

## Rue's Remarks

Welcome to Spring everyone! I really like the Spring term, the days begin to get lighter, new life begins in and around us and as school, we finalise what our school will look like in September 2026 - all the observations and look arounds are done and we can start planning on what work we need to do for September 2027.

The Spring Term is a very busy term for children, especially Year 11's and 13's who need to complete all their coursework on deadline day. Many of you are now ready for your next educational steps into college and training provided, some of you will want to stay at sixth form - whatever your option, it's important you knuckle down and get all the hard work done so that your next step is a possible one!

It's been lovely, even in the first couple of weeks, seeing so many children access opportunities out of school, I have seen a new cohort of children learning about Bike safety and independent travelling, our youngest children are visiting the local library, whilst other young people are accessing hairdressing and vocational placements - all wonderful opportunities to prepare them for adulthood.

I really look forward to the rest of spring term, especially some nicer weather! I look forward to working with you and supporting you all on your individual journeys.

Mr Rue

## Crime and Punishment

As part of their History qualification last term, Phase 4 has been looking at crime and punishment throughout the ages. They visited Newcastle crown court and had a visit from a magistrate and a retired prison officer to explain how punishments have changed.

These were very interesting!



**Ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

## Tasty Treat

The Mental Health Champions liaised with Ian to organise a hot tasty breakfast for staff to welcome everyone back for the new year. Staff enjoyed a choice of sausage, bacon, hash browns and a vegetarian option to kick start their day. A lovely gesture from the team to end the first week back!



## School Council

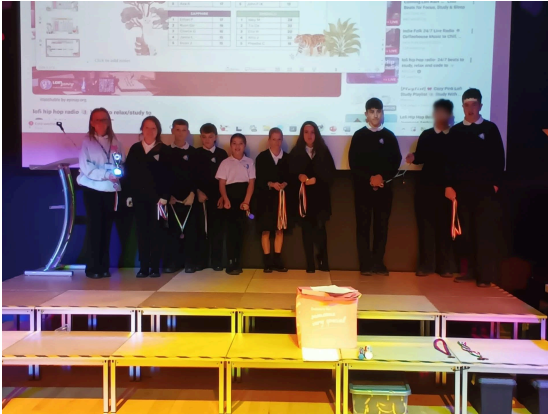
This year the student council voted to support Hebburn Helps and the PDSA as their chosen charities. Students will be organising a few events throughout the year to raise some vital funds to support these.



The first event is going to be a chocolate tombola and raffle followed by a Valentine's disco on the last day of term, Friday 20th February 2026.



## Swimming Success



We had 12 students competing in the swimming gala at Hebburn Hub. They were under 14 boys and girls and under 16 boys and girls. We came away with a huge 29 medals in total!

## Excellence @ Epinay

Our sports leadership academy attended a Panathlon Competition where they led several different events for students from both primary and secondary schools. They were very confident and led by example. Our sports leaders are also preparing to run a gymnastics competition at Epinay school in the next few weeks.



## Important Dates

### Half Term Holiday

Mon 23rd Feb- Fri 27th Feb

### Easter Holiday

Mon 3rd April- Fri 17th April

### Inservice Training Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**

Friday 1st May

### Bank Holiday

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**

Monday 4th May

### Half Term Holiday

Mon 25th May- Friday 29th May

### Inservice Training Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**

Friday 3rd July

### Summer Holiday

Commence- Mon 20th July

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