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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 94.22% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber Zone** and we are meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 12th October	**95.37%**	**95.12%**	**94.92%**	**97.48%**	**98.27%**	**96.33%**
Autumn Half Term 1	84.44%	95.71%	92.22%	95.67%	96.67%	97.74%

Cake Sale – 21st October

To raise funds for school, we are hosting a Cake Sale during morning break on **Wednesday 21st October.** Pupils will be able to bring in money for the cake sale, and we expect cakes to range from 50p to £1.50.
We kindly ask for donations of packaged cakes to help make the event a success. To ensure the safety of all pupils, please make sure that items are shop-bought or securely packaged, allergen information is clearly labelled and Best Before dates extend beyond 21st October.
Cake donations can be handed in to the school office by **Monday 19th October**.

Dogs NOT Permitted on Site

We would like to remind parents and carers that **dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time,** including during drop-off and collection. This rule is in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff, and visitors, as well as to support those who may have allergies or fears around dogs. We kindly ask that dogs are not brought onto the school site, even if they are on a lead or being carried.

Donations of Empty Jars

We are excited to be planning a special community project in school that will focus on kindness, hope and thinking about others.
As part of this project, each child will create a simple lantern using a clean glass jar and a battery-operated LED tealight. The children will also write a message of hope or encouragement to accompany their lantern. Once completed, the lanterns will be shared with members of our wider community through local organisations such as churches, care homes, GP surgeries and community centres.
To help us with this project, we would be very grateful for donations of empty, clean glass jars. Jam jars, sauce jars and similar-sized jars are ideal. If you have any jars you would be willing to donate, please send them into school over the coming weeks.
Further information about the project will be shared soon, but we wanted to give families advance notice and an opportunity to start collecting suitable jars.
Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to working together on what we hope will be a meaningful project for both our children and the local community.

Personalised Christmas Cards and Gifts

We are delighted to be working with a new company, Fundraising Creations, which creates personalised Christmas gifts featuring your child's artwork.
This company operates slightly differently from the provider we have used previously. Before the end of half term, your child will bring home their Christmas artwork along with an instruction sheet explaining how to place your order online.
To ensure your items are delivered in time for Christmas, please place your order by **13th November 2026**.

All orders will be delivered to school, and we will send them home with your child as soon as they arrive.

School Meals – Menu Change

There have been some changes to our school meal menus that will take place after half term. The new menus have been sent out to parents and we expect that you will be available to view these on SwiftKitchen and place orders in the coming week.

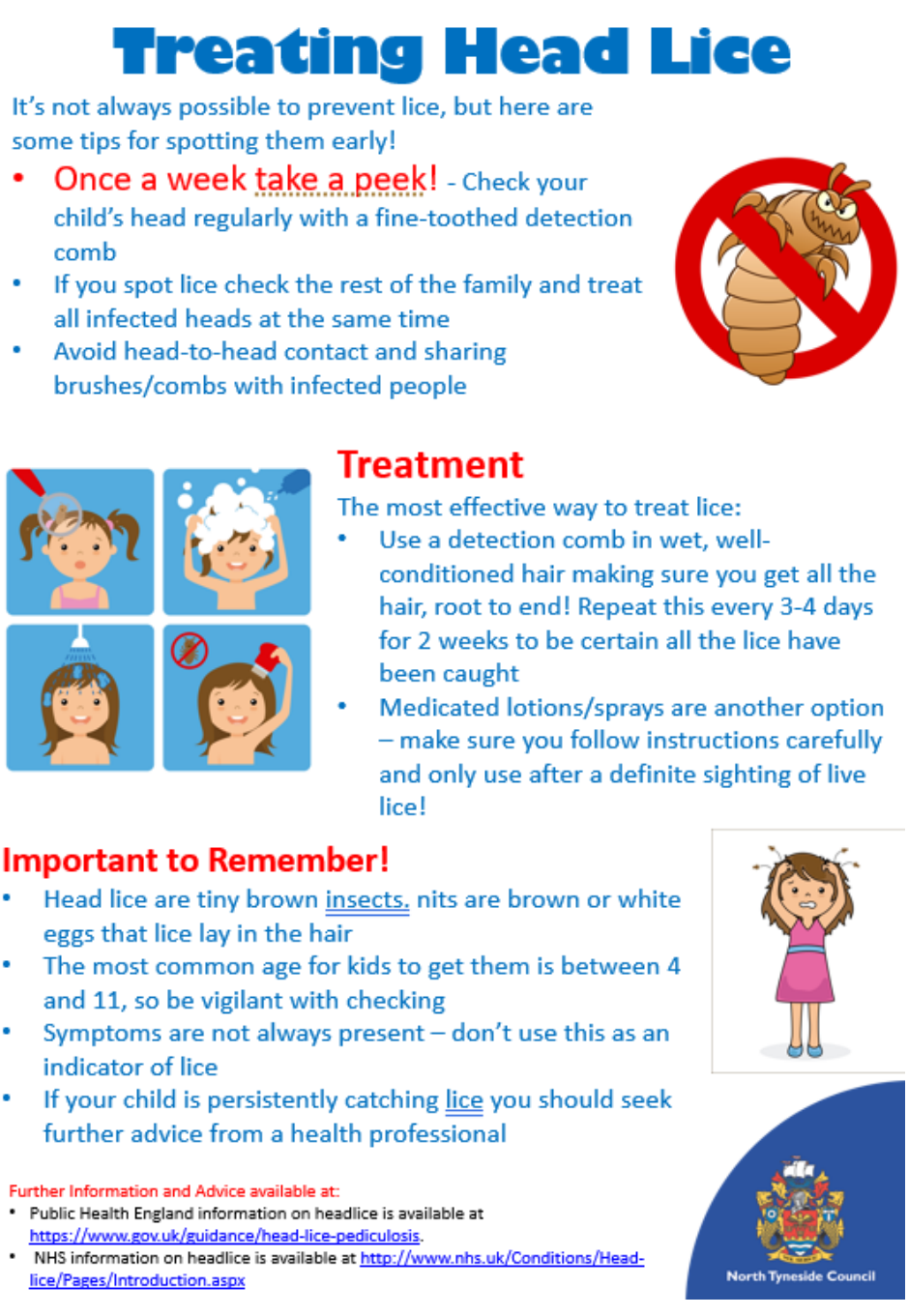
Head Lice

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing, we would like to remind all families to carry out regular checks for head lice.

Head lice are a common childhood occurrence and can affect anyone, regardless of hair type or personal hygiene. They spread through close head-to-head contact and are particularly common among primary-aged children.

To help prevent the spread of head lice, we encourage parents and carers to:

- Check their child's hair regularly using a detection comb, ideally as part of their normal hair care routine. Combs are available for free from the school office.
- Treat head lice promptly if they are found.
- Continue checking all members of the household where head lice are identified.
- Remind children not to share personal items such as hairbrushes, combs, hats or hair accessories.
- Where possible, keep long hair tied back or plaited during the school day, as this may help to reduce opportunities for head-to-head contact.



If you discover head lice, please begin treatment as soon as possible and inform the school, so that we can provide a general reminder to families where appropriate. Individual children will never be identified.

Please remember that head lice are a common issue and should not be a cause for embarrassment. By working together and carrying out regular checks at home, we can help reduce the likelihood of reinfestation and minimise disruption for children and families.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Wednesday 21st October – Cake Sale

Thursday 22nd October – Year 5 visit to Laing Art Gallery

Friday 23rd October – Buddies Celebration of the Word (Reception and Year 6)

Friday 23rd October – Last day of Half Term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – School closed for Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd November – Pupils return to school