



# Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

## @ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 19**

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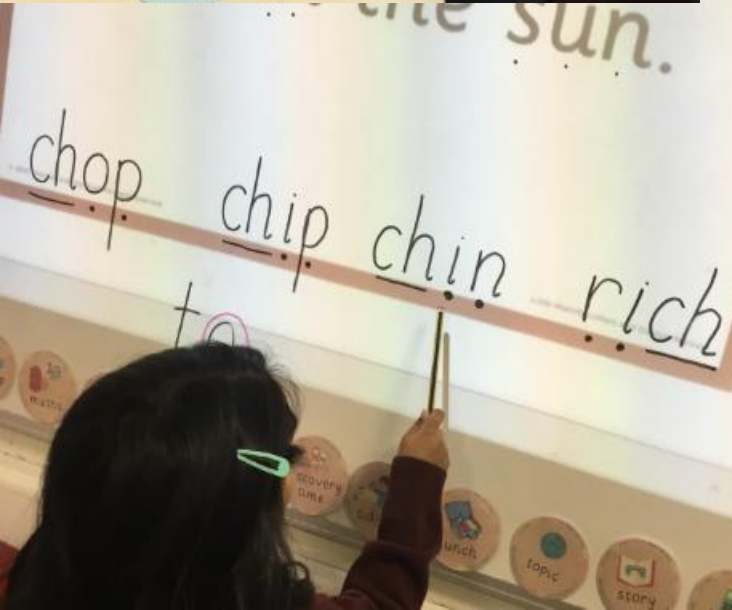
# Goodbye January



...and welcome February! It's hard to believe that this weekend sees us enter the second month of the year and that by the middle of next week we will be half-way through the school year! It has continued to be a busy time at Ravensworth Terrace Primary School and preparations are well underway for our Valentine's day celebration in school. A reminder that wristbands for the event are still on sale at £2.50 per child via School Comms and you can contact the school office for any more information should you need it.

# Reception

We have had another wonderful week in Reception. The children have been very excited to learn lots of new digraphs (*a pair of letters which represent a single sound*). We have been applying them to our reading and our writing through focused tasks and discovery time. We are so impressed with how the children's reading is progressing. Thank you for supporting them with this at home.



# Year 1

In English, Year 1 have been reading the book 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French. We have been exploring non-fiction texts and have begun to plan a non-chronological report about worms. We have enjoyed learning some note taking skills and how to research.

Where do earthworms live?



- soil ✓
- worms like rain ✓
- worms live in wet places ✓
- worms make tunnels to live in ✓
- worms live in all continents ✓  
but Antarctica ✓

# Meet the staff

Hello! My name is Mrs Mitchinson, and I am one of the Year 2 teachers, as well as leading the School Council, EAL and Young Interpreters. I have been working at Ravensworth for 15 years and prior to this I taught at a service school in Germany for 3 years. When I'm not at school, I love spending time with my family: husband Neil and daughters Ava (17) and Mya (15), all of whom attended Ravensworth. I love the outdoors and get out on my bike or paddle board whenever I can. I also enjoy keeping fit by running or doing a hot pod yoga or barre class. Other interests include reading, cinema trips, travelling and watching a beautiful sunrise or sunset!



# Year 2

As part of our Art unit 'Poses and Portraits', we chose our favourite Tudor monarch portrait to draw. We looked carefully at the pose, posture, objects and backgrounds in the painting. We then used our colour mixing skills to paint our portraits.



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# Year 3 News

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been exploring Prehistoric Pots. They began by observing a range of pots and creating detailed drawings, focusing on patterns from the New Stone Age to the Early Bronze Age. The children then designed and made their own prehistoric-inspired pots using clay, learning pinch pot and coil techniques and how to join them with slip. Finally, they added Stone Age-style designs using clay tools. The finished pots show fantastic creativity and a strong understanding of prehistoric design. We are proud of their hard work.



# Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Kindness is more than just being polite - it's about caring for others, showing empathy, and making positive choices. For children in primary school, learning to be kind is essential for their emotional development and social success. This is important as it:

- Builds strong relationships
- Encourages empathy
- Creates a positive learning environment
- Boosts confidence and wellbeing
- Prepares them for life beyond school

*High Aspirations*  
Aim high



*Always ready*  
Step by step



*Growing confident*  
High standards

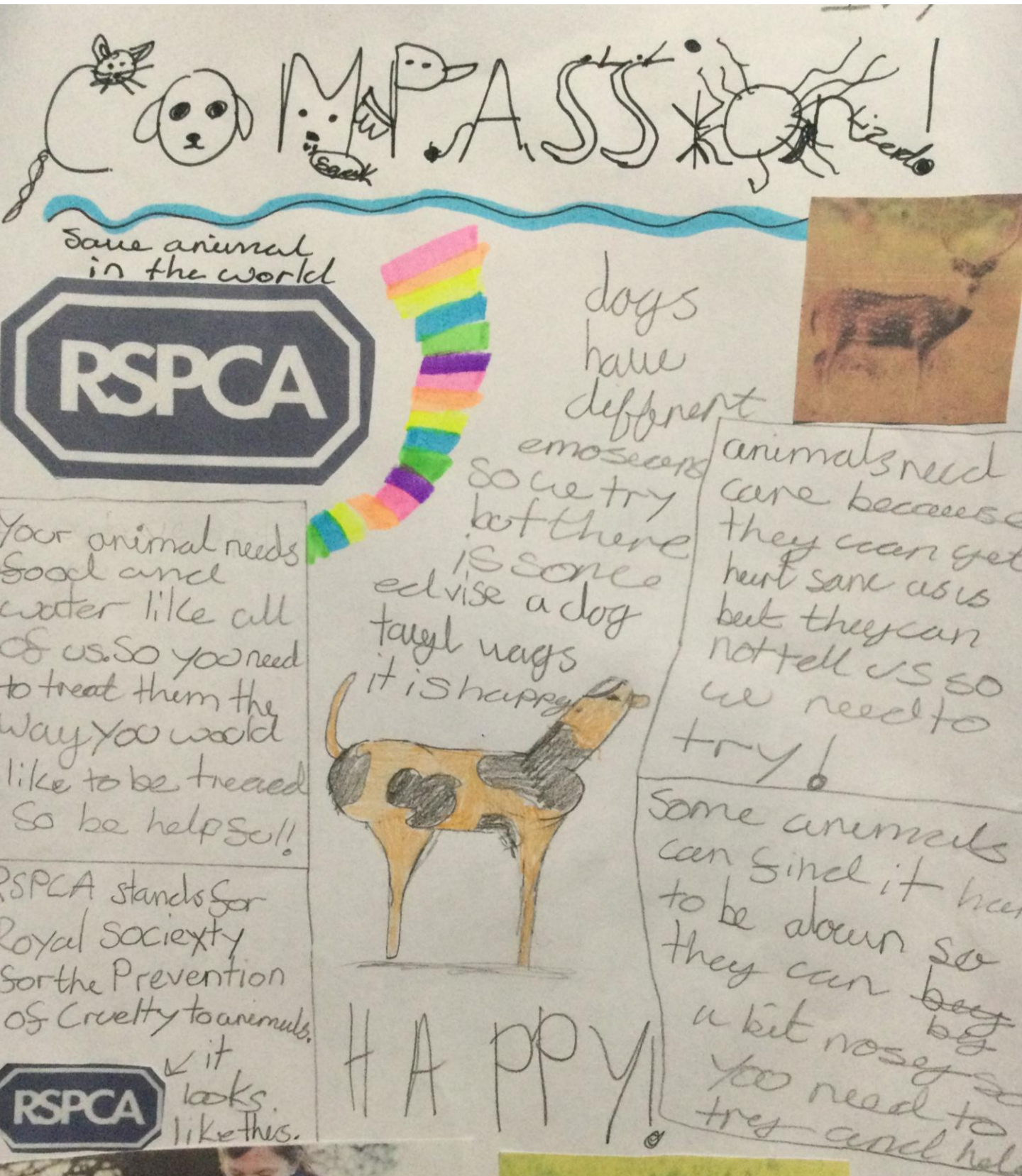


*Do our best*  
Lots of success



# Year 4

In PSHE, we have been looking at being compassionate and how to show compassion towards animals. We discussed the 5 key areas that animals need to live happy, healthy lives. We then created colourful, informative posters to demonstrate what we had learnt.



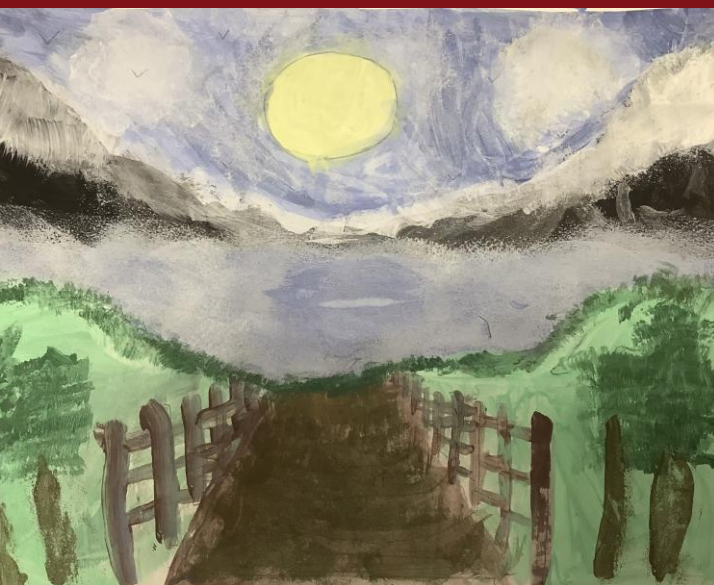
# Netball

On Thursday, there was a Netball event where a range of children went and represented our school. All of the children made us proud! They showed resilience, teamwork and kindness to each other and really enjoyed playing netball. Well done to everyone who went! A special shout out to Theo and Jacob who helped the younger years feel included and helped Mrs Scott.



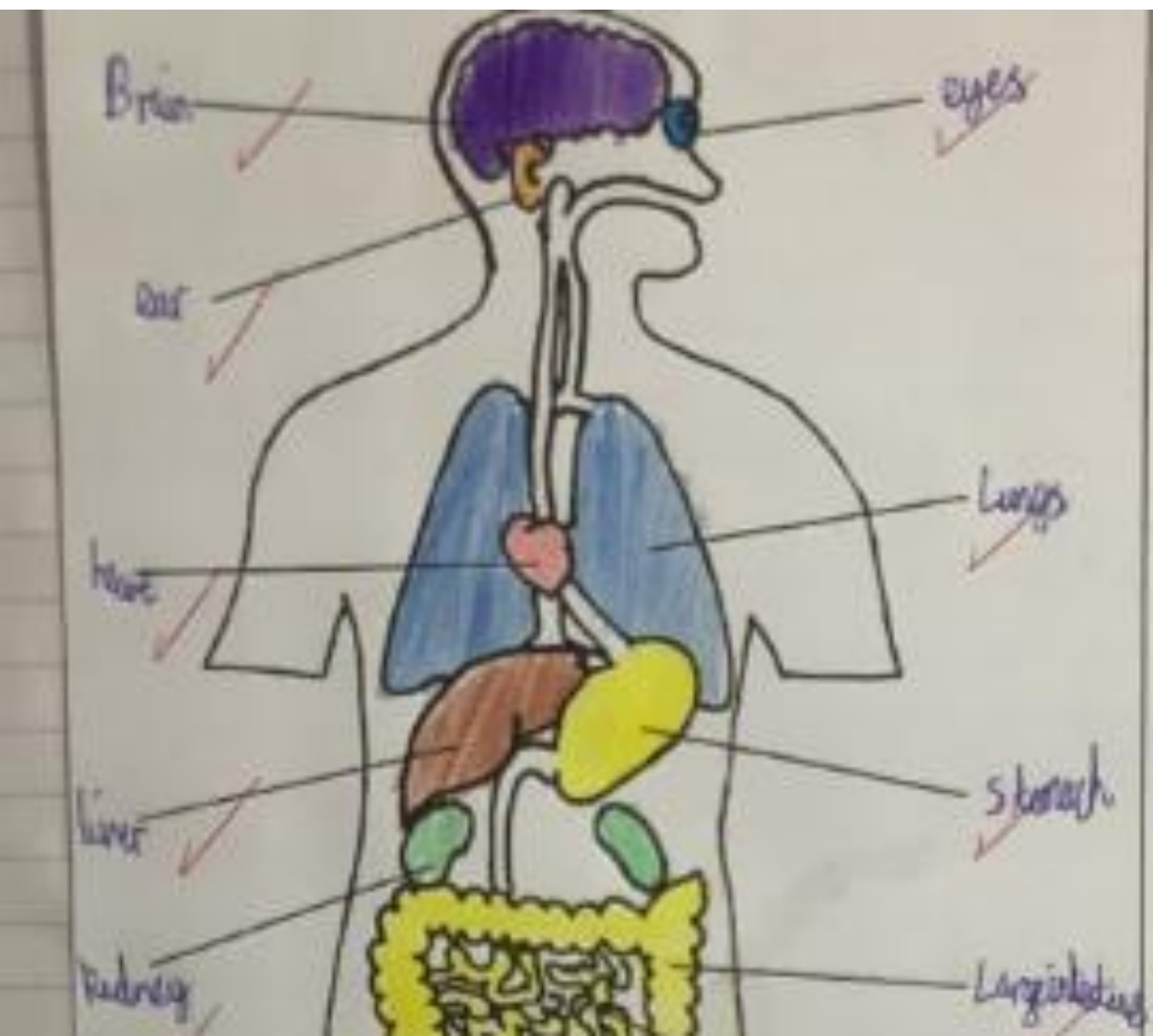
# Year 5

We promised to share some examples of the final artwork from our recent art unit, and we're so excited to show you what the children in Year 5 have created. Their final pieces bring together everything they've been learning, from perspective and landscape composition to colour mixing using tints, tones and shades. We've absolutely loved seeing their creativity shine - the imagination, effort and pride in their work has been wonderful to see!



# Year 6

This week, Year 6 have started their new Science unit, Animals, Including Humans. Throughout this unit, pupils will learn about the functions of the major organs in the human body and how they work together to keep us healthy. They will investigate pulse rates and carry out practical activities to explore how exercise and rest affect the body. As the unit progresses, children will also deepen their understanding of healthy lifestyles.



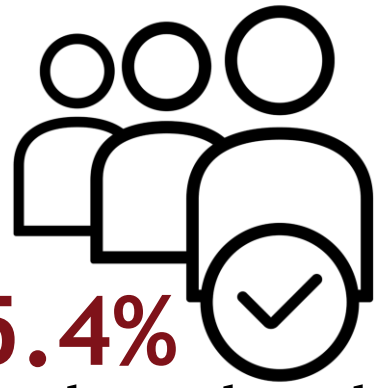
# Tidiest Class



Y6 monitors inspect the school and identify the tidiest class. This is announced in Monday's assembly with the winning class getting a trophy to look after for the week. This week it has been Reception for both Miss Phazey's and Miss Dorner's Reception classes. Well done to them both!



# Attendance



**95.4%**  
Whole school

<b>Rec A</b>	<b>Miss Dorner</b>	<b>96.1</b>
<b>Rec B</b>	<b>Miss Phazey</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>1A</b>	<b>Mrs Johnson</b>	<b>93.8</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mrs Linsley</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Mrs Clelland &amp; Mrs Kirk</b>	<b>94.8</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchinson</b>	<b>95.4</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Ms Attwood &amp; Miss Stafford</b>	<b>96.7</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mrs Beard</b>	<b>96.1</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>	<b>96.1</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>Mrs Kane &amp; Mrs Clewes</b>	<b>94.2</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Mrs Grieves &amp; Miss Shepherdson</b>	<b>94.7</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>Mr Catton</b>	<b>95.1</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Miss Iredale</b>	<b>96.4</b>

**Ready** | **Respectful** | **Safe**

# House Points

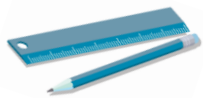


Millennium  
Bridge

18055



16343



Queen  
Elizabeth II

17119



Swing Bridge

13900



Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more about our reward systems

CLICK HERE



# Week 20 is next



## PE



Mon	Y2
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y1 & Y5



## Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

**Mon**

Artventurers & Gymnastics

**Tue**

Forest School & Football

**Wed**

Multisport & Artventurers

**Thu**

Forest School & Football



## Clubs

**School menu**

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

**WEEK 2**

Click on Week 2 for next week's menu

# Coming soon at RTPS



**Ravensworth** Key Dates  
Terrace Primary School



*Keeping families informed*

A copy of 'Dates for Families' was sent home today; ideal for sticking on the fridge. Click on the image above for a digital version if you're out and about.



## Y4 Sportshall Athletics

@ Lord Lawson  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

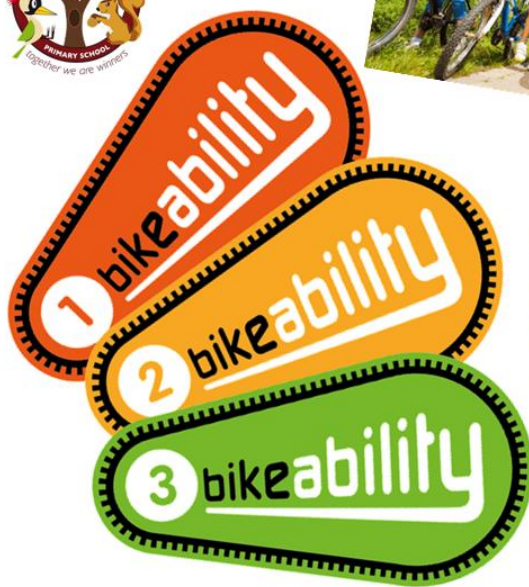


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# Y5



Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri  
Helping us to stay

**R Ready**

**R Respectful**

**S Safe** together!



**Y1 Visit Newcastle's Centre For Life**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026*

**#RTPSLearningTogether**



**Mini-Hockey**

# Year Five & Six

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**for a selected team**

# Swimming Gala

@ Dunston Leisure Centre  
for a selected team  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## Y3 Football

@ Lord Lawson of Beamish

19th February  
2026



## Girls' Football

for a selected Y2 team

Tournament @ Gateshead Stadium