



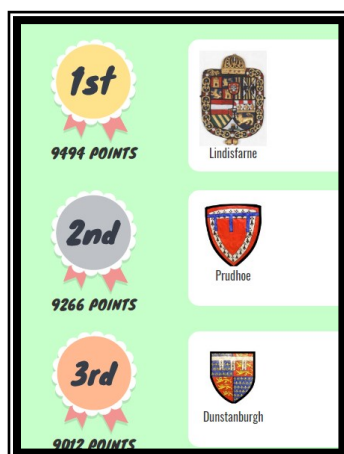
# Shanklea Primary School

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## Pupil of the

### Term Winners

- 1 Emily Cowburn
- 2 Megan Wilkinson
- 3 Myriam Gaultier



## Castle Winners

A huge **WELL DONE** to all of our hard-working boys and girls from our winning castle group, **Lindisfarne**

The children wore festive non-uniform and also decided to have an afternoon of fun outdoor games as their reward.

**Lewis** is a martial Arts superstar. He is doing so well he has recently been awarded his orange belt. Keep up the good work, Lewis



## Class Winners

- 1 SH4
- 2 LG5
- 3 ER3

# Shanklea Superstars

## STOP PRESS: Shanklea Shines

You may have seen articles in the local press about the year 6 SATs results. The figures show that Shanklea is the top performing primary school in Northumberland with 79% of children reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. Nationally, we are in the Top 10% of schools



You can read the article in the Chronicle at:

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/best-performing-primary-schools-north-14046790>

**Well done everyone. We can be so proud of this astonishing achievement.**

**School re-opens on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
2018.**

**Have a wonderful  
Christmas**

# Happy Christmas



## Stars of this Term: Pupil Nominations

The following children have been chosen by their peers as good friends and excellent role models:

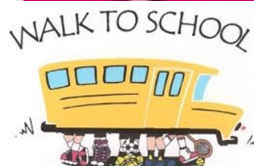


Reception	Christopher Dobson	Phoebe Stephenson	Phoebe Lawson	Jackson Cameron	
Year 1	Louis Waugh	Grace Massam	Maisie Stafford	Joshua Wall	
Year 2	Katie Elliott	Zane Vercueil	Liam Moore	Lois Earle	
Year 3	Callum Bentinck	Sophie Matthews	Ryan Birch	Lori Nicholson	
Year 4	Lucy Wilson	Jack Cain	Harvey Teasdale	Imogen Mitchell	
Year 5	Elliot Slack	Eva Black	Myriam Gaultier	Ellie Kennedy	Max Smith
Year 6	Harvey Adams	Lillie Adams	Ethan Haslem	Brooke Chamberlain	



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## Get on board with the Walking School Bus!

We have had lots of positive feedback from parents regarding the new car parking arrangements using the car park at the Masonic Lodge at Middle Farm Court in Cramlington Village. The car park will open in the morning at 8.30a.m and in the afternoon at 3.00p.m hopefully alleviating traffic congestion at peak times near Shanklea Primary School.

New surfacing, 21 marked bays and a drop-off area have been established which will support opportunities for stress-free pick-up and drop-off arrangements. This project should improve parking facilities for parents and school visitors and benefit parents, carers, staff and local residents.

A formal letting arrangement has been established with the Masonic Lodge to make a parking area available from Monday to Friday each week during term time for use as a drop off area for Shanklea students, and also for some staff parking.

The parking facility is around 250 metres from the school and can be accessed via a network of footways and cycle paths, so the arrangements also serve to encourage a healthy approach to travelling to school.



On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, the scheme will be launched with a 'morning' walking bus. Our Head Teacher, Mrs Brown and volunteers will walk with the children to school in an organised group starting from the Masonic Hall, Cramlington) at a fixed time of 8.30a.m.

However, we need your help:

We need volunteers to help us get this programme underway at our school. If you care about increasing the number of children who walk or bicycle to school in a safe manner, please consider helping us lead the walking bus programme.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the School Office or head teacher for more information. Or fill out the form below and return it to school with your child.

Parents ✓ Guardians ✓ Grandparents ✓ Friends Neighbours ✓

### Shanklea Walking Bus Volunteer Form



Yes, I would like to help with the Walking Bus from the Masonic Hall, Cramlington

I would like to be a volunteer walker.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shanklea pupil name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any further comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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## Attendance

This term there are **75** children who have 100% attendance since the start of this academic year.

Well done everyone. What a fantastic achievement. We put all their names into a prize draw to win a Metro Centre into **£25** voucher in the prize draw. The winner is **Harvey Teasdale** from Year 4. Congratulations Harvey.

Well done everyone and keep up the fantastic attendance everyone....

Year Group	Percentage of children with 100% attendance
Reception	16
1	21
2	29
3	13
4	29
5	35
6	8

## Last Week's Attendance

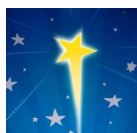
Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	92.4
1	94.5
2	97.3
3	93.9
4	97.4
5	95.2
6	91.7



## Choir Performances

Congratulations to our very talented choir who gave beautiful performances this week at the Hertford Court Day Centre and Sainsburys.

Generous shoppers enjoyed the music so much they donated over £100. The money will be used to promote music within school. Well done everyone.



## Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performances

A huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who gave an incredibly moving performance of music at St Nicholas Church, Cramlington last Friday. Your attitude, conviction and enthusiasm shone through and everyone present was extremely impressed. Well done!





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## Keeping safe at Christmas and every other day

Parents and Carers who are buying digital presents this Christmas are encouraged to talk to youngsters about online safety. This message has been reinforced by CEOP and the Police in their latest cyber-safe campaign.

You may have seen news coverage in the last few days about the increased threat of sexual offending via Live streaming apps. We need to educate children, young people, parents and carers about the risks including from sharing images and videos.

This week, CEOP received an unprecedented number of reports about a sexual abuse video which has gone 'viral'. For safeguarding of the children involved, specific details about the video content have not been disclosed but Police have confirmed that the children are safe and that a man has been arrested and charged with several offences in connection with this incident.

The advice from police in relation to this video is that if children and young people receive it on any social media platform, they should delete it immediately and tell a trusted adult – a teacher or parent for example. It is really important that they understand that if they show this video to someone else or forward it on to other people, they could be committing a crime and we want to stop that happening.

The police have been clear that they do not want to criminalise children and that children won't be in trouble if they've made a genuine mistake. For professionals and parents finding out that images and videos of abuse are being circulated by young people and adults on social media, it can be a stressful time and difficult to know what course of action to take immediately.

Here are some clear steps to take and important things to remember:

1. Please never share a video or image depicting any kind of abuse involving children
2. Each time a video or image of abuse is shared it re-victimises the child and increases the likelihood of blackmail, feelings of self-blame and powerlessness
3. Report it to the platform it has been shared on e.g YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc
4. Report it to CEOP if it is an image or video of sexual abuse involving a child with a link to where the video or image is hosted e.g YouTube, Facebook.
5. If it is not on a public platform and in only exists on a

device i.e. phone, tablet. –once reported, with authorisation of CEOP or the Police, delete it from the device it has been sent to (if offender usernames are visible make note of them)

6. Encourage other people to report if it is being shared publicly If you work in a school or college and are concerned about what to do with peer to peer sharing of sexual images or videos you can refer to the 'Sexting in schools and colleges guidance'

If a parent or carer is worried about a child seeing inappropriate things online [Thinkuknow/parents](#) has more information.

Please read, share with your sons/daughters at home and follow the links for more information.

### Online Grooming

- Some people use false accounts & fake photos to trick victims of online grooming

### #WhoRUTalking2

- It's important that parents take an interest in what their children are doing online
- Young people will be spending more time online during the Christmas holidays, read our tips on web safety
- Don't believe everything you read online. People might not always be who they say they are
- It's important not to share personal information online. People might not always be who they say they are

### Security Settings

- If you're buying a young person the latest gadget for Christmas, keep them safe online by setting the privacy settings before you wrap it. The NSPCC have some good advice

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

- Phones & tablets will be popular presents for young people this Christmas. Follow the advice from the NSPCC to keep them safe online. Why not set the privacy settings before they open it?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe>

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Parents may sign their child up for Extra-curricular Clubs on the School Gateway.. If anyone has any problems please contact our Office Team.

**Y5 Skipping Y4-6 Football Y3/4 Gymnastics**  
**Y5/6 Hockey Y5/6 Recorders KS1 Computer Club**  
**Y5/6 Netball KS2 Go Noodle Dance Club Y1-3**  
**Rugby**





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## A message from Mrs "Head Teacher" Brown...



Looking back over the past months, I have noticed how well your children have matured emotionally and academically and it has been a real joy to watch them learn and grow. The children have settled into school fantastically this term and they have been involved in many exciting daily events. It is wonderful to see so many parents join in with school events, including the Early Years learning workshops where parents took part alongside the children.

Shanklea teachers have excelled in delivering a creative curriculum which has led to a sense of awe and wonder for most of our children. Their extended homework is a testament to not only their dedication but to yours as parents. The school has seen many great examples of homework projects that children have completed and we look forward to seeing the results of the Christmas

break projects in January 2018.

I would like to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff at the school for their continued dedication and commitment to creating a happy, safe, caring and educationally exciting environment in which children can learn and develop. It is very much a Team effort that has made our school such a "wonderful" school.

Several visitors have commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere in school and commended our children on their behaviour and manners. Children from our choirs visited Hartford Court and Sainsbury's this week and the staff at both venues were impressed by the behaviour of our children and made a point of sharing this with school staff '*These are the best-behaved children I have ever seen*'.

Children at Shanklea are encouraged to become role models supporting and inspiring other children, as well as parents and carers. Our children's progress and attainment have continuously been above national average and this also demonstrates that our children receive the best education, setting up their love of learning for the rest of their lives.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the Governors for giving up their valuable time (for free!) and for the effort they put into supporting our school, particularly Gareth Pearson, Chair of Governors. It is a privilege to work with such professional, enthusiastic and dedicated people. Governors provide support to School in many ways, using experience from varied backgrounds and from their own work. In my view the most important role of the Governors is to make sure that our already successful School continues to improve and build upon its successes. To make sure that this happens the Governing Body monitor the progress of children throughout the year; review levels of progress and attainment with myself, as Head Teacher, and with teaching staff and ensure that resources are used effectively in the best interests of all children in the School.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who support our school who have contributed so many hours of their time this past term. We are so proud of them and grateful for their support; this is quite an accomplishment, and so, so helpful. Volunteers are truly the backbone of any organisation; people we need, trust and value.



Finally, as we say goodbye to 2017 and embark on 2018, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that the children enjoy their education at Shanklea Primary School. It is by working closely together in an effective partnership that we can provide the best outcomes for all children and it is the whole school community who work together at Shanklea Primary that make our school a great place to be. Shanklea staff would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas break and we very much look forward to seeing you all safe and sound in the new term."

## Christmas Dinner Day Pictures

As promised in last week's newsletter, we would like to share a few photographs of our Christmas Dinner fun.

As you can see, a fabulous time was had by all. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication.

