



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the festive season, the school has been buzzing with activity! (as always). We've had a fantastic few weeks filled with some key meaningful events that reflect our commitment to raising awareness and living out our CHAMPS values.

Anti-Bullying Week and **Unicef RRSA Day** were highlights, offering important opportunities for children to learn more about choices, honesty, respect, kindness, and their rights and responsibilities. These events not only enrich our curriculum but also reinforce the positive culture we strive to foster every day both in and out of school.

As we head toward the Christmas break, we're mindful that this time of year brings excitement, but can also feel overwhelming for some children and adults. As always, we aim to keep our activities manageable and balanced, ensuring everyone enjoys the season, while maintaining well-being. We do not try to compete with West End productions...however, our children help create even better memories for us!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the first **Federation Friday of the term** — it was a great success! Take a look at some of the Facebook photos.

Finally, please see the Dates for Your Diary section to see what we have coming up over the Spring Term. As always, these dates are subject to change/cancellation, so do look out for updates from the Admin Team as we go along.

Warm wishes,

Miss Thornber and Team



Our CHAMPS value this half-term is

HONESTY



Our Vision

At Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation, we will all approach everything we do in the **CHAMPS** way, helping every child flourish into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a love of learning and:

- **C**hooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **H**onest in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **A**chieves the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **M**anners to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **P**erseveres when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **S**afe on and offline, ensuring that everyone is kept physically and emotionally safe.

This shows the special relationship we have with each other, where as a community, we look after each other, keeping each other safe – **Koinonia**.

Monthly Attendance Summary

Jade Class - 99.81%

Amethyst Class - 95.32%

Obsidian Class - 94.07%

Whole School - 95.79%

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**EVERYONE MUST
KNOW CHILDREN'S
RIGHTS**

Article of the Month – Article 42

Knowledge of our Rights – linked to World Children's Day.

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. It takes place each year on the 20th November, the date when world leaders adopted the Convention in 1989.

Jade Class Monthly News

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Jade class has been extremely busy over this half term.

English: We have been looking at the story of 'Iris and Isaac' and are in the middle of writing our own books based on this story.

Reception have also started reading books in and outside of school, which is a fantastic achievement!

Maths: Jade class has been busy learning about 2D and 3D shapes and Reception went on lots of shape hunts to see what they could find inside and outside the classroom!

Year 1 are also mastering their addition and subtraction within 20 by using number bonds (feel free to test these skills at home!!) Reception have started looking at number bonds to 5 and I am very impressed with what they have achieved so far 😊

In PHSE we have been looking at healthy eating and how to look after ourselves as well as our teeth. The children loved to share their daily routines on how they get themselves ready in the morning and brush their teeth.

Geography has been exciting for us all as we looked at how our natural world is so wonderful! We have looked at the continents and oceans, as well as our local area.



Amethyst Class Monthly News

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Amethyst Class have had a very busy half term.

In English we have been learning to write to inform. We have written leaflets about what schools were like in the past (recapping our History knowledge).

We have also written a set of instructions for someone to follow. We had to bake buns to make sure the instructions made sense! The buns looked and tasted great, so the instructions worked.



In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have used pictures and concrete objects to support this. We are getting really good at our times tables. In Year 2 we are learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 3 we are learning our 3 and 4 times tables.



Obsidian Class Monthly News

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What an amazing couple of months Obsidian have had!

In English, we have focused on non-fiction texts, including Instructions and Explanation texts. We wrote instructions on how to create a memory box and then also, how to create our favourite recipes! We applied our knowledge of imperatives, time conjunctions and parenthesis. We then continued by writing detailed explanations of how the digestive system and circulatory system works.

In maths, we have focused on the strategies for column addition and subtraction. We have mastered the formal method for adding up to 7 digit numbers. We then applied this to problem solving including, perimeter.

In Geography, Year 5 and 6 have been learning all about population. We have studied how population has changed over time, looking at countries with population growth and population decline. We have used maps, graphs and census data to support our learning of human geography.

Year 3 and 4 have been answering the big question, why are rainforests important? We have look at the features of rainforests, including the 4 layers. We have used apps to locate rainforest and studied the impact of deforestation and what the consequences could be.

We also have lots of wonderful Christmas activities happening. The children were fabulous representatives at the Christmas Fair, showing their entrepreneurialism. Well done to all the children who made the stalls.



Pupil Leadership Team News



Online Leaders

The Online Leaders have been promoting online safety to everyone and letting people know what to do if they see something online that upsets them. We have also been busy making sure that the laptops and equipment are looked after.



Sports Leaders

The Sports Leaders have been incredibly busy this term, developing Game of the Week. Every playtime, the children have taught and led, a different game or sport, including hockey, basketball, infinity tig, and treasure, with the purpose of getting children of all ages playing together. The feedback from the children is that playtimes feel safer and more inclusive.



Happiness & Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing and Happiness Team met to make their plan for the year. This year they would like to have a happiness bench where children can go when they are sad. The Team will then be available to help cheer them up, or get them some help from an adult.



Rights Respecting Team

We have been doing a lot of work throughout school about knowing the difference between wants and needs. We also promoted the rights of the child on November 20th – International Children's Day – when the convention on the Rights of the Child was 35 years old.

Attendance News

Term time holiday absences

The cost of a holiday and tickets has increased significantly over recent years. Whilst we appreciate that this is one of the main reasons parents take their children out of school for term time holidays, there are some things we would like you to consider:

Impact on performance and mental health:

Absences from school cause gaps in children's knowledge and understanding. As children progress through school they build on their existing knowledge, however children who have gaps struggle to grasp next steps. As well as the negative impact this has on progress, this can also cause children to lack confidence and suffer from low self-esteem.

Penalty Notice

One week of term time holiday amounts to ten unauthorised sessions. This means that school has to notify the local authority for them to issue a penalty notice or fine.

School Attendance this year

Attendance is tracked by the government and this is compared to our school attendance data. Currently Glasshouses School attendance is above the expected standard.



We swapped our shoes for wellies to show our support for the farming community's protest



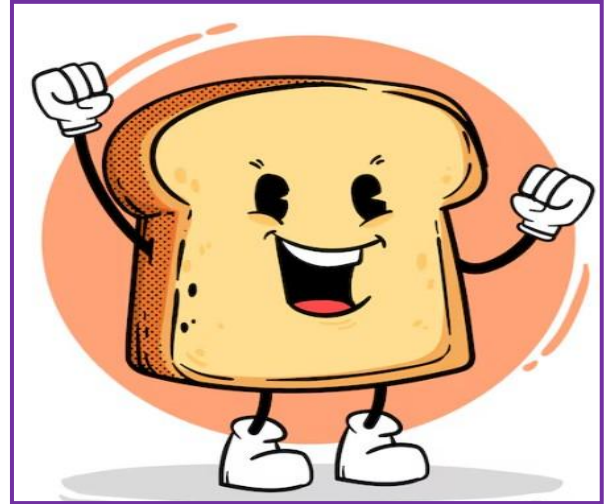


Community Give Back

Thank you to Toft Gate for agreeing to supply our bread for another year. School wouldn't be the same now without the homely smell of toast on a morning. We are proud that every child can start the day with food in their tummies.

At half-term we were able to provide all our families who are entitled to free school meals with a voucher for food again. This is thanks to a donation from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. We hope that none of our families have to go hungry, but there is support available if needed. Please message Mrs Fearnley, in confidence, on familysupportworker@uppernidderdale.d.school if you need any help.

We know that Christmas is a time for giving but we are also aware that this time of year can be financially stressful. As per our policy, we ask that you don't buy teacher gifts so that no one feels that they have to put themselves under pressure to keep up with others. For those that like to give, a lovely hand-written note means so much to us.





ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE / CANCELLATION

SPRING TERM (6 January – 4 April 2025)	
1ST HALF TERM – 6 weeks (6 Jan – 14 Feb)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
6 January	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
7 January	School starts – all children
15 January	8:15-8:45am Parent Breakfast with the children
27 January	Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena (KS2 children)
3-7 February	Children's Mental Health Week
11 February	Safer Internet Day
14 February	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2ND HALF TERM – 6 weeks (24 Feb – 4 Apr)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4
24 February	School starts – all children
6 March	World Book Day
7-16 March	British Science Week
11 March	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
14 March	Federation Friday
15 March (Saturday)	10am-4pm Working Bee – all volunteers welcome!
24-27 March	Scholastic Book Fair
1-3 April	Reception Parents – Learning Journey Updates 10-minute appointments available each day: 8:15/8:25/8:35am or 3:45/3:55/4:05pm
3 April	1:45-2:45pm Federation Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church
4 April	10am Easter Bunny Trail (weather permitting)
4 April	2:30pm School Closes for Easter

NOTICEBOARD



Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation Nursery



Based at St Cuthbert's Primary, Pateley Bridge

We welcome children from the age of three and we are an Early Entitlement registered setting (15-30 hours funding depending on your circumstances). For more information, ring the office at St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

Save the Date!

Our next

Working Bee Day is
Saturday 15th March.

Come along and help
spruce up our school 😊

#nidderdalecommunitygiveback

Spring Term Parent Breakfast

15 January 2025

8:15 – 8:45am

Please let the office know by midday on Friday 10th January
if you are able to join us. We hope to see you there!