



Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, another year has past and we have had a great one. The school is looking amazing, with our new hall and toilets on track to be completed. We have redecorated a large part of the school and plan to do more over the Easter period. We are also planning the redevelopment of Elm and Sycamore yards, with new surfaces going down, canopies and play equipment and storage being added. The money for all of this redevelopment has been made available through careful management of our school budget and through money that has been kindly donated or fundraised. We have sadly received no funding support from Northumberland County Council as part of the Berwick Partnership redevelopment fund. We have self-managed the build and have been able to use local trades people who have done a brilliant job. I would like to thank: -

Kevin White - our architect

Dick and Paul Eden and their team - our builders

Craig Mitchell - our plumber

James and Graeme Inkpen and their team - our electricians

Ian Grieve and his team - our decorators

They have all been totally committed to our little school and completing our build, which has been finished to a very high standard.

We have been so pleased to hear about the safe arrival of two babies. Mrs Johnson has had a little boy called Jamie Luke and Mrs Darling has had a little girl called Bonnie Catherine Margaret. We look forward to both Mrs Johnson and Mrs Darling returning to work in the summer.

Miss James is working hard on her teaching qualification. We will be supporting her to do a six week placement at St Mary's First School, she will be there from January 7th 2025 to February 21st 2025. Whilst Miss James is away Miss Waugh will return to Beech to lead the class, Miss Payne will be in Elm class to ensure a consistent number of staff are in each class. We are very excited for Miss James and for the school in the long term.

We are so sorry that we were unable to have Tempest Photographers in school this term. We sadly had no space to set them up to take photographs due to the build. We will look forward to having them back in next year.

We are looking forward to class events that parents will be attending, Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for another wonderful year, for your kindness and support of The Grove School and staff team, we could not do what we do without your support. I wish you and your families a Happy, Peaceful and joyful Christmas and look forward to 2025.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries

Please Note that we are closing at 1pm on Friday 20 December



Willow Class

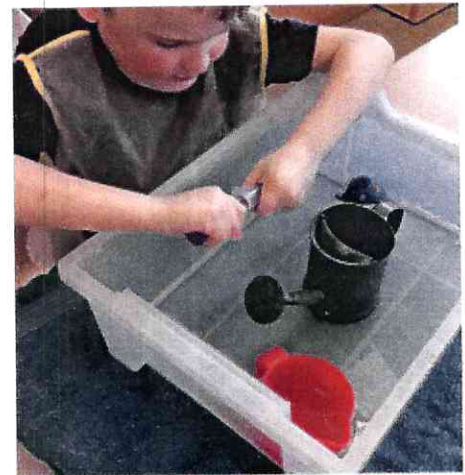
This year Willow class chose Berwick Cancer Cars as their charity. They held a raffle and donated the profits from their scone business to make their donation of £100.00.



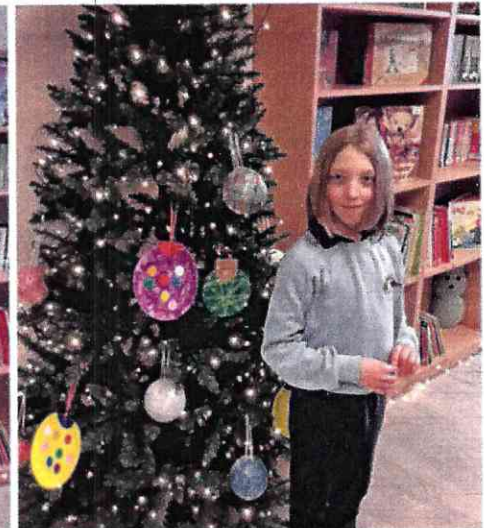


Elm class December 2024

Throughout the term, Elm class has engaged with a wide variety of sensory play resources. We have made some lovely Christmas playdough using cinnamon to stimulate our senses. The lentils made a wonderful sound when pouring reminding us of a rainy day. The warm water was in contrast to the cold weather outside. We used lots of our senses during sensory time exploring each resource using a range of tools to develop our knowledge and understanding of the world around us.



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Beech class have been very busy on the run up to Christmas. We decorated baubles for the Christmas tree, incorporated Christmas into our learning and did some Christmas inspired baking. 🎄👴



Tower building

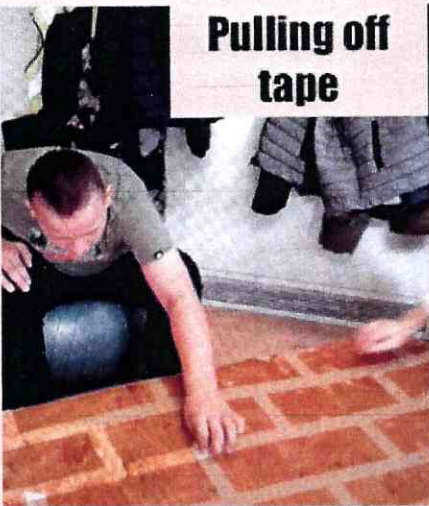
Sycamore Class have been developing and using their motor skills in lots of practical and fun ways.



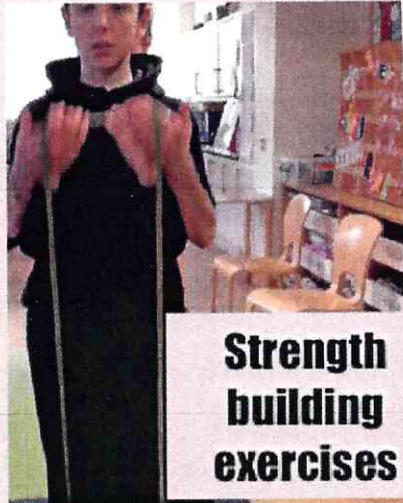
Pouring the washing machine liquid



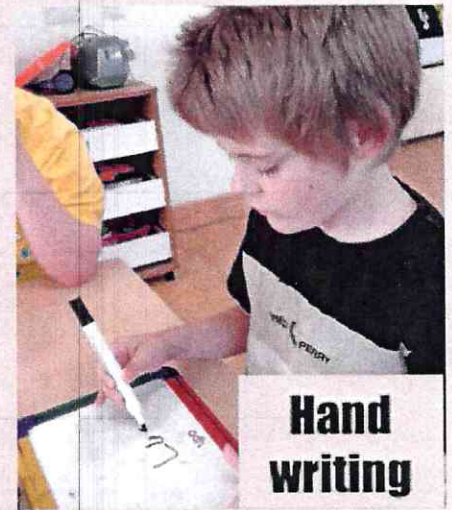
Turning the dial



Pulling off tape



Strength building exercises



Hand writing



Peeling



Cutting



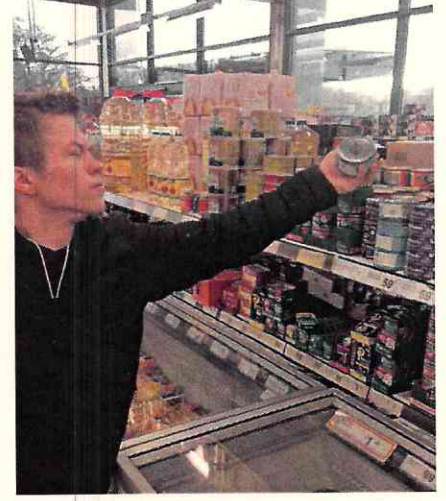
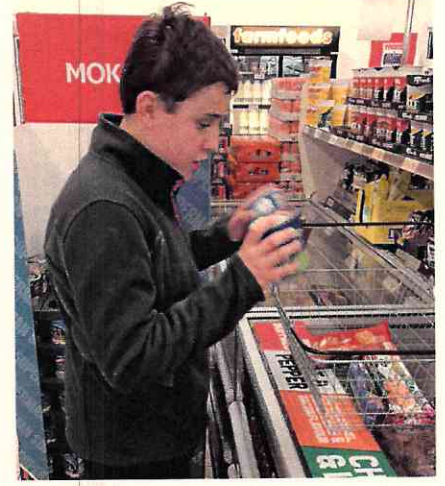
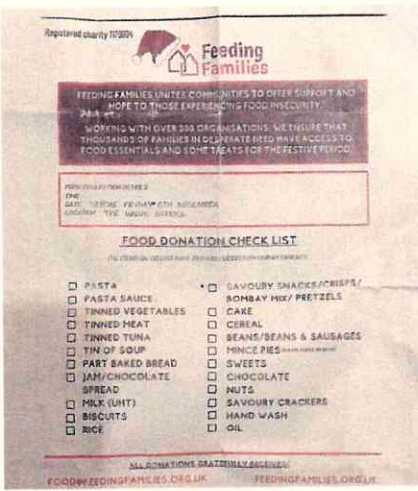
Crafts



Fruit chopping

Autumn term 2
Oak class have
thoroughly enjoyed
creating fish lanterns
with two artists from
The Maltings, playing
hockey, visiting the new
border links premises,
the library and baking,
icing and delivering our
Christmas cakes. HB.





December 2024

In Cherry Class we have been 'foodraising' to support the Feeding Families charity to fill Christmas food boxes for those living in food poverty. We decided to use some of our class business profits to buy food to donate too. We counted all the products that were donated and thanks to everyone's kindness and generosity we delivered 237 food items to our drop off location today.

