

# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSDROP

Week Ending 25th October 2024

## HALF TERM MESSAGE

We have finally got to the end of our longest half term of the year and we hope you all enjoy a very well earned rest! Enjoy Halloween if you are taking part in those festivities and we look forward to seeing everyone again when school restarts at **8:50am on Monday 4th November 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: 91.5%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<b>95%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>89%</b>

### 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.

As we enter the half term holiday, this is always a good opportunity to ensure your child's uniform follows our school expectations (detailed on pages 24 and 25 of your child's planner). We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 4th November looking smart in the correct uniform!



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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

Have a break from your normal routine...In other words:  
Happy half-term!

## 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 1

[School Meals Menu](#)

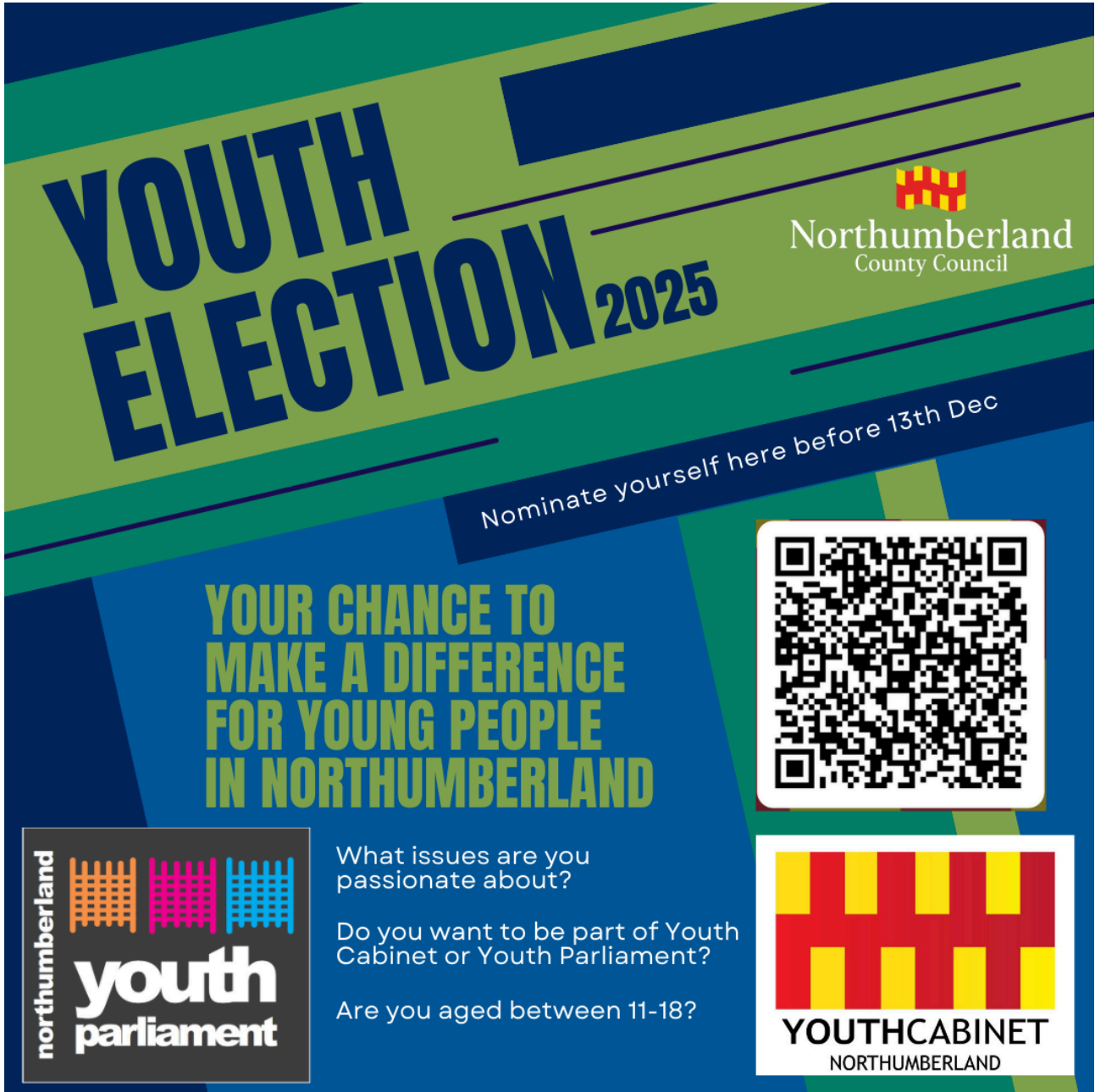


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**YOUTH ELECTION 2025**

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 green and blue background with diagonal stripes. The text is in various colors and sizes, including a large QR code and a Northumberland County Council logo.

### Science Ambassadors

I'm sorry our video link didn't work last week. We have created a new Google Classroom - **"Do Try This at Home!"** - where we will post our weekly fun activity instead. The classroom code is: **n6p7wuj** so please make sure your children join! This week's experiment has a gruesome Halloween feel!

### 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!



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## 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

## Vanbrugh 300



On Wednesday we took eight pupils representing each of the year groups in school to Seaton Delaval Hall to have their photos taken by Richard Eyers for the National Trust. The reason? To make our school contribution to the 'Vanbrugh 300' project where 300 photographs are being created of individuals or groups of individuals to celebrate their connections to Seaton Delaval Hall. This project will form part of a programme to mark the tercentenary of Sir John Vanbrugh's death, in 2026. We look forward to seeing the finished result!



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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 25/10/24:

5C: Oliver G; 5K: Indi A-R; 5L: Reuben H;  
6E: Oliver E; 6F: Owen B; 6L: Alecia I;  
7M: Millie A; 7Ro: Daniel Y; 7Ru: Cole W;  
8H: Sebastian C; 8L: Shane P; 8T: Katelyn B;  
Head of School SOTW: Len P (8L)

### 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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