

# St. John's Church of England Academy

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## Newsletter

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### Seahouses...what an experience!

Our residential trip to Seahouses was once again a huge success and provided a wealth of opportunities for learning whilst having a fantastic time. Our trip to Holy Island helped us to learn about St. Cuthbert and how Christianity came to England (as well as some survival skills to negotiate the mud on the long walk there!)

Travelling to the Farne Islands was, for many, a first trip on a boat and an opportunity to see birds at such close quarters (and more survival skills dodging the



artic terns protecting their nests!) We learnt all about the history of Northumberland at Bamburgh Castle including the gory bits about the Viking raids, while the Grace Darling Museum gave us insight into how brave she really was. Last, but by no means least, was our talent night where we heard 'live' music from Ken and created some of our own (Mrs Brown said it was more like noise!). The staff all agree it was a pleasure to take such polite, well mannered children away. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and members of the public also commented on this. Parents, be very proud.



## A Great Experience - 100 Years On!

This week, Years 5 and 6 attended a World War One workshop, organised by the Darlington Railway Museum. The children learnt about why the Great War started and took part in lots of activities to really understand what life was like for the troops. Throughout the morning, the children learnt how to stand to attention with their weapon (pictured); experienced what it was like to go over the top; tested trench food and learnt about the Quakers. We will be using these experiences to help with our writing in the coming weeks. We had great fun!

## Hoola Hooping Fun!

To promote fun and healthy activities, we invited a company into school to demonstrate hoola hooping skills to all the children. It's was a great day and the children have continued to perfect their skills at lunchtime.



Kevin, schools Bike-it Officer, showed the children technics to improve their riding skills and also how to be safe on their scooters whilst out on the streets.



If you require school uniform for September, may we have your orders in by 27th June. Thank you

We have a large amount of unclaimed and unnamed uniform along with other items which is kept in the KS2 area by the playground doors. If your child has lost anything, please come and look when you come to pick up your child. Thank you.



## Dates for Diaries

10.6.14	Reception visit 'Big Sheep Little Cow' farm
11.6.14	Girls' Football Team at Longfield School for Town Cup - 4pm
12.6.14	Y6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral - 1pm
13.6.14	Bicycle Stunt Team - 1pm
19.6.14	Boys' Football at Longfield School for Town Cup 9.30am - 12.30pm
20.6.14	Reception Class Assembly - 9am
20.6.14	Y1 & 2 visit Captain Cook Museum
23.6.14	Start of Year 6 Transition Week

## Overall attendance for W/C 23.5.14

Reception	93.5%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	98.6%