December - Sharing Learning session 2:45pm (this is an opportunity for you to look through your child's school books with them and see what they have been working on)





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Christmas Dates

15th December - Christmas performance 1:30pm for KS2 parents

16th December - Christmas performance 9:30am for KS1 parents

17th December - Christmas Lunch

18th December - Pantomime trip to Alnwick Playhouse

19th December - Christmas party / Christmas movie

