

JANUARY
& FEBRUARY 2026



Happy New Year and welcome to our January/February newsletter...

We have had a brilliant start to the term, our older children have come back in really well and our new children are settling in quickly.

A last reminder for families of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2026 - a link to Durham County Council applications has been shared on our School Facebook page. The deadline to apply is Thursday 15th January

New friends joining us in January... a very warm welcome to Asa, Florrie, Grayson, Norah, Marlyn, Oakley, Parker-James, Rowan and Zara - we hope you will all be very happy here at Aclet Close Nursery - exciting times ahead!



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Esme, Louella-Rose, Leon, Miss Simpkins and Mrs Jenkins who are celebrating their birthdays in January and Caspian, Lily, Sophia, Lucas L, Lexi, Tristan, Harlan, Maisie-Leigh, Hallie and Mrs Metcalfe, who have their birthdays in February.

Nativity... Thank you for attending, we hope you all enjoyed it. Our little ones did us proud!.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall... some of our older children had a lovely time at the Panto, watching Jack and the Beanstalk. Tickets were subsidised by school fund.

Christmas Party at Brewsters Soft Play... We held our Christmas Party for our older children at Brewsters and a good time was had by all. This event was subsidised by school fund.

Christmas Party in Nursery... Our younger children had their Christmas Party in Nursery. Traditional party games and yummy treats were enjoyed.

Auckland Youth Community Centre... We were over the moon to be invited to the 'Winter Wonderland' organised by AYCC staff and funded by Bishop Auckland Town Council again. Our children thoroughly enjoy this trip each year.

Swimming sessions at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre... the small group swimming sessions continue to be very successful with all children making great progress. Group 3 are swimming at present and all 3 groups will get the opportunity to go again before the end of the academic year.

This term we are planning lots of lovely opportunities - further information to follow!

School Fund...

On behalf of staff and children, we would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to our School Fund. You have paid for the children's healthy daily snacks and also subsidised our Christmas party at Brewsters and in Nursery as well as the children's Birthday gifts, Christmas gifts and crafty bits for the children's keepsakes. Contributions are to be paid into School Fund via ParentPay but please let us know if you would prefer a code to take to the shop to pay your contribution.

Absences.....If your child is poorly please phone the office on 01388 603006 to notify Mrs Beal of the reason for absence. We are unable to action absences received by text message, Class Dojo or Facebook messenger.

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Your child's safety is very important to us...

Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk and also be mindful of our neighbours. Please refrain from parking on the grass/mud - parking in the laybys is much appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support.

School uniform...

is optional and available from Cre8tive (12 Peel Street, Bishop Auckland. Tel: 664097). You can call in the shop at your own convenience throughout the year. Business cards are available from the office.

Our school colours are red or navy blue.

Class Dojo app...

This is our online platform which we use to share information with Parents and Carers and to celebrate children's achievements. Most other enquiries can be dealt with by Mrs Beal in the office on 01388 603006.

Easy Fundraising...

Do you shop online? Since November 2020, some of our staff and supporters of the school have been using a fundraising website/app called Easy Fundraising. Lots of retailers donate a small amount of commission to us (at no extra cost to you) and it soon adds up for us! So far we have raised over £987.85.

It is really easy to register with them and search for us (Aclet Close Nursery School)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclosenursery/>

You just shop as you usually would, but always click on Easy Fundraising first. The most commonly used ones are Amazon, Screwfix, Etsy, Studio, Gap, Sainsbury's Groceries, Just Eat, H Samuel, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers and Ebay. There's lots of other retailers there... feel free to ask your friends and family to support us too. Every penny adds up and is spent on nice things for the children 😊

Dates for your diary

Mon 5th Jan: School reopens

Weds 7th Jan: Swimming lessons for Group 3 (families have already been contacted)

Fri 20th Feb: School breaks up for half term

Mon 2nd March: School reopens

Thu 5th March: World Book Day

Weds 11th March: am: Swimming lessons for group 1 start - TBC

Wed 1st April: Zoolab visit (further information to follow)

Thu 2nd April: School breaks up for Easter

Mon 20th April: School reopens

Mon 4th May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Fri 22nd May: School closed for Staff Training

Fri 22nd May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 1st June: School reopens

Fri 17th July: School breaks up for Summer

Governors' news...

Happy New Year and welcome to our existing and new families.

Monitoring...

During the Autumn term, the following areas have been monitored:

Children's and Staff well-being, Early Years Pupil Premium and swimming, SEN, our Curriculum work and opportunities for children.

During the Spring term, Governors will be updating the Special Educational Needs Policy and our Schools Financial Value Standard will be drafted.

Curriculum and Finance Committees as well as the Full Governing Body will be meeting this term.

When school broke up for Christmas we said goodbye to Miss Taylor who was working on a short term contract with us. We thank Miss Taylor for her hard work and wish her all the best with the next steps of her career. We now have Miss Simpkins and Mrs Cleminson working with us.