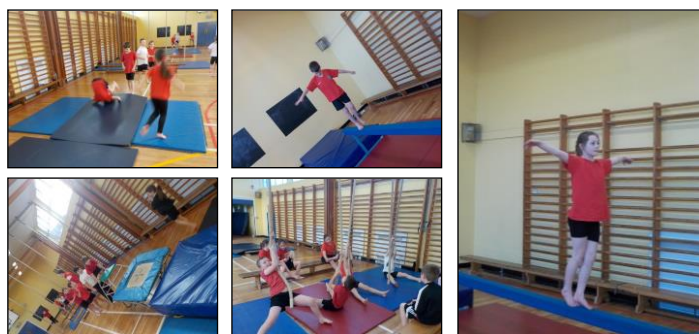


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Gymnastics

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed PE this term. They have been doing gymnastics with Sam Dronsfield.



Skateboard

The children had great fun last month when Liam came in to teach them how to skateboard.



Sept 2019 Admissions

The First School online admissions portal for children starting school in September 2019 opened 1 November 2018 and will close 15 January 2019. Please ensure you do not miss the deadline.
 Middle School Admissions portal closed 31 October 2018.

Poppy Appeal

The two schools raised a fantastic £177.65. Thank you all for your help.



Christmas Jumper Day

Both Wooler First School and Glendale Middle School enjoyed taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December. Thank you for supporting this event, together we raised £190.50 for Save the Children.



PE and Swimming kits

Please make sure that every day your child is prepared for the day at school. We are having an increasing number of kits forgotten at home in the morning. The children need to have their PE kit at school every day. Swimming classes are as follows:

Oak:	Friday
Cherry:	Friday
Cedar:	Friday
Willow and Maple:	Wednesday

School Council Members

<u>Maple Class (Year 4)</u>	Ella, Jessica, Dale, Ryan H
<u>Willow Class (Year 3)</u>	Sinead, Matthew D
<u>Cedar Class (Year 2)</u>	Dylan, Skye
<u>Cherry Class (year 1)</u>	Jessica, James Da
<u>Oak Class (Reception)</u>	To be added in the Spring

Merry Christmas from all of the School Council.

School Closure During Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather, please check the school website, NCC website or with Radio Newcastle to see if the school is closed. If we need to close, we will aim to have a message on the sites by 7.30am- 8:00pm. We will also send a text.

Website: www.northumberland.gov.uk

If school is open we do expect local children who live in Wooler to attend. Unauthorised absences will be recorded for these children if they do not attend.

School Transport in Adverse Weather Conditions or Unforeseen Circumstances

Please remember that:

'Where parents have brought their children into school when transport is not running, they are responsible for getting them home again' i.e. if for any reason the school transport does not arrive to collect your child in the morning and you decide to bring him/her to school yourself, you must check if school transport is available to return your child in the evening and inform school of the arrangements.

Geography Lesson

As part of their Geography work Cherry class went on a walk around Wooler. They learnt about our locality and compared our small town to a city.



Woodland Trust assembly

We recently had a visit from Emma from the Woodland Trust. She chatted to the children about looking after trees and plants. The children were very knowledgeable about trees! She was impressed!



Personal Best Festival

Year 3 went to Berwick Swan Centre for a Personal Best Festival. We did various timed activities then had to beat our previous score or time. We had loads of fun!!



Pizza making at The Milan

Cedar class really enjoying making pizzas at the Milan on Monday 10th December. We were really excited because we got to make one each to take home. Thank you very much to everyone at The Milan for having us!



Little Acorn making a Christmas Cake

The children making the Christmas cake for guess the weight at the Christmas Fair.



Skipping Festival

Maple class were involved in a skipping festival designed to be inclusive and enjoyable for all. They worked together as a team, in pairs and as individuals to complete a set of skipping challenges including the double bounce, pretzel and keep the pot boiling. They worked extremely hard and managed to learn a few more steps along the way. A fantastic day in which many children also received awards for outstanding skipping.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic event and raised a staggering **£3,785.83...WOW!**



Mr Lindley on a new adventure

Mr Lindley has some exciting (but sad for us) news to share. He will be leaving Wooler First School at the end of this academic year as he and his family are off for an adventure living and teaching in a faraway land. Further information to follow once Mrs Lindley's plans are confirmed.

School Calendars

Thank you to Richardson's Repairs for supplying the schools with some fantastic calendars. We hope you enjoyed the drawings as much as we did. The two schools raised £295 through the sale proceeds. We still have some available for sale at the price of £5 each. Please contact the school office should you wish to buy one.

Bye-bye Beard!

As you are aware Mrs Fletcher has been off school recently and is now on the mend. She is trying to raise awareness of Bowel Cancer and has persuaded Mr Lindley to shave off his beard to support this cause! If you would like to donate please follow the link below. Please note the Just Giving page is set up for Mrs Fletcher's very beardy friend Graham - who is also shaving off his impressive beard. All donations are going in the same fund.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/graham-cross-beard-shave>

PC Curtis Richie visit

On the 13th of December, a policeman visited Maple class at Wooler First School, he was called PC Curtis. He talked about responsibility, discipline and consequences, there are two types of discipline and consequence they are positive and negative. PC Curtis talked to us about discipline, not punishment, but self-control. He said this was making sure you are good, doing your jobs and thinking about what you are doing before you do it. Bad discipline would be if you were supposed to be doing the dishes, and you watched TV instead or if you didn't get up when you're meant to, and you are late. Adults need to be disciplined too; it would be bad if an adult shot someone, also if they didn't go to work when they should be there. Then he talked about consequences of our actions, like what would happen if we didn't do our responsibilities when we should. Some people said consequences were things like no pocket money, iPhone taken away and NO sweets. Consequences for adults were worse. They could lose their job, their house and maybe even go to prison. We learnt that more people need to take responsibility for their actions, and if they are good then they will get rewards and if they are bad they will get punished. It was fun because we found out lots of interesting things and if we do all the good things we will be nicer and more responsible for our actions.

By Bella (Yr4)



Visiting Panto

On Thursday 11th December a pantomime company visited school and performed Old King Cole. Everyone enjoyed the show and many thanks to the PTA for funding this event.



Christmas Carols

We came together with Little Acorns Nursery and Glendale Middle School on Wednesday 19th December to celebrate Christmas with a joint carol service at St. Mary's Church in Wooler. All children made Christingles in school and two children from each year group shared these with everyone at the end of the service. Thank you to everyone who came along to join us and well done to our readers from Year 4 who did a great job in front of such a large audience.



Away in a Manger



All children took part in the Nativity. Little Acorns and Oak Class shined as the stars. Maple and Willow were fantastic as the singers. But Cedar and Cherry Classes were brilliant, taking all the main parts and having lines to learn and say. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



Dates for your Diary

Christmas Holiday	Friday 21 December	3:30pm
Teacher Training Day	Monday 7 January 2019	All day – School closed
Back to School	Tuesday 8 January 2019	8:55am
KS1 Assembly – Cherry and Cedar	Friday 11 February	2:45pm – open to parents
Half-term February Holidays	Friday 15 February	3:30pm
Back to School	Monday 25 February	8:55am
KS2 Assembly – Willow and Maple	Friday 8 March	3:00pm – open to parents
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 March	Both schools
KS1 Assembly	Friday 5 April	3:00pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 5 April	3:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 22 April	School closed
Back to School	Tuesday 23 April	8:55am
Oak Class Theatre Trip – Room on a Broom	Wednesday 24 April	TBA
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May	School closed
Half-term May holidays	Friday 24 May	3:30pm
Back to School	Monday 3 June	8:55am
Summer Holidays	Friday 19 July	3:30pm

**School opens again on
Tuesday 8th January
2018**

January

All the staff and governors here at
school would like to wish you a Merry
Christmas and a very Happy New Year
2019

