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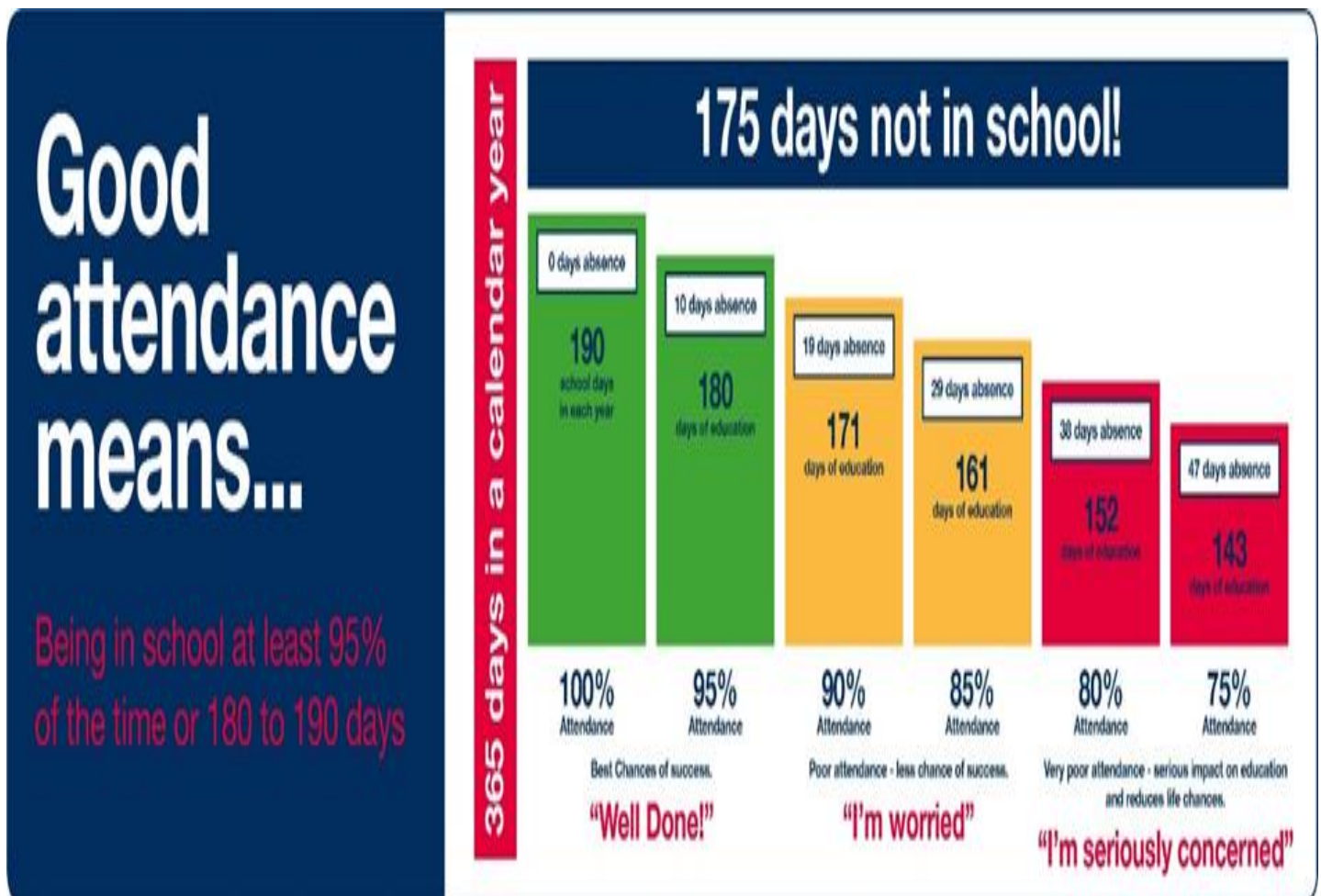
Six weeks down and a big two weeks still to go. Pupils are still working brilliantly in school and managing to stay focused on their learning.

A reminder that a Parent mail was sent out earlier this week regarding Winter illnesses and how to protect against them. Please can you ensure you read through the guidance, as this is a huge national issue at the moment.

Thank you for the influx of hamper prizes for the raffle this week. It is so pleasing to see the generosity of our families and local community.

**Dan Ramshaw**

## Attendance this week: 94.2%





## Going straight to the top

This week Year 8 have been exploring the equation of a straight line. They now know by looking at an equation, where it will intercept the y axis and how steep it will be. Year 8 have also been practising drawing straight line graphs.



## Weekly maths puzzle

### Day 5 | Absolutely Christmas crackers



Last month I sent off for one of those kits which you can use to make your own Christmas Crackers.

The kit contained:

- Three colours of hat: Red, Yellow and Blue
- Four types of novelty: toy car, spinning top, magnifying glass and miniature hair brush
- Four different types of joke slip

All the other parts were the same type.

The kit contained enough bits for 50 crackers. Can I make each cracker different from all the others?

Send your answers to Mrs Robinson at:  
[Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:Lyndsey.Robinson@bellinghampartnership.uk)





## Riot Act

The Riot Act visited Bellingham Middle School this week to deliver the 'Josh Green' workshop, focused on teaching our Y8 group the importance of road safety. This entertaining and hard-hitting performance certainly provided an opportunity to reflect on how we behave, outside of the school environment.



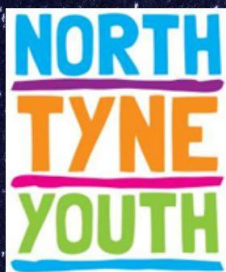
## Cross-country

There were some strong performances from the boys and girls in years 7 and 8 at last week's Area Cross Country Championships at Ovingham Middle School.

Sophie ran a well-paced race to finish 17th in the Minor girls category, whilst Elise was up against tough opposition in the Junior girls race, competing with girls a year older than her. She also finished in a creditable 17th place. Well done to all those competing.







# Youth Clubs

## **TUESDAYS @ RTC OTTERBURN**

**6.00-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-6)**

**7.30-9.00pm: Seniors (school years 7-13)**

## **WEDNESDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM**

**6.30-8.30pm every first and third Wednesday of the month: Seniors (school years 9-13)**

## **THURSDAYS @ REED HALL BELLINGHAM**

**6.15-7.15pm: Juniors (school years 4-5)**

**7.30-8.30pm: Inters (school years 6-8)**

**AND OUR FRIENDS AT KIRKWHELPINGTON HOLD AN 8-18S YOUTH CLUB, EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30-8.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL!**

Email [Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Robinson@northtyneyouth.co.uk) or call/text/WhatsApp for more info and to register





## Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many pupils looking festive today for Christmas Jumper day.



## Master bakers

Ruairi and Riley have been cooking up a storm in the kitchens! This week they were baking Christmas cupcakes. The boys used maths skills, followed instructions and the 'less is more' guidance with toppings! The boys were brilliant at using the electric mixer and tidying away, while also carefully measuring and cracking eggs. The end result was lovely, perfectly baked cakes.







## Year 8 Christmas Bake off

On Tuesday, Year 8 will be competing in the now annual BMS Christmas Bake Off – here is the recipe for the yule logs they will be making if you wish to try it at home!



**On Tuesday 13th December, Year 8 will be participating in a Christmas Bellingham bake off.**



They will be making a decorated Christmas Yule log.

The decorated Christmas Yule logs will be judged and the winner(s) will be awarded prize(s).

Year 8 pupils will need to bring all ingredients to make the yule log and decorate it as well as a plate for it. (and a container to take it home in) as well as a design plan.

You are welcome to use any recipe to make your yule log and decorations.

I have attached a basic recipe (which I use) to make a chocolate swiss roll and butter icing.

Please use this time to plan how you are going to decorate it.

*You can practise at home if you want to.*

### **Basic Chocolate Swiss roll recipe**

2 medium eggs

75g caster sugar

50g self raising flour

25g cocoa

Jam for filling (I use cherry at home but you can use any flavour jam) (you could also use butter cream icing in the middle if you wanted to)



5. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line a 16 x 28cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.
6. Beat the eggs and sugar together for 5 mins with an electric hand whisk until thick and pale. Gently fold in the flour in two batches using a large metal spoon. Pour the mixture into the tin and gently ease into the corners. Bake for 10-12 mins until golden and firm. Be careful not to overbake, or the sponge will break when rolled.
7. While the sponge is baking, sprinkle 2 tbsp sugar over a square of baking parchment. Warm the jam in the microwave for 20 secs.
8. Turn the baked sponge onto the sugared paper. Peel off the lining paper and spread the sponge with the warm jam. Roll up from the short edge using the paper to help you then cool on a wire rack.

### **Butter icing**

70g butter (at room temperature)

110g icing sugar

30g cocoa powder

A little bit of milk

Beat the butter until soft. Sift the icing sugar and cocoa powder into the butter. Gently mix until all mixed together. Add a little milk if the icing is too thick.

Spread the icing over the swiss roll and decorate.







# CHRISTMAS WAGON RUN

5.30pm Starting at Kielder -  
Bellingham - Wark - Chollerford -  
Wall - Acomb - Hexham

**9th December**

Raising funds to help families in the North  
Tyne & North East Air Ambulance

Food, Drinks and entertainment  
will be available at most  
villages, more details to follow.





# Bellingham Middle School Christmas Fayre

A festive extravaganza for all  
the family, including:  
Christmas cake stall,  
Christmas craft stalls,  
Christmas cards, raffle,  
wooden reindeers,  
refreshments, and much more.



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DECEMBER

1:30pm - 3pm





## It's STILL beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

This week's Christmas Craft offerings! Hand painted tree decorations, lovely gingerbread hearts in gift bags and they've decorated clear baubles. Mrs Batey and Mrs McGregor were being powered on chocolate brownies!



## 2nd week of Advent



We are now into the second week of advent – the week of peace.

To celebrate this, we have contributed to the Christmas Tree display at St Cuthbert's. Our Hello Yellow/Sustainability tree takes pride of place! A huge thank you to the staff and pupils who made this possible. Special thanks to Mrs McGregor and in particular, Mrs Batey who risked life and limb, as well as hypothermia, when decorating it!







## School news

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils to access, especially as the mornings get more wintry. It's also absolutely FREE! If you wish for your child to attend Breakfast Club, please can you contact Mrs Thompson directly on 01434 220235.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in prizes for our Christmas Raffle hampers. Letters were given out last week to specify the types of prize that each year group was donating, these include:

Year 5 - something for a man  
Year 6 - something for a woman  
Year 7 - something silver  
Year 8 - something gold



## Dates for your diary

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Flu Immunisations
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Careers/Enterprise Challenge Morning
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Enrichment homework deadline
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Pantomime Trip - Cinderella– Newcastle Theatre Royal
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	BMS Christmas Fair
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	Christmas Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	Christmas Party
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	Christmas Lunch
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	School ends for Christmas holidays