

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 18th October 2024

Attendance

Please remember to call in or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

Please also send evidence of medical/dental appointments so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

This week's whole school attendance: 93.51%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
96.46%	94.00%	92.45%	91.43%

Uniform Reminder

All items of clothing, bags and water bottles etc. should have your child's name in them. This helps us return 'lost property' to their rightful owner. By the end of each term, we have a large quantity of items that have lost their owner and are then donated to charity or unfortunately thrown away.

As it begins to get colder, please remember to send your child into school with a coat.



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Lost Property

We have a growing pile of lost property in reception. Please can you arrange to collect anything that belongs to your child before half term. Clothing not collected by half term may go to a Charity shop or be donated in other ways.



MCAS Contact Details

Please remember to double check that your details are correct on MCAS. When you make a change in My Child At School, it updates the systems that we use to contact home. This also means that we don't make a mistake in the spelling of an email address or taking down a number incorrectly.

Mental Health Tip of the Week Try preparing your lunches or sorting out your clothes and equipment for the school/work week.

You'll save some time in the mornings and have a sense of control about the week ahead.

SATS Information Evening - 25th November 2024

A quick notification to let you know that the Y6 staff will be holding an evening for parents on Monday 25th November to let them know about the SATs tests that Y6 children will be taking in May 2025. The session is meant to last 5pm to 6pm and will be in the Main Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

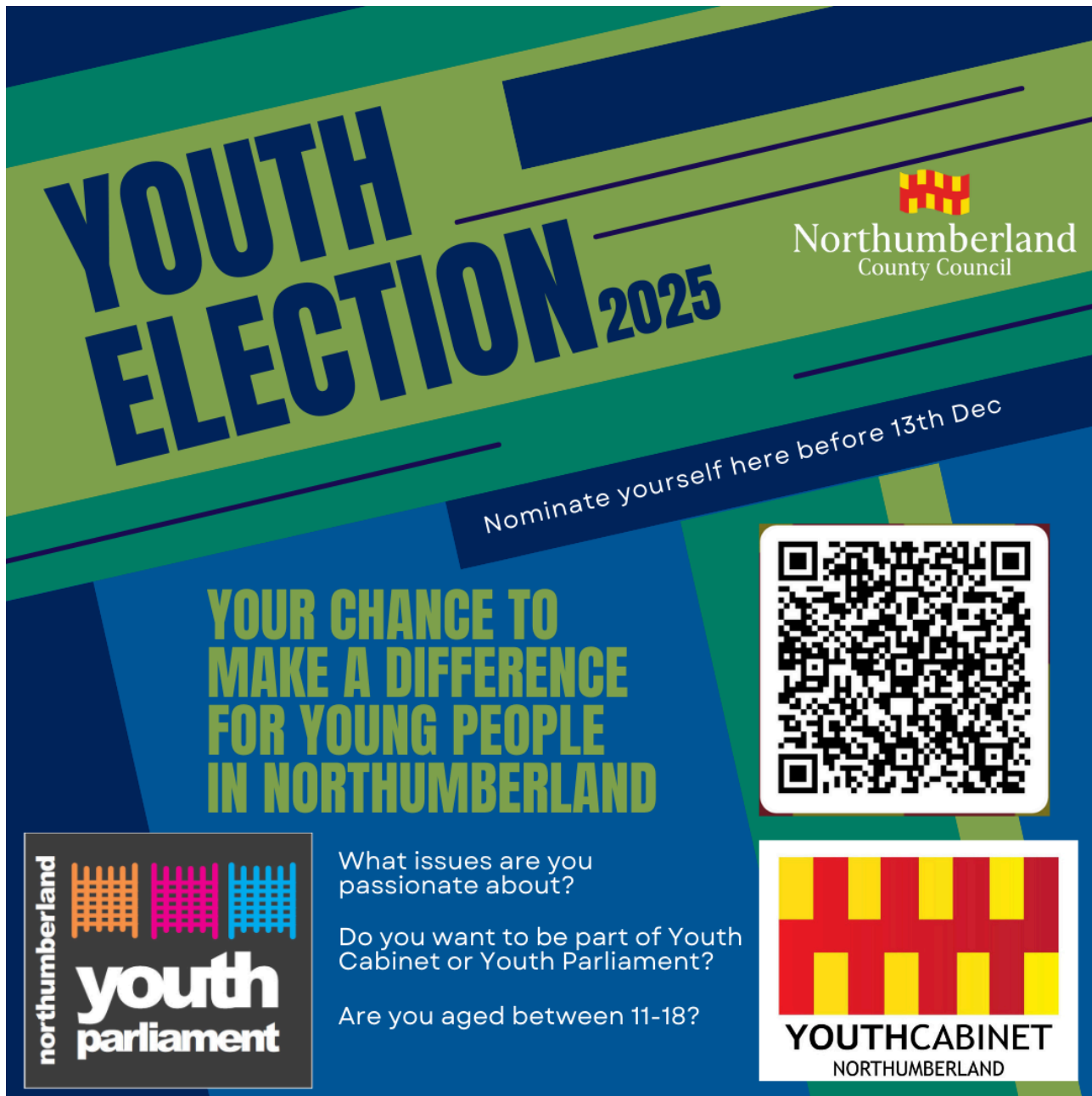
LUNCH MENU - WEEK 4

[School Meals Menu](#)



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YOUTH ELECTION 2025

Northumberland County Council

Nominate yourself here before 13th Dec

YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTHUMBERLAND

What issues are you passionate about?

Do you want to be part of Youth Cabinet or Youth Parliament?

Are you aged between 11-18?

northumberland youth parliament

YOUTHCABINET NORTHUMBERLAND

The poster features a vibrant background with diagonal stripes in shades of green, blue, and yellow. The Northumberland County Council logo is in the top right. A QR code is positioned on the right side. The central text is in large, bold, yellow-green letters. Below it, three questions are listed in white text on a dark blue background. The 'northumberland youth parliament' logo is on the bottom left, and the 'YOUTHCABINET NORTHUMBERLAND' logo is on the bottom right.

Concerns over Roblox

Roblox made headlines again this week and Colin Stitt, Head of Safer Schools at INEQE Safeguarding Group, spoke to the Mail Online about actions that parents, carers and safeguarding professionals can take to make the gamers in their care safer online.

He said: "The report is a stark reminder that we can't simply assume a platform is safe for children just because it looks child-friendly. Parents and carers need to be proactive and educate themselves about the potential risks their children may face online, including exposure to inappropriate content, online predators and harmful social interactions.

More information can be read in the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/roblox-concerns>



Times Table Rock Stars

Times tables make lots of different areas of Maths easier, so it is so useful to be confident in them. Please encourage children to use TTRS at home, little and often is great!

Science Ambassadors - *Do Try This At Home!*

Science ambassadors meet each week, dreaming up ways to inspire more children to love science as much as they do. There will be experiments, ideas and competitions to take part in! Why not try this lava lamp experiment?

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School Admissions - Reminder to parents of pupils in Year 8

Don't forget to apply for a high school place via the Northumberland County Council Admissions Portal. ***A place at Whytrig does not automatically guarantee a place at Astley.***
<https://tinyurl.com/high-school-application-form>

Please note the closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority is **Thursday 31st October 2024.**

Free School Meals - Eligibility

If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) it is important that you apply immediately as FSM eligibility means other resources may be available to the school and your child including pupil premium. Please consider an eligibility check for FSM. Check the website below for the criteria.

[Northumberland County Council - School meals](#)

School Sports Events & Clubs

Mon- Y6 swimming
Tues- KS3 Boys swimming
Tues- Netball
Wed- KS3 Girls swimming
Wed- KS2 boys football
Thurs- Girls football
Fri- KS3 Boys football

Football Fixtures

Mon 21/10- Y6 Girls District 7-a-side @ Highfield MS 4-5:30pm
Tues 22/10- Y8 Boys v Ponteland (h)-4pm
Thurs 24/10- Y8 Boys v Walker (a)- County Cup-4pm ko
Thurs 24/10- Y6 Girls Central Venue 7-a-side at CLV- 4-5pm

Football results

Year 7 Boys won 5-3 v Highfield MS in ESFA Small Schools Cup
Year 8 Boys won 2-0 v Highfield MS in ESFA Small Schools Cup
Both teams play Ovingham MS in Rd 2



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Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the Week are nominated each week by staff for a variety of reasons, which might be contribution to the school community, school work or something outstanding. Each week their success is shared in school in the Star of the Week video and they receive a certificate and chocolate bar.

Week ending 18/10/24:

5C: Vincent B; 5K: Poppy H; 5L: Lola T;
6E: Ryley M; 6F: Sofie F; 6L: Layla N-B;
7M: Archie B-M; 7Ro: Henry S; 7Ru: Lyra H;
8H: Kish D; 8L: Libby L; 8T: Tyler M;
Head of School SOTW: Abbie L

Week ending 11/10/24:

5C: Averie S; 5K: Ethan D; 5L: George G;
6E: Baker E; 6F: Leila B; 6L: Ella M;
7M: Baillee K; 7Ro: Austin C; 7Ru: Evan B;
8H: Oliver T; 8L: Angel S; 8T: Laila P;
Head of School SOTW: Tommy O

Polite reminder: requesting meetings/phone calls:

Should you wish to meet with a member of staff or to speak to someone during the school day, please contact Reception in the first instance to make an appointment.

Social Media Channels

Don't forget to keep up to date with everything else on our social media channels

X - @WhytrigMS

Facebook - @Whytrig Middle School

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