

Percy Hedley School's

Whole School Blog

News, Stars, This Is Me! Bobby's Trout & Our Amazing Early Years...and farewell for now...from John & the PHS Team

Friday 17th July 2026

Hi everyone,

Hope you're OK. Well, it's the end of the school year and that's always the end of an era – either for your teacher, your room or even your school. It's a fun and exciting time, but a good time to think about what everyone has achieved too. With your help, our pupils achieve most of their targets & outcomes in their plans throughout the year, which just in itself is amazing. I hope that most of the time they have a decent time while they're doing it – as we do – and that it helps at home. That's what we're here for, to do our best to help with the barriers each pupil has and to do what we can to be there in ways that we can too

Thanks for your communication & partnership throughout the year. It only works here when that is in place, so it's fabulous that it is so much for this school. I hope you've got what you needed from us, and when you haven't that we've been able to sort things out quickly. I really do wish you all the best for the break. There's lots of blogs and other things on our and the company's website. We'll see the children again on **Thursday 3rd September** after a couple of training days, and we'll look forward to seeing them and some new faces. We'll also be wishing well those that are leaving us – the Leavers' Assembly was great. Please do keep in touch

😊 *from John & the PHS Team* 😊

OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

Respect,
Teamwork
& Resilience

HOW THE CURRICULUM WORKS & WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US:

3 Super-Steering Groups deliver our Key Drivers through our curriculum.

The Key Drivers are Communication, Wellbeing and Independence

The Groups are Literacy, Physical Development & Personal Development



There's been lots of hugs this week!

School Council News

"We meet every two weeks & discuss all sorts of important projects. We listen to what the students want & try our best to make this happen"

The Student Council is making a difference to the school!

It's great to have such a good School Council, that are making a difference with these kinds of things. It really fits in with our ethos and the vibe of the school too. Thanks to them!



Our School Council Board!



Literacy

Becky, our Literacy Specialist Lead, leads a team that improve all aspects of literacy, including writing, oracy, reading, phonics, books & the library! Let's catch up with what the latest happenings are!



THE YEAR OF READING!

For this year's final literacy blog we've got a few ways to keep 'Love of Reading' going for you and your family over the Summer Holidays - without the pressure!



Audiobooks and e-books are a great low pressure way of reading, with many of the same benefits as sitting reading a story together. You can still enjoy a story, learn new information and be exposed to different vocabulary and styles of writing (all very important!)

You may have remembered us talking about this before, but 'Borrowbox' is a free resource that any child or adult can access through their local library membership.

It's free to join your library, you can often do it remotely online, and then you can sign up to 'borrow' digital e-books or audiobooks - there's an enormous range there and that's available for everyone



Your library in one app.

There's nothing like having a new app that transforms how you use your local library.

The 'National Year of Reading' campaign has also linked with Apple Books this summer to provide a collection of over 50 children's audiobooks for free. You need to be quick with this one as you need to download them from Apple Books by 21st July (Tuesday) but once you download them you have them in your account forever! Such a good mix of classic stories and new releases, organised by age up to around 12 years

Go to 'Book Store' within the Books app, and in the banner at the top you should see a 'Celebrate Story Telling' section, 'free for a limited time'. Anyone with an iPhone or iPad will be able to access these until Tuesday!



Finally, for any keen beans wanting to take on the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library or online, it's not too late to join in! Read more about it here: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Thank you for all of the support this year with reading across the school, happy summer holidays and happy reading!



Healthy Living



Everything that is in the world of Healthy Living: physical development, including physio, hydro, MOVE, PE, HI, VI, OT & other key areas for us, including Outdoor Learning & many other aspects. Steph oversees this & it's one of our priorities this year. Here's Ash again!



Personal Development & Wellbeing

One of the best things about the school and one of the most important for our pupils, PDW covers PSHE, Careers, Social Moral Spiritual & Cultural Issues, Online Safety, Behaviour, Wellbeing & similar areas. Jo pulls it all together. Let's hear what's going on...

Cultural Capital

What a cultural few weeks it has been at Percy Hedley School!

There has been so much going on across school recently, from our fantastic annual *This Is Me Festival* to dance workshops and exciting trips out into the community.

Our Cultural Capital program is all about helping pupils celebrate their own identities and experiences while also providing opportunities to discover new cultures, traditions, people and places. Seeing our pupils engage with these experiences, build confidence and create lasting memories has been wonderful.

As always, we are looking for new opportunities to enrich our offer. If you have any contacts with local artists or performers who run activities such as ceilidh dancing, maypole dancing, Morris dancing or other traditional cultural experiences, please get in touch. I'd love to hear from you at j.ferguson@percyhedley.org.uk

This Is Me Festival

One of the highlights of the school year, our *This Is Me Festival* once again proved to be a fantastic celebration of diversity, individuality and community.

The day began with our whole-school This Is Me March, where pupils and staff came together to celebrate who we are and what we believe in. It is always a special moment and never fails to bring a smile (and sometimes a tear!) to those watching.

Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a range of exciting workshops including African drumming, performances from Unique Theatre and some truly amazing bubble displays from our visiting Bubble-ologist. There were also opportunities to relax with diverse story books in the garden, take part in giant outdoor games, shop for festival merchandise and, of course, sing their hearts out at the ever-popular karaoke station.

We were delighted to welcome visiting pupils from Benton Dene Primary School, and everyone enjoyed cooling down with delicious ice cream kindly supplied by Dimascios. The festival perfectly captured what makes Percy Hedley School such a special place—acceptance, joy & celebrating.











South American Dance Workshops

To celebrate World Music Day, we welcomed the brilliant Emilia from Primary Workshops, who brought the energy and excitement of South America to Percy Hedley School.

Pupils and staff learned a variety of popular dances, including the samba, salsa and rumba. The sessions were full of music, movement and laughter, with everyone getting involved. It was fantastic to see pupils trying something new and experiencing different cultural traditions through dance



We think it's fair to say the staff enjoyed it just as much as the pupils!



Van Gogh Immersive Experience

Around 90 of our pupils recently visited the Van Gogh Immersive Experience at the Utilita Arena in Newcastle—and what an incredible experience it was.

The exhibition brought Vincent van Gogh's artwork to life through moving images, sound and light, allowing pupils to feel as though they had stepped inside one of his famous paintings. For many pupils, this was their first experience of an immersive art installation, and it sparked wonderful conversations about creativity, colour and self-expression.

The visit was a fantastic example of how cultural experiences can inspire curiosity, encourage creativity and help bring classroom learning to life in exciting and memorable ways.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils embraced each of these opportunities and can't wait to share more cultural adventures with you in the months ahead.

Keep an eye on future blogs to see what we've been up to next!



If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at j.ferguson@percyhedley.org.uk, or speak to your child's class teacher



PE

PE is great here and very important for a lot of the students – in fact all sorts of movement



A Fantastic Day at Langley Dam



Our students from had an unforgettable day at Langley Dam, enjoying the experience of fishing and making memories that will last a lifetime

The day was about so much more than catching fish. It was filled with smiles, teamwork, resilience and the confidence to try something new. Every student embraced the challenge, encouraged one another and should be incredibly proud of what they achieved

One of the biggest highlights came when Bobbie proudly walked back into school carrying the fish he had caught. The smile on his face was priceless! He couldn't

wait to show everyone, and seeing his excitement and sense of achievement reminded us exactly why experiences like this matter

We are so proud of the way our students represented Percy Hedley School, with kindness, enthusiasm and determination from start to finish

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make such a special day possible

"The best learning happens when young people believe in themselves, support each other and discover they are capable of more than they ever imagined." ❤️





Early Years – The Ducklings!

It's always so good to hear about what Kate & the team have been doing with their week. Such a lovely class – can't wait to hear the stories and match them to the pictures! Let's hear from Kate!



It's amazing to think that we are already at the final week before the summer holidays! We have had a lovely week together, reflecting on all the fantastic memories we have made this year.



We are so proud of Aimee and the enthusiasm she brings to every experience. This week, she even took centre stage during our South American dance session and looked ready to lead the class herself! Thanks to Aimee, we are now experts in all things Peppa Pig.



We are very proud of Hayden and the progress he has made in joining our group learning sessions. It has been wonderful to see him take part in class routines with growing confidence and independence. His funny personality has brought lots of smiles to our classroom, and we now know every Peppa Pig story by heart!



We are so proud of Rowan's growing communication skills and his ability to share his thoughts and ideas with us. He has kept us entertained with his imaginative stories, funny comments and occasional adventures into classroom cupboards! One of our new favourite Rowan sayings is his enthusiastic "DUDE!"



We are very proud of George and the friendly, sociable boy he is. He brightens everyone's day with his cheerful greetings and loves saying hello to everybody he meets. George has been a kind and caring friend and enjoys sharing his interests

with others. Thanks to George, we have learned the names of more train toys than we ever knew existed!



We are so proud of the confident and chatty little girl Alli has become. She loves interacting with people around school and is always ready with a wave, hello or thank you. Her confidence has grown so much this year, and her infectious laugh keeps us all smiling.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy making lots of memories together. To celebrate a lovely year, we have included a selection of photographs below, capturing some of the fun we have had together!



Russell's Dig – he can dig it!!!!!!

There's usually something very interesting happening in Russell's class – I wonder what they've been up to this week.....more digging!!!!!!

Our second archaeology visit has taken place at Jarrow Hall with a mix of diggers from the first foray and some new recruits. We were quickly busy with a Victorian layer, discoveries including ceramic, glass, wooden, metallic and textile objects

Everyone worked hard, reluctantly took shade and drinks breaks in the fierce heat and had a huge amount of fun while we excavated and washed our finds. Staff at Jarrow Hall have been full of praise for our enthusiastic archaeologists



Helen's Class News!

Helen's class has been great this year. Let's see what their last couple of weeks has been like and see some pictures! Looks fun!







We've had a lovely time in 2HR these past couple of weeks...From reading stories together, playing group games and scavenger hunts around school, to visiting the local library, making cakes and learning the Viking Row from the Norway team in the World Cup! We also all absolutely loved the 'The is Me!' festival last week and have just had a lovely two weeks together before the summer hols!!



Kat's Trips!

Kat's class has been having a few good trips recently, doing some fab things. Let's have a look! And hear from Kat! It looks like Northumberlandia and Cullercoats – two great places!





This week some of our students in KS4 had the opportunity to take part in a work experience afternoon at Northumberlandia Nature Reserve. They worked on their skills builder steps covering speaking, listening, teamwork and problem solving. The students listened to the activity leader carefully and got struck straight into their tasks. They had plenty of fun along the weather was very good to us!





During the year, 4KR learned about voluntary work and charity during enterprise. As one of their projects as part of RNLI awareness day, the students raised some money running a break time hot drink café. To end the year, the class travelled by metro and visited the RNLI volunteers and lifeguards at Cullercoats. They learned about the work they do, the equipment they use and the history of the RNLI. The students learned the importance of water safety and top rules including float like a starfish and how to use life rings. The lifeguards received their donation and the class got to have their photo taken with them. The class ended their visit with a beach picnic and a plodge in the sea. A fab day all round!



Nursing News!

The school is full of different teams working together for the good of the pupils, and we have a lot of different disciplines & types of people working here. It's really good that we have nurses & HCAs. Let's see what they're talking about this week – I think they need some info back from you guys!

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we would like to wish all our families a wonderful summer holiday.

We hope you have lots of fun, stay safe, and make many happy memories together.

As we prepare for the new school year in September, please remember to send any medication your child requires in its original container with the prescription label clearly attached. If your child has received an updated epilepsy care plan or feeding plan over the holidays, please send a copy into school so we can ensure we have the most up to date information to support them safely.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing summer!



Go Nurses!



Behaviour for Learning (BfL)

Aylisha and Corin have developed the BfL Team and work on supporting our pupils all the time, in all situations. They've been joined by Nicola, Nat, Sarah & Andrea this year to make a really important team for the school. Let's hear from Aylisha

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is important to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress made by our students, staff, and families through our Behaviour for Learning (BfL) approach

The Behaviour for Learning team has continued to focus on creating a safe, consistent, and supportive environment where students feel valued and understood.

This year we have:

Continued to develop positive behaviour support practices.

Embedded restorative approaches to strengthen relationships.

Expanded our use of individual support plans and targeted interventions.

Worked closely with families and external agencies to provide the right support at the right time

Celebrated student achievements through rewards, recognition, and positive feedback

Devised an updated PERMA plan for all our students

The BfL team looks forward to another year of growth, collaboration and positive impact as we continue to support our school community

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the BfL Team

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 Call: 0191 216 1811

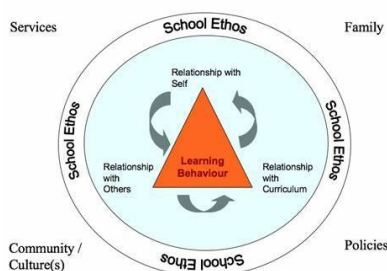


Figure 1: Behaviour for Learning conceptual framework



Preparation for Adulthood with Hannah

PfA is a priority for the us and always will be. Let's hear below what Hannah & the PfA Team have been working on.



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[Here is the link to our PfA resources:](#)



Exams!

A message from Kat!

It has been a very busy time over the past weeks for students to sit exams in different subjects. Every exam sat meant a "yes I did it" on the individual exams schedule

Preparations for Results Day and the completion of the Qualification Cycle is under way eg claiming full qualifications for certification and completing the Functional Skills Entry Level external moderation process

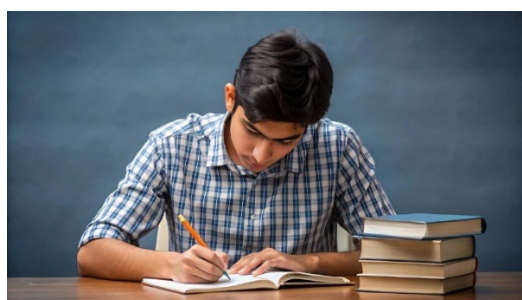
Results will be available for most qualifications on Results Day 20th August 2026.

Some of the Functional Skills Results might come in earlier and will be communicated by staff

Please return the Results Consent Forms that were sent home with students asap to enable communication on Results Day with the student and/or guardian. Thank you very much

Once again, well done and thank you to everyone involved who prepared and helped students through the exam process

Best wishes



Mobile Phones in schools!

We've been working on a new policy to reflect what's going on in the country about this, and what the government is telling us.

Please do have a read

Rebecca is happy to answer any questions about it at all. Get Rebecca on r.fletcher@percyhedley.org.uk

Mobile Phones in School procedure

To maintain a safe, focused and supportive learning environment, all students must hand their mobile phones to a member of staff at the start of the school day. Phones will be stored securely and returned to students at the end of the school day.

The school recognises that many students rely on mobile phones for their journey to and from school. Students may therefore bring their phones to school for transport and travel purposes, but they must be handed in immediately upon arrival.

Exemptions and Reasonable Adjustments

The school acknowledges that some students may require access to a mobile device during the school day as part of their individual needs. Reasonable adjustments will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may include:

- Medical needs, such as the management of diabetes through mobile phone-linked monitoring systems.
- Communication needs identified within an EHCP or other support plan.
- Therapeutic interventions recommended by healthcare professionals or therapists.
- Activities that support Preparation for Adulthood outcomes, where mobile phone use has been identified as an appropriate tool to develop independence, travel training, communication skills or community access.

Any exemption must be agreed by the school in partnership with the student, parents/carers and relevant professionals. Arrangements will be reviewed regularly to ensure they remain appropriate and supportive of the student's needs.

Use of Phones Under an Agreed Exemption

Students with an approved exemption may only use their phone for the specific purpose agreed with parents/carers, a medical plan and the DSL. Where this is the case parents/carers will be invited into school to discuss the exemption and an individual contract will be in place to safeguard all pupils and staff. The school reserves the right to review, amend or withdraw arrangements where use is no longer appropriate or where there are safeguarding concerns.

Unauthorised Use

Students must not use mobile phones during the school day without prior authorisation. Unauthorised use, including photography, recording, messaging, social media access or gaming, may result in the phone being confiscated and further action being taken in line with the school's behaviour policy.

This approach reflects current Department for Education expectations that schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default, while making appropriate adjustments for pupils with SEND, disabilities or medical needs.



School Lunches

Please find the menus here: [School Meals - Percy Hedley School](#)

Unless your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or Bursary, please ensure your iPay account is topped up before meals are taken. Thank you for your understanding & continued support in helping us to provide good quality, safe & nutritious meals for our children

If you have any questions or need support with your iPay account, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Safeguarding – information & support for the summer



Aylsha is our Safeguarding Officer, Rebecca is the DSL. Tracy and Corin round out a great DSL Team, with others like Carla, Lizzie & Vicky involved too in other aspects of safeguarding. Let's hear what Alysha wants to draw our attention to at the end of the school year

As we approach the end of the summer term, our aim this week is to share information of agencies who may be able to offer support for our parents/carers and young people throughout the summer holidays.

Water Safety

If the weather is nice the beach is often the place to be. With so many wonderful beaches here in the North East it is important that our children are aware of the Water Safety Code. It is the fundamental spine of all water safety education.

Whenever you are around water:

STOP and THINK, take time to assess your surroundings. Look for dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER, when around water always go with friends and family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

CALL 999, ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT, fall in or become tired- stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

For further information visit:

[*The Water Safety Code \(rlss.org.uk\)*](https://rlss.org.uk)

[*Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks \(rnli.org\)*](https://rnli.org)

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse can happen to anyone. Children are now classed as victims of Domestic Abuse whether they have witnessed it or not.

For further support and advice visit:

[*Home \(myharbour.org.uk\)*](https://myharbour.org.uk)

[*ManKind Initiative - Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse*](#)

[*Home - Women's Aid \(womensaid.org.uk\)*](https://womensaid.org.uk)

Mental Health

Mental health is a subject that many of us find difficult to discuss, primarily because of fear of saying the wrong thing and making matters worse.

Please see a list of resources available below:

YoungMinds- [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)

Has a wealth of resources on their website, as well as providing dedicated crisis services. The YoungMinds Crisis Messenger provides free crisis support every day of the week, at any time or day or night. You just need to text YM to 85258. All texts are answered by trained volunteers with support from experienced clinical supervisors.

SHOUT- [Shout: the UK's free, confidential and 24/7 mental health text service for crisis support | Shout 85258 \(giveusashout.org\)](#) provides free, confidential, 24/7 text message support in the UK for anyone who is struggling to cope and anyone in crisis. You can: text SHOUT to 85258 and the service is free on all major mobile networks. You'll then be connected to a volunteer for an anonymous conversation by text message. This is not an NHS service. It's a free, confidential service available 24/7 run by a charity called Mental Health Innovations.

Papyrus- [Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](#) Papyrus (Prevention of Young Suicide) provides advice and support for young people who feel like they want to take their own life, all advice is confidential. The helpline HOPELineUK is available on 0800 068 41 41 text available on 07786209687.

The Mix- [Get Support - The Mix](#) The Mix provides a free confidential telephone helpline and online service that aims to find young people the best help, whatever the problem. Can be contacted via telephone on 0808 808 4994 for free, lines are open 11am-11pm every day. Can also be accessed online.

Childline- [Report Remove | Childline](#) Childline provides a confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem. It comforts, advises and protects. Telephone number is 0800 1111. Is also free and can have an online chat with a counsellor via their website.

Samaritans- [Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#) Samaritans are an organisation that you can ring at any time day or night. They'll help you and listen to how you're feeling. Contact number 116 123.

NHS- If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call **NHS 111** and select **Option 2** for urgent mental health support. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for adults, children and young people.

E-Safety

We know that children are likely to have an increased amount of screen time on their electronic devices over the summer holidays. If our parents/carers need further information regarding parental controls etc please the online safety section of our school website [Online Safety - Percy Hedley School](#)

Other agencies available for support are:

Police, call 999 in the case of an emergency or 111 for non-emergencies.

Children's Services (social services) contact the front door at your local authority to report a concern about a child.

Should you need any support during the summer holidays our safeguarding team will be available.

Citizens Advice

Free, confidential advice on:

Benefits and Universal Credit

Housing issues

Debt and money management

Employment concerns

Family and relationship matters

This can be particularly helpful during the summer holidays if families are experiencing financial pressures.

Foodbanks and Community hubs

Many communities across the Northeast have foodbanks and community hubs offering:

Emergency food parcels

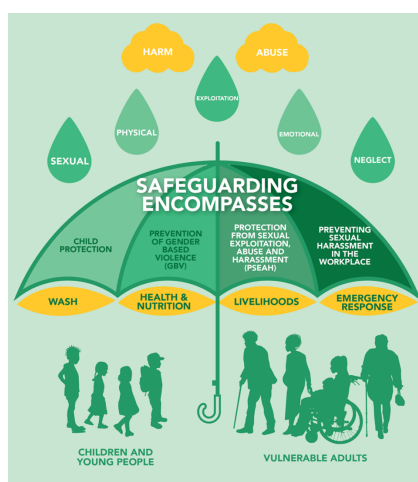
School holiday food provision

Cost-of-living support

Advice and signposting to local services

Families can search for their nearest foodbank through The Trussell Trust or their local authority website.

As ever if there is anything that the DSL Team can help with, or if you have any queries or questions at all, then please don't hesitate to contact r.fletcher@percyhedley.org.uk or aylisha.holland@percyhedley.org.uk for anything like at all that you think is, or even may be, related to safeguarding



Safeguarding is a lot of different things!

Online Safety – support over the summer holidays

Please do tell us what you feel would be helpful in the Online Safety blog, and the team will look into it. We know what a priority this is for many of you

For this final week of the school year, Lizzie is signposting resources and support for parents & carers over the summer hols 😊

[Online Safety blogs - Percy Hedley School](#)

If you would like support or advice about online safety, please don't hesitate to get in touch





No-Spray School

Just a reminder that we're a no-spray school. This means pupils & staff should not wear perfumes or aerosol body sprays, as these can cause serious allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, for some members of our community. Roll-on deodorants & water-based sprays are fine to use. Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe place for everyone



Attendance!



Attendance Matters



Thank you for your support with attendance, an area of national scrutiny. Here's Kelly with an important reminder

Following recent discussions about schools offering later start times during the World Cup, we would like to confirm that Percy Hedley School will continue to operate as normal

We understand that some matches may finish late; however, all students are still expected to arrive at school on time each day

The school day begins promptly at **9:00am**. Any student arriving after this time will be marked as late unless there is a pre-arranged appointment and an absence form has been submitted in advance

If you have any questions, please contact **kelly.richardson@percyhedley.org.uk**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

A brief reminder about how to contact the school for reporting an absence

Parents & carers have a responsibility to notify the school if their child is going to be absent. Please note this is daily for each day the child is absent. This may be via

A note in the school diary if the absence is known in advance eg medical appointment

A telephone call to the school office before 9.30 on the first day of absence if the absence was unplanned, eg illness

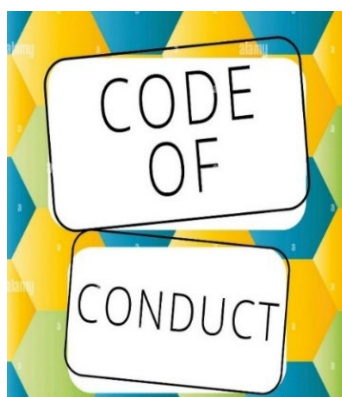
Email to class teacher or PHSattendance@percyhedley.org.uk before 9:30 on the day of the absence

As always, any queries feel free to reach out - kelly.richardson@percyhedley.org.uk

Thanks for your support and partnership in this area



Parent/Carer Code of Conduct



Our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct is on the website here: [Parent and Carers Area – Percy Hedley School](#). Most schools have these, so please do have a read – they aren't used very often. Thanks for your support with it – generally but also in most things that arise every day



Friends of PHS – the FoPHS!

A huge thank you to all the FoPHS for their time, commitment & support with projects, ideas & all sorts. You're such an important part of the school. All parents, carers & staff are members of the FoPHS by default. Benefits include insurance for events, links with their partners & training for parents, carers & staff. We meet half termly. Time and place will be confirmed. Ways in which you can help. Here's Eileen, and if you want more like this, switch over to Eileen's blog on our site

The remaining 6 draws for the 100 club were done, and the winners are:

38. Ros Holden

10. Amanda Dobson

8. Roxanne Bassam

43. Jackie Byren

20. Neil Walker

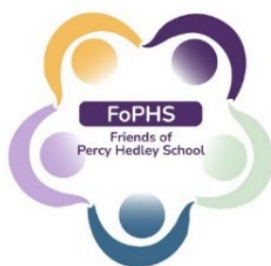
26. John Suggate

I will contact those for whom I don't have bank details to arrange BACS transfer.

Each winner will receive £23.50. Thanks to everyone who supported the 100 club which raised £282 for FoPHS

We agreed to hold a combined social coffee morning/FoPHS meet the team in September to encourage more families to join us. We also plan to update the information on the website

Thanks to everyone who supported us this year, donations, volunteers, 100 club and so much more



Why don't you join! The Fabulous Friends are always looking for volunteers for events! If you can offer any support, please contact Eileen at e.robinson@percyhedley.org.uk



Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) – with Tracy and the Team!



In January 2024, with your support and contributions, Percy Hedley school successfully achieved this award. The accreditation lasts for three years; therefore, it is now time to gain your opinion about whether you have seen any improvements in the quality of communication with school/ staff during this time. Key points you made were:

- *Regular communication updates on pupil progress*
- *Yearly events calendar with regular updates*
- *Communication between home & school in a range of formats, phone, email, letter, text, weekly school blogs, home/school diaries, termly newsletters*
 - *A range of times & days when coffee event/ activities take place*
 - *Online opportunities to attend these events*
 - *Online training for families*

We are currently updating our steering group as having representatives from across school ensures we capture opinions & evidence from as many parents as possible.

Thank you in advance

Please get in touch with Tracy and she will be happy to respond to any queries, suggestions about the LPPA and other issues for parents - from Tracy and the LPPA team - t.smithson@percyhedley.org.uk



Stars of the Week!

That reflect our School Values!

ENGAGEMENT

George!

Resilience, Teamwork & Respect!

This week, we are celebrating George, who has consistently demonstrated outstanding resilience, teamwork, and respect throughout his time with us; as he now moves on to college, we wish him the very best of luck for the future!

George – a rare all three-STAR!!!



ELTBA

Wren and Toby!

Teamwork!

ELTBA Stars of the Week are Wren and Toby from 3KJ in forest school for great teamwork and taking turns in the hammock. Double STARS!!!



APPROPRIATE ACCREDITATION

We have some great folks in KS4! Let's hear who has stood out this week and is a STAR based on the school values

Resilience

Jess O for showing so much progress during her PHS journey - we wish you very best as you move to college next year!

Lucas K for demonstrating determination and overcoming barriers to use public transport and get to the Van Gogh event in town!

Teamwork

Harry FS and Ellie be for being so helpful in class this week!

Respect

4AJ for being respectful and independent while on school trips out for lunch and to Van Gogh this week. They also demonstrated independence while communicating with unfamiliar strangers and handling their own money!



POST-16!

Love our Sixth Form!!! It's a great time to be a student with lots of exciting things happening. Let's see!!! STARS!!!

Resilience

Matthew, Kacey, Andrew, Casey B, Faith and Owen were so calm and mature when the bus broke down on the way to Druridge Bay. They calmly chatted and waited patiently until Paul came to save the day. They then went on to have a wonderful trip. Sailing and enjoying the gorgeous surroundings. Very well done!!

Bradán and Noah have been absolute stars this year. They have stepped well out of their respective comfort zones and developed so much confidence. Fantastic!!

Michael and Logan joined in with the South American dancing. They had the moves! Amazing!!

All 5KG have had an amazing year. Well done to you all!!



Makaton Signs of the Week with Julie!

Every Sunday Julie prepares a message for the whole school on Makaton signs that are current and relevant to the time of year. I reproduce that here so that you can do the same thing at home if that suits you – or just for you to learn a few signs each week. Hope it works for you! Here's Julie

Makaton Signs of the Week 13th July

End of term signs: start, finish, school, summer, holiday, sunshine

Some useful signs for the last week of term and the holidays!

[Here is my video:](#)

Here are Singing Hands singing about a summer holiday!

<https://youtu.be/rj5zY7Lovm8?si=HILQnyG42EySEF-M>

Here are the signs:



to start

Rapid movement

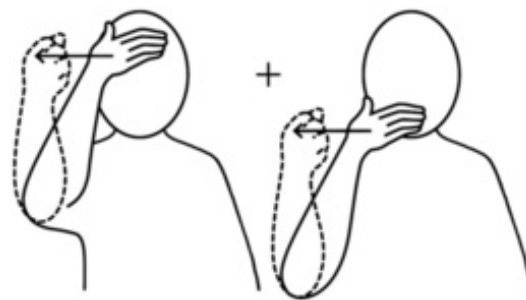


to finish

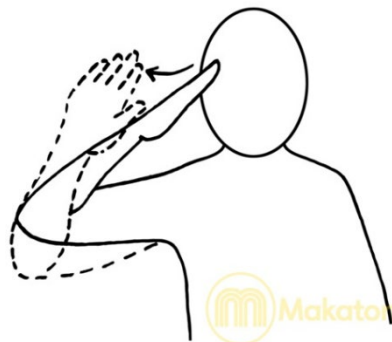
Small circular movement in front of mouth



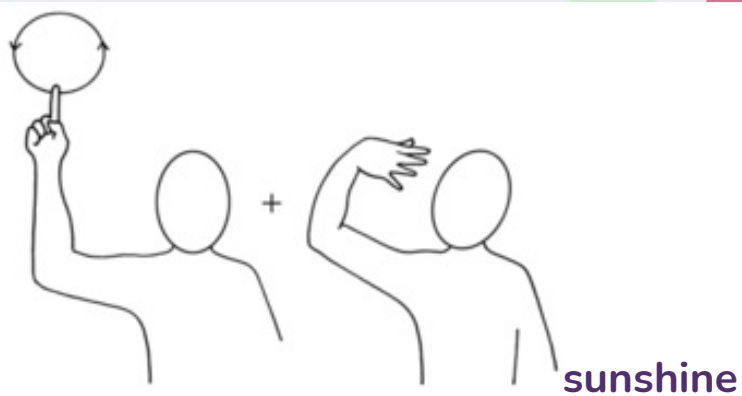
school



summer

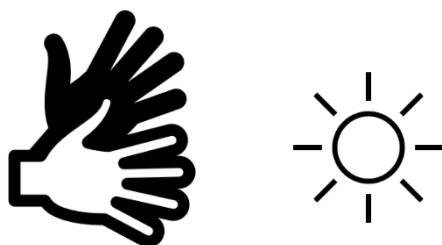


holiday



Keep signing over the summer everyone!

Happy Holidays!



Keep signing!
Julie



Dates for your diary

End of term for pupils – Friday 17th July

Start of term for pupils – Thursday 3rd September



...from John & the Team here at PHS

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Communication, Wellbeing, Independence

