

Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by wishing everyone all the very best for a happy, healthy and successful 2026. I hope that all our children have had a fun-filled and enjoyable Christmas break and are looking forward to telling us all about their festive holiday.



It is only right that I start this newsletter, by thanking everyone for their support last month. I was absent at the end of last term, as both my mam and dad tragically passed away - eight days apart. After over sixty years of marriage, it brings me comfort to know my parents had a funeral together and are now together for all eternity. The support I have received from everyone connected to the school has been overwhelming and has meant a lot to me and my family. Thank you.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?

Monday 1st December 2025: A HUGE thank you to everyone for supporting the charity 'Danny's Legacy' by allowing your children to wear black and white and bring in a monetary contribution on this day. The charity reinforced the message 'Let's Talk Together', stressing the importance of telling an adult if you have a worry or concern. The charity announced the news that we are going to receive a SECOND buddy bench for Early Years and Key Stage 1. Thanks to your help we raised an amazing £232.50 for Danny's Legacy.

Monday 1st December 2025: Thank you to our friends at St. Luke's Church, they welcomed Year 4 to the church and helped our children create traditional Christian wreaths.

Monday 1st December 2025: Well done to our festive superstars for entertaining their audience during 'Snappy Christmas' at Mill House Leisure Centre. Thank you to our music lead, Mrs. Masshedar for organising this event.



Monday 1st December 2025: The image below shows representatives of RotaKids receiving a cheque for **£458.10** for their sale of raffle tickets. Well done. The money will be used to implement a new reward scheme in school.



Monday 1st December 2025: We are delighted to announce that we are once again the school who raised the most money for the poppy appeal. We raised a new record amount namely **£1286.53**. We also won the most money per pupil award namely **£3.18** per pupil. Thank you to everyone for your outstanding support. A stunning achievement.

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 and Thursday 4th December 2025: A huge well done to all our ex-throsties who performed in the High Tunstall production of 'Annie the Musical'. It was lovely to see so many ex-throsties carrying on their love for performing. You were all fantastic.



Thursday 4th December 2025: During the Tees Valley Dodgeball Championships, our amazing Dodgeball Team won the Sportsmanship Award for displaying and following the Dodgeball Code. We are so proud of you all. Thank you to Mr. Millward for his time and Dodgeball coaching skills.

Tuesday 9th December 2025: Well done to all the children who represented Throston Primary at the Panathlon Challenge Competition in Stockton-on-Tees.

Tuesday 9th December 2025: Throstie Tots had a special visitor at their party on this day. Thank you to all who attended and the staff and volunteers for a wonderful party.



Wednesday 10th December 2025: Our Christmas Jumper Day 2025.



Wednesday 10th December 2025: Thank you to everyone who supported our Reindeer Dash. The children had a lovely time galloping round the playground and we raised £574.00 for the Alice House Hospice. Thank you to Mrs. Martin for organising this event.



Wednesday 10th December 2025: Thank you very much to our amazing cook and the whole catering team, along with our dedicated lunchtime supervisors who made it a very special Christmas lunchtime on this day. Everything tasted wonderful and the desserts were a triumph of creativity.

Wednesday 10th December 2025: Another big thank you to everyone who supported our 'My Money Week' by purchasing items at our special Christmas Fayre. In total £1503.58 was raised. The overall champions were Year 2 as they made the most profit. A final BIG thank you to Mrs. Ord for organising the event and all the children for their amazing creativity.



Year	Product	Game	Profit
Nursery	Wooden baubles with picture	Throwing balls into cups	£187.50
Reception	Beaded wreaths	Lucky dip candy cane	£119.40
Year 1	Jar decorations	Pin the tail on Rudolph	£110.50
Year 2	Reindeer faces/snowman melts	Rolling target game	£202.62
Year 3	Wood and pebble decorations	Antler toss	£110.31
Year 4	Cork snowmen and Christmas baubles	Pick up a penguin and lucky dip	£90.20
Year 5	Wooden disc baubles	Tin can alley	£157.00
Year 6	Wooden personalised baubles	How many snowballs in the jar?	£153.05
PTA	Tombola		£171.00
PTA	Santa		£142.00
Mrs. Codner	Christmas Stall		£60.00



MY MONEY WEEK WINNERS - ROLL OF HONOUR

2025 Christmas Winner: Year 2 (Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Martin). Product: Reindeer faces and snowman melts with a profit of £202.62.

2024 Christmas 'Frozen' Winner: Year 5 (Miss. Moody and Miss. Younghusband). Product: Pinecone Sven/Olaf and Carrot Tin Alley with a profit of £215.00.

2024 Winner: Nursery (Mrs. Davies). Product: Photo Frames with a profit of £299.70.

2023: No winner due to the Coronation of Charles III and charity events.

2022 Winner: Nursery (Mrs. Oldfield). Product: Jubilee Slime with a profit of £116.00.

2020 and 2021: No winner due to COVID-19.

2019 Winner: Class 8, Year 3 (Mrs. Fleetham-Reid). Product: Snowman Flannels with a profit of £88.60.

2018 Winner: Class, Year 3 (Mrs. Fleetham-Reid). Product: Snow globes and tea light holders with a profit of £86.00.

2017 Winner: Year 6 (Mr. Molyneux, Mrs. Ord, and Mrs. Samuel). Product: World War II related items such as airplanes, candles, and paperweights with a profit of £154.35.

2016 Winner: Year 6 (Mrs. Ord, Mrs. Robins, and Mrs. Samuel). Product: Wristbands with a profit of £147.48.

2015 Winner: Class 12, Year 5 (Mrs. J. Bell). Product: Feed the Baby Ghost with a profit of £138.06.

2014 Winner: Class 10, Year 4 (Mrs. Mudgway). Product: Greek Tombola with a profit of £148.50.

2013 Winner: Class 12, Year 5 (Mrs. Mincher). Product: Airplanes and Marbles with a profit of £113.40.

2012 Winner: Class 10, Year 4 (Mrs. Moor). Product: Pyramids with a profit of £75.00.

2011 Winner: Class 7, Year 3 (Mrs. Robins). Product: Friendship Bands with a profit of £74.50.

2010 Winner: Class 9, Year 4 (Mrs. Fleetham-Reid). Product: Ice Lollies and Jelly with a Profit of £213.55.

Monday 15th December 2025 to Thursday 18th December 2025: Well done to every child that took to the stage to put on a fabulous Christmas performance.

Tuesday 16th December 2025: Year 3 spread festive cheer to the residents at Lynton Court via their singing.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Year 4 spread festive cheer to the residents at Merlin Manor via their singing.



Wednesday 17th December 2025: Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Year 6 spread festive cheer to everyone at Hartlepool Hospital via their singing.



Thursday 18th December 2025: Year 5 spread festive cheer to the residents at Hartfields via their singing.

Thursday 18th December 2025: Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Phoenix Room Stay and Play 2025'.



MORE CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION

- Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Christmas Swap Shop, it really helped our Christmas raffle.
- Thank you to our superstar Henry Winwood and former superstar pupil Alexis Winwood who collected 106 selection boxes and 56 tubes of sweets for the Newcastle RVI Children's Cancer Ward.
- Thank you very much to everyone who supported our Christmas Disco on Monday 8th December 2025, especially our PTA and the staff who made it all possible. We raised more than **£800**.



WELL DONE

Congratulations to Dragon House, who had the most weekly wins last term. A weekly win is a week where a house accumulates more Dojo points than any other house.

Autumn 2025 House Wins: Dragon: 8, Sphinx: 5, Griffin: 1 and Pegasus: 0.

NEW FACE

A very special welcome to Julie Pell. Julie joins our team of lunchtime supervisors. Julie has replaced Mrs. Denise Hill. Thank you Mrs. Hill for all that you have done, you will be greatly missed.

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 to Year 6 will soon receive a summary of assessment outcomes from last term.

Thursday 8th January 2026: Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers (3.30pm to 4.30pm).

KEEP SAFE ONLINE

Dear Parents and carers, please can we encourage you to check your child's phone/tablet etc. regularly to help ensure they remain safe online and are not exposed to anything unsuitable. As a school we strongly recommend children DO NOT access social media sites that are designed for teenagers and adults.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Social Media Site	Age Limit
Facebook and Messenger	Users must be at least 13 years old
Instagram	Users must be at least 13 years old
Snapchat	Users must be at least 13 years old
TikTok	Users must be at least 13 years old
Twitter (x)	Users must be at least 13 years old
WhatsApp	Users must be at least 13 years old

Thursday 15th January 2026: Deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2026.

Friday 27th March 2026: Sea Shanty Day 2026.


Thursday 16th April 2026: National Primary Offer Day 2026.

YOUR COMMENTS

If you have any comments on this newsletter or any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.


Kindest regards, Mr. Atkinson, Head Teacher.






School Nurse Drop In


EXAM WORRIES



MENTAL/EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



SOCIAL MEDIA


Your School Nurses are
Rebecca Smith and Mardia Ali

We will be holding drop-in sessions in school on:


Wednesday 8th October 2025
 Wednesday 21st January 2026
 Wednesday 25th March 2026
 Wednesday 13th May 2026

All 08:45-09:45am
 Please come and see us.


BULLYING



HEADLICE




DENTAL HYGIENE




BEHAVIOUR


TOILETING




PUBERTY / BODY CHANGES



LGBTQ





HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

1 HART, 1 MIND, 1 FUTURE COFFEE MORNING

Parent Carer drop-in coffee mornings 10.30am–11.30am

Monday 6th Oct 2025
 Monday 3rd Nov 2025
 Monday 1st Dec 2025
 Monday 12th Jan 2026

Our parent carer forum will be holding drop-in information mornings at
 Throston Primary School.

This is part of the PINs – Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools – Project.

NO DIAGNOSIS IS NEEDED







CODE OF CONDUCT

Below you can view our new parent and carer 'Code of Conduct.' Thank you in advance in helping to abide by the code. Please remember if you have an issue to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Support and reflect the school's rules and Throstie values through your behaviour.

1

Promote the health and safety of our school community

For example, by not smoking or vaping on school grounds, making sure your child doesn't ride a scooter or bike on school grounds, helping to keep school clean and safe.

2

Set a good example

Through modelling how to behave with staff, pupils and other adults.

3

Work with us

Work together with staff members for the benefit of your child and to resolve any issues of concern by making an appointment to discuss any concerns.

4

Communicate respectfully at all times

Use ClassDojo, social media and the school telephone (including the school answering machine) appropriately.

5



Pre-loved school uniform



We have a small selection of pre-loved school uniform available to help our families and care for the planet. Please ask at the office if you would like to come and see what we have.

**If you have any clean uniform in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the office.
Thank you very much.**

