

## Rue's Remarks

Wow!!! We have been here at the new school site for just over a year and  
**...what a year it's been!**

We left the old Epinay Jarrow and moved to the new school site on Nevinson Avenue in September 2022 and held the official opening on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Moving into the new facilities has seen SEND school places increase to 215. Alongside many events, we have been able to host 2 careers fairs and a primary careers event to support preparation for adulthood. We have also been assessed and achieved quality marks in - Careers, Family First and Reading!

We continue to strengthen our partnership with South Shields Football Club and look forward to the next Epinay takeover, Takeover 3, coming in March! We are also looking for new partners who are keen to help develop the school's programmes and resources.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents/carers and community who have supported the many charity events; including raising funds for Alzheimers, Macmillan, Children in Need, Hebburn Helps, Hospitality & Hope and our own charity the Friends of Epinay School. Delighted to see magnificent support for our Christmas coffee morning which was a huge success and along with the raffle you all helped raise an amazing **£1,600**

Let us not forget, we also had a visit from Ofsted this year, who said that  
**"pupils flourish at Epinay"** and Epinay School continues to be an  
**Outstanding school.**

We were also shortlisted for School of the Year award at the Education Today Awards 2023, we hope you followed the trip on social media to the awards evening in London!



...ohhh and forgot to mention **winning Outstanding Head Teacher** at the Educate North awards.



We do say a sad farewell to Audrey Huntley, who steps down as Chair of Governors after 13 years of service. Audrey has championed the school many times; fought a school closure and facilitated the school's relocation to the new site.

We proudly renamed our school hall "Huntley Hall". Audrey said that she is sad to leave, however knows the school has been left in really good hands and led by an amazing team. We celebrate all that Audrey has done for Epinay School.

We are very proud of our school, our students, our staff, our community and look forward to the new year  
**ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**



## Children in Need

We had an amazing day at EpinaY raising money for Children in Need. Non-uniform day and “*spotacular*” activities helped us raise a fantastic **£340**.

Money raised will help children and young people overcome the additional challenges they currently face, including supporting children and young people living in poverty.

## Christmas Activities

Always a busy term and the staff have been so excited ensuring that our students have some fantastic and memorable experiences. A regular to the calendar is a visit to the Pantomime at the Customs House. Our beautiful ‘sing and sign’ group went carol singing at Asda and Tesco stores. In-school; our youngest students performed in a nativity and older students showed off their talents at the showcase. The whole-school also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Christmas jumper day! We also had class trips Beamish to see Santa and the School Council helped build our very own Santa’s grotto, which I am sure you will agree, is pretty impressive!!



*“Some great examples of how we go above and beyond” – Mr Rue*

## Sportsking Coaching

**Sportsking** will be running the following events at EpinaY:

- Cheerleading Camp Tues 2 and Wed 3 January 2024
- Football Camp Thursday 4 and Friday 5 January 2024

**To book - TEXT Name and Age to 0779502433**

For all the latest information on EpinaY School check out the school website at: [www.epinay.org](http://www.epinay.org) where you will also find Safeguarding and other school policies.

## Important Dates

**Christmas Holidays**  
Mon 25 Feb – Fri 5 Jan 2024



**RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024**

**February Half-term Holidays**  
Mon 19 Feb – Fri 23 Feb 2024

**IN SERVICE DAY**  
**– SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Thursday 28 March 2024

**Easter Holidays**  
Fri 29 Mar – Fri 12 April 2024

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