

## North Park Primary School Weekly bulletin: 03.10.25



## **YEAR 6 PARENTS – Application for a Secondary School Place 2026**

As you will be aware, your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year. **The application process is open and closes on 31**<sup>st</sup> **October 2025**. Please apply on-line at <a href="www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a> When you apply online you will receive an acknowledgement and you will receive an email on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 containing a link to obtain your offer of a school place.

As the weather turns colder, we kindly remind all children to bring a coat to school every day. Whether it's a chilly morning or a sudden shower, having a coat helps keep everyone warm, dry, and ready to enjoy outdoor play and learning.

**Harvest:** We are collecting **non-perishable food** (see list below) so please send food items in with your child if you would like to donate. This harvest we are supporting Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre's 'Community Pantry' who provide families with cheap food, toiletries and cleaning products as well as free food emergency help if families need it.

A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES: Breakfast cereals – Soup – Pasta, Rice – Pasta sauce – Tinned bean, Tinned meat – Tinned vegetables – Tinned fruit, Tea or coffee – Sugar – Biscuits, Snacks.

We have already had a number of donations so thank you for this.



Dates for your diary: new dates highlighted each week		
Date:	Event:	Who is involved:
Thursday 16th Oct	Raby Castle Visit	Y2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	KS1 Halloween Disco	Reception, Y1, Y2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10:30am Y1 Harvest Festival in school	Y1 parents/carers invited
Monday 20th Oct	<b>Sports Festival at Spennymoor Leisure Centre</b>	Y4
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	KS2 Halloween Disco	Y3/4/5/6
Friday 24th Oct	North Park League (NPL) Netball	Whole School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct Break up for half term and return on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		

## Starting School - Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027?

Applications open 1 September 2025 and close midnight 15 January 2026. If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2026. Visit <a href="www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces">www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces</a> where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. For more information please contact School Places and Admissions Team <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a> Tel: 03000 265896