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Work Hard | Be Kind | Shine Bright

Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to our **new look** Broadway Bulletin... I hope you like it! We are working towards providing families with this as an e-copy in the future so please do make sure our school office has your latest **email address**.

Five weeks have passed by and we have reached the end of another successful half term. This half term, we have seen our Year 6 children complete their end of key stage assessments (SATs). As expected, the children have been **working hard** and they certainly were **shining bright** that week. We are so proud of their effort, achievement and commitment to their learning.

In the coming weeks and months ahead, we are making plans for our new Year 3 children and will be ensuring our Year 6 children transition successfully into their chosen secondary schools.

I would like to take an opportunity to thank our families who always show such commitment to our school and support the children during our open events. I remain committed to ensuring our school community is a place where everyone can thrive and succeed. Unlike many other schools, we boast a wide variety of events that our families can become involved in too – sometimes just for fun!

At a time where children increasingly spend lots of time on devices, getting back to basics (and nature) is so important. **Thank you** to those who were able to attend our recent OPAL Play Dates and joined in with outdoor fun and games galore. Have a lovely break away from school. We re-open again on **Monday 1st June**.

Best wishes,

David Walton-Jonas



Congratulations are in order!

Our very lovely Tracy, Cleaner and Cook, has been married (in secret) over the Easter break and is now known as Tracy Johnstone. We wish both Tracy and Tommy a very happy, long marriage together!



This month, we have said goodbye to Julie, one of our cooks, who has worked here for 28 years. Imagine all of the meals that has been prepared in that time! **Thank you, Julie.**

You will be missed. 😊



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Workers of the Week



This month, the following children have been rewarded for their hard work in school. Well done!

3JM	Melody Elliott Emie Luna	Jude Emily
3LH	Isaac Lucy Ted Gracie	Lawson Reuben
4CL	Jasmine Bobby Theo Emelia	Emelia Darcy
4HG	Joey Ronnie Joshua Toni	Kasra Eliza
4ZG	Lucy Aria Lateysha Isla	Ivy Henry
5ES	Alice Evie Jett Scarlett	Roma Benjamin
5SS	Phoebe Felisse Reggie Kaiden	Reuben Maria
6BS	Buster Hallie Grace Leo	Oliver
6CJ	Sonny Jez Jay Henry	Tilly
6GR	Hallie Amber Ted Niall	Sienna

Attendance

To date, our whole school attendance is **94.13%**

Attendance, this month, across all classes are summarised below.

3JM	93.94%
3LH	95.02%
4CL	96.37%
4HG	94.48%
4ZG	96.12%
5ES	91.79%
5SS	91.14%
6BS	93.7%
6CJ	94.15%
6GR	95.52%

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Each week, one child per year group is invited to have hot chocolate and share their great work or ideas!





Are you a Mathemagician?
Can you solve the
'Problem of the Month'?



Here's a game to play with an adult!

Neighbourly Addition



My Happy Mind

This half term's theme is 'Engage'

This half term's module 'Engage' helps children to build positive relationships and understand the importance of kindness, teamwork and communication. Through fun and interactive lessons, pupils learn how to celebrate their own strengths as well as appreciate the qualities of others. The module encourages children to work collaboratively, show empathy and develop confidence in social situations, helping to create a happy, supportive and respectful school community. Remember- there is also a free parent app where you can join in with your child's learning at home too!

Year 4 Handball Final

Having qualifying for the final earlier in the year, our Year 4 handball squad travelled to Bede Campus on Tuesday 5th May to compete against another 12 teams from schools across the city. From five group games, the children won three games and lost two which was enough to finish third in the group and qualify for the final group stage against another five teams. When the final group games started, the children had really started to get it together and won four out of five of the games, drawing the remaining game which was enough to be crowned as Sunderland Handball champions. Mr Lindstedt and Mr Ramshaw were extremely proud of the children who worked hard, show excellent team work and were a credit to Broadway Junior School. Well done!



Well done, Year 6!

Our Year 6 children have now completed their SATs papers and we all await the results of their hard work. Well done, Year 6. It has become a tradition at our school to award the children with their leaver hoodies once the papers have been completed. Our children were thrilled to receive these in our celebration assembly! We are very proud of their hard work and effort.

Year 4 – Northumbrian Water "The Ripple Effect"

Year 4 were joined by Rebecca from Northumbrian Water who guided them through a one day creative workshop linked to the water cycle. This is to support their current work on 'solids, liquids and gases' in Science. Through a variety of practical activities, including drama, games and quizzes, they were able to explore the water cycle in a fun, interactive and engaging way. In addition to all of this, the children were made aware of how they could save water in their day-to-day lives and why water is so precious and essential for life on planet Earth.



Year 3 visit Woodhorn Mining Museum

Year 3 had a busy day at Woodhorn Museum. They took part in three different workshops: Working Down The Pit, Pitmen Painters Art Workshop and Rocks and Fossils. History, art and science lessons all in one visit!



Voice 21 – Broadway 'Shines Bright'

This term, Broadway was proud to host an Oracy Showcase, welcoming staff from schools across the local area to see how oracy is embedded across our curriculum. It was a truly special moment for our school community and an opportunity to celebrate the impact of our shared approach to teaching and learning.

Visitors spent time in classrooms taking part in a 'listening walk', where they observed learning in action. They were incredibly impressed by what they saw, commenting on the high quality of pupils' learning behaviours and the purposeful use of talk to support understanding. It was clear to our visitors that oracy at Broadway is not an 'add-on', but a central part of how we teach and how children learn.

The showcase highlighted our carefully structured and progressive approach, the clarity of classroom routines, and how consistently oracy is embedded in everyday practice. Children demonstrated how naturally they use sentence stems to develop their ideas, listen actively, and communicate with confidence.

We were especially proud of the pupils who took part in the pupil voice session. They spoke thoughtfully and articulately about why oracy matters and the difference it makes to their learning. Their confidence, insight and pride in their school were a powerful reflection of the hard work and commitment shown by both staff and pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us develop confident, articulate learners.



Our Inclusion Ambassadors visit City Hall



We are thrilled to have joined forces with Together for Children (TFC) where our pupils have been asked to represent their views about inclusion with leaders at TFC. In a special event this month, our Inclusion Ambassadors were asked to attend the City Hall and share their thoughts about inclusion within their own school or how the city could improve things. Well done to Ethan and Scarlett who have represented our school like true professionals!



OPAL

We have recently welcomed families into school so that they can engage with their child's play through our Play Date afternoons. It has been lovely to see families in school.



OPAL, which stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, has been a huge success in our school. Only 1 year ago, we were making plans to have the provision that we now have in place – this marks a swift, transformational journey that we have been on. We have been delighted to welcome Andrea Caine – our Play Consultant – into school where we have been assessed. We could have won silver... we didn't. We could have won gold... we didn't. We could have won **platinum... we did! AMAZING.** Thank you and well done to all of our children who always work hard to represent our school values and a special thank you to our Play Team for their hard work and dedication.

RE Today



We are delighted that our wonderful RE work has been recognised nationally and appeared in the RE Today magazine. With thanks to our wonderful, diverse community members who inspire us every day to raise the next generation of tolerate, respectful citizens!

We are delighted that this our work has been shared in such a way...

THE BIG PICTURE: ELISE SMITH

The Big Picture

Celebrating local heroes: inspiration in RE for the whole school

Elise Smith teaches at Broadway Junior School in Sunderland. She wanted to use varied ways of knowing with her primary pupils to explore and express ideas about inspiration. *REtoday* asked her to explain what happened when music, art, community and RE were woven together for 240 children.

I would like to share with you the wonderful work of 240 pupils as we took part in this year's Spirited Arts competition. At Broadway Junior School, we decided that each class would take part in Spirited Arts by completing a whole-class piece of artwork linked to one of the competition's chosen themes. Each class made a whole-class mural where everyone contributed to the overall piece. Each piece is made up of 32 smaller pieces.

We decided our main focus would be an inspirational people from our local community. Each class chose a person who inspired them, and used them for their artwork – some people are from Sunderland's Inter Faith Forum. We used a variety of mediums such as paints, coloured pens, tissue paper and oil pastels to create different effects. We used a song by Martin Joseph about the local food kitchen, 'Albert's Place, There is a beautiful and moving clip showing the lady who the song is about hearing Martin sing it for the first time. See it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZPaN-AjR04

As the Mayor of Sunderland was one of the chosen people, we were invited to display artwork at the Mayor's Civic Celebration at Sunderland Minster, which focused on unity. Members of Sunderland's Inter Faith Forum were also at the celebration and got to see their own faces depicted through art.

We also organised a school celebration, inviting everyone from the artwork into school to show them in person. I hope this work brings a smile to your face as much as it did us at Broadway Junior School. We had plenty of enjoyment taking part in its completion, and hope it is something our children always remember.



'Inspiration' is a great theme for RE - what is your own inspiration as a teacher?

Broadway Junior School has a long-standing reputation of providing pupils with enriching, exciting opportunities. We strive to bring our curriculum to life and to promote children's personal, social and cultural development to help them flourish and thrive in a twenty-first-century world. I love that I can contribute towards providing a creative and fun curriculum that does just that whilst also promoting the way young people see the world. I also draw inspiration from the values at the heart of many faiths - love, justice and hope. It really is wonderful to be able to promote this to children to help them turn into well-rounded people in the future.

What pleased you as a teacher with the ways the pupils responded?

I was delighted by how pupils engaged with the theme of our project. It was amazing that all 242 pupils took part in one project. Each class chose a theme and linked it to a person from the local community. The pupils have connections and personal experiences with the people in the artwork, so it made the project really fun and brought it to life. It was particularly pleasing to see them so engaged, and created a sense of unity across school. All of the staff at Broadway Junior School are extremely proud of the effort and response from the children to complete such wonderful artwork.

Here are two relevant Bible teachings connected to the work our classes did.

Jesus says: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Many pupils explored the idea of love and kindness in action - how we show compassion and care in everyday life. Their art reflected friendship, inclusion and empathy.

'The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness.'

This verse summed up much of what the pupils aimed to portray. They used colour and imagery to show these qualities flourishing in the world and in their own lives and the different people of Sunderland. The project helped them see how spiritual values can guide real choices and behaviour.

What were the main things your pupils gained from the project?

We wanted to celebrate the wonderful people from our local community. I feel like our pupils learned to listen to and appreciate others' viewpoints, deepened their understanding of religious and moral themes, and recognised how art can communicate faith and values powerfully. Many also gained a sense of pride in contributing to a whole-school project where everyone's voice and work mattered.

I would really like to highlight the collaborative spirit of the project - how art and RE came together to create a meaningful shared experience. Also, the competition not only celebrated creativity but nurtured empathy, reflection and community across the school. We have invited the people featured in the artwork for a celebration in school to show them portrayed by art.

United Through Sport!	A Muslim Drawing Committee Signifier
Building a Greener Future	The Art of Islam
One Mind, One School, Many Stories	Bringing the Community Together
Show Racism the Red Card!	Different Beliefs, One Big World!
Snub, Bids and Listening	Sunderland's Youngest Mayor



Scan for details watch Martin Joseph perform his song 'Albert's Place'.



NOTE: members can scan the above to access pupil comments on each of the artworks.

A reminder of key dates coming up...

Any changes/additions/amendments are indicated in red.

Whole School	Monday 1 st June 2026	School re-opens
Year 4	WB 1 st June & WB 8 th June 2026	National Multiplication Tables Check No holidays to be taken at this time, please!
Whole School	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Treat Tuesday Starts
Year 6	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	OPAL Play Date 2:00pm – Details to follow...
Year 6	Friday 5 th June 2026	Beacon of Light (careers). Details to follow ...
3JM	Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Broomhouse Farm Visit – Details to follow...
4CL		2.15pm – Learning Presentation
Selected Pupils	Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Cricket Event – Details to follow ...
Whole School	Thursday 11 th June 2026	International Day of Play: Non-Uniform (£1.00 donation)
Whole School	Thursday 18 th June 2026	Sports Day *Weather Dependent* Year 3 & 4: 10.30am Year 5 & 6: 1.30pm
5SS	Monday 22 nd June 2026	Harehope Visit – Details to follow...
5ES	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Harehope Visit – Details to follow...
Year 6	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Leavers Photo
3JM	Wednesday 24 th June 2026	2.15pm – Learning Presentation
Whole School	Thursday 25 th June 2026	PROVISIONAL Sports Day *Weather Dependent* Year 3 & 4: 10.30am Year 5 & 6: 1.30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 24 th June 2026 *REARRANGED*	Safety Works Visit. Details to follow ...
100% Attendees	Friday 3 rd July 2026	Barnes Park Event – Details to follow ...
Year 6	Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Colour Run – Details to follow ...
Selected Pupils	Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Sunderland Sings at the Empire – Details to follow...
3LH	Wednesday 8 th July 2026	2.15pm – Learning Presentation
Whole School	Friday 10 th July 2026	Summer Fair – Details to follow...
Year 6	Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Nissan Visit (rearranged). Details to follow ...
Whole School	Wednesday 15 th July 2026	End of Year Reports
Year 6		1.30pm – Leavers Show
Year 4	Monday 20 th July 2026	Rock Star Day Children dress as Rock Stars!



BROADWAY JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR!

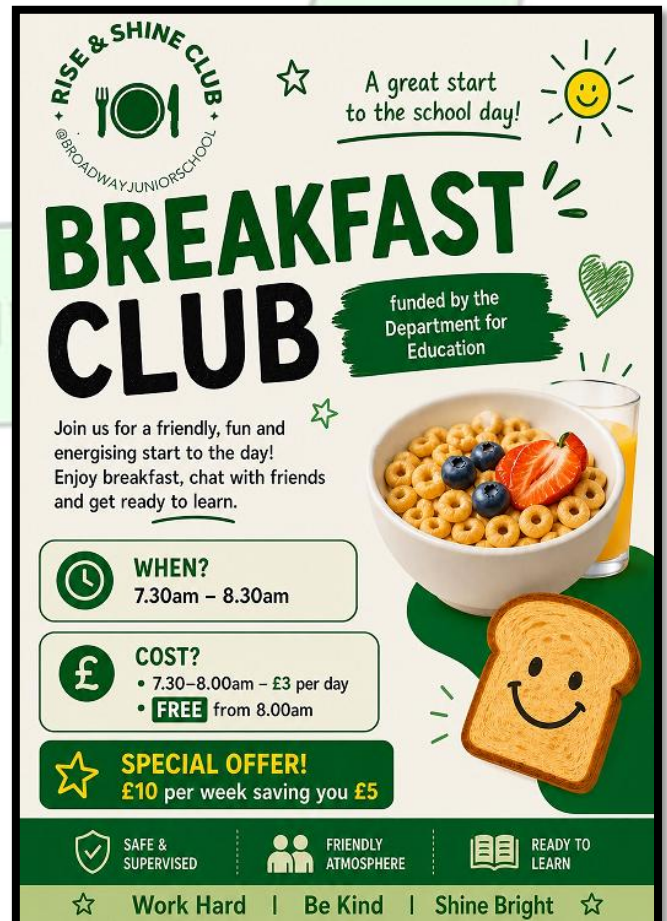
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

WHEN? Friday 10th July 2026

TIME? 1.30pm

ACTIVITIES: GAMES, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS, AND MORE!

Illustrations include a sun, balloons, a hot dog, a popcorn bucket, and a castle.



RISE & SHINE CLUB
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A great start to the school day!

BREAKFAST CLUB
funded by the Department for Education

Join us for a friendly, fun and energising start to the day!
Enjoy breakfast, chat with friends and get ready to learn.

WHEN? 7.30am – 8.30am

COST?
• 7.30–8.00am – £3 per day
• **FREE** from 8.00am

SPECIAL OFFER!
£10 per week saving you £5

SAFE & SUPERVISED | FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE | READY TO LEARN

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Illustrations include a bowl of cereal, a glass of orange juice, and a smiling slice of toast.