

### Food Bank Donations

We are now collecting donations for the Trussell Trust Hartlepool Foodbank. Each year, as a school, we like to support this charity and try to collect as much food as we possibly can. If you would like to, we would really appreciate it if you could donate some of the following food items. The Trussell Trust will be in school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to collect your generous donations. The following link will give further information about the food items that are most needed that they donate to families in need. A letter will follow.

[Donate food | Hartlepool Foodbank](#)

### Author Event

Our Y6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the Cressida Cowell author event with Drake Bookshop at Yarm School last week. Speaking about her new book, the pupils gained insight into the writing process and have been inspired through her ever-growing literary output.



### British Values

Another fantastic week has passed with a wide range of activities, events and learning for our school community. We have continued our focus on the British Values of RESPECT and TOLERANCE, with our children doing themselves proud in the range of ways that show their super understanding.



# Newsletter

## Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Merit Winners

Congratulations to our well-deserved winners. They have been superb role models, have had 100% attendance last week and have demonstrated a good understanding of our continued focus on Respect and Tolerance. They should be extremely proud of themselves!



### Aspire2Be

Our Year 5 children were lucky enough to virtually meet Craig Underwood, Professor of Spacecraft Engineering at the Surrey Space Centre, who has 40 years' experience in space-systems engineering, and has worked on numerous small satellite missions. We enjoyed taking part in challenges and hearing about the numerous opportunities in spacecraft design.



### Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Our Autumn Term consultation evenings will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November. For those of you new to the school, the meetings take place between 3:40pm and 5:30pm on both nights. Booking details will follow soon.

### Sport

Well done to our Y5/6 pupils who took part in tag rugby cluster competitions last week. All are through to this Tuesday's Town Finals. Good luck!



Well done also to our Y6 girls who played on Friday in their Premier League competition. They did themselves proud and played some fantastic football!



### Reading Plus

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 children for their efforts on Reading Plus so far this year. Reading Plus is a fantastic resource that is used both in school and can be accessed at home. Over 3 million words read by our children is a superb start to 2024/2025 - we wonder what we can achieve by the end of the year!

### Summer Half-Term Holiday 2025

As previously communicated, we have, as we did during previous years, organised all five of our PD days into one week. This is for the first week of June 2025, which is the first week of the last half-term of this academic year. This week follows on from the official half-term holiday (Whit Week).

As a result, school will close at home time on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and will re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The link below will take you to our 2024-25 term dates.

[Confirmed School Term Dates 2024-25 V2.pdf](#)  
[fensprimaryschool.co.uk](https://fensprimaryschool.co.uk)