



The Ashington Post

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First Edition of 2026!

Welcome to our January edition of the Ashington Post 2025-2026! January was another busy month at Ashington including a real focus on celebrating student success. We have been sharing lots of sports successes both in and outside of the school and students have been working hard practising for the latest school production!

Culture Vultures

Our Culture Vultures initiative had another impressive turn out over the Christmas period. Students were celebrated for their wonderful pieces of creative work. Their passion and dedication really showed through in the work they produced. Well done!

Celebration Station

The Celebration Station has been a huge success since the new year! Well done to everyone for your fantastic efforts with Culture Vultures, and congratulations to Lucy F, who was the winner of the recent RE competition!





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The Library has re-opened!

Our new and improved library has officially opened this month. The library, located in the Hub, now stocks over 1500 non-fiction books as well as short reads, graphic novels, non-fiction and reference books, suitable for Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

Every pupil is a member of the library where they can browse, reserve and borrow books. A member of staff will be available each breaktime to support students, so pop along and discover what your next read will be.



Arts Award!

A massive well done to all the incredible students who have achieved their Arts Award! Students have continued to show creativity, commitment, to the Arts.



Frozen Jr rehearsals

Students have been working incredibly hard preparing their final few rehearsals for Frozen, we are so excited about our approaching Frozen Jr production! We can't wait to see you there; have you got your tickets yet?





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WEIRD Trip!

Some of our GCSE Music and drama students as well as members of our Frozen Jr cast were lucky to secure exclusive free tickets to see the world premier of a new musical “WEIRD” at Newcastle, Theatre Royal.

The show was an electrifying pop-powered musical that reimagines Shakespeare’s Macbeth through the eyes of the three witches, known as “The Weird Sisters”.

Students and staff enjoyed the unforgettable soundtrack, bursting with pop anthems, as well as the stunning set, beautiful costumes and spellbinding special effects!



Maths Quiz at Newcastle

Our students had an incredible evening on their Maths problem-solving trip to Newcastle University, and they absolutely rose to the challenge!

They got fully stuck into every task they were set, even the tough Grade 9 GCSE-style problems. One of our teams even secured an impressive 3rd place against some seriously strong competition!

Both teams were confident, willing to volunteer answers, and showed real enthusiasm! Well done everyone!



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Sporting Success

Competition winners!

Ashington were proud to host the School Games Sports Hall Athletics competition this month. Year 7 and 8 students from three Northumberland schools competed in a range of track and field events.

Our students demonstrated speed, power, determination and above all enthusiastic support for each other.

Congratulation to the Year 7 and 8 girls' teams for finishing first and qualifying for the next round!!



Loyalty Cards

Our PE loyalty scheme is well underway with students continuing to make great progress around our loyalty tracker.

Shout out to Elisabeth H, Sarina K, Jovie E, Lydia L and Cameron G who have already achieved their gold achievement mark for the year!



Trampolining Triumph!

A number of students recently travelled to Wansbeck Gymnastics Club to take part in a local schools trampolining competition.

Our students showed great skills and incredible acrobatics in a range of categories ranging from Novice to Elite.

A BIG shoutout to Charlotte C (Y9) Morgan M (Y8) Amelia T-B (Y7) who all won gold medals and Megan S (Y7) Jessica S (Y7) Maya I (Y8) who all achieved Silver in their respective categories.



Postcard Launch

The PE Team have also launched a new postcard scheme giving students the opportunity to let us know their sporting successes out of school. Students will be able to fill in Postcards and post their success to the PE Team in the Training Shed.





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E-Safety at Ashington

January has been a month of learning, reflection and digital awareness as pupils and staff have taken part in a series of sessions dedicated to online safety. With the digital world evolving, the Academy seized the opportunity to inform our pupils with knowledge and confidence to navigate it responsibly.

UNDERSTAND their online world

and keep your child safe with our tools, tips and advice

GET UP TO SPEED...

As a NELT parent, you get **FREE** access to our online safety hub (to learn the lingo) and **Qustodio** – an app to set screen time limits, filter content, manage app access, and supervise your child's online activity.

Visit nelt.co.uk/safe or scan the QR code above to find out more



Early help Safeguarding

Dates for your diary

Here are upcoming dates for your diary in February. Please do keep an eye on our social feeds for further details!

Date	Event
25th February 2026	• Year 9 Parents Evening
26th February 2026	• Year 11 Drama Practical Exam
4th March 2026	• Whole School Careers Fair
5th March 2026	• World Book Day
11th March 2026	• Year 9 Options Evening

Three cheers for the students who have collected the most reward points in January – well done and keep up the fantastic work!

7	Poppy W
8	Sophia J
9	Amy B
10	Faith L
11	Amy P
12	Alex H
13	Lily A



Finally...

If you have any questions about the information above, or if you have any issues or worries, please get in touch with us and we would be happy to help.



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Keep in touch

We would love to hear from you if you have anything to share about your child or if there is something that may be happening in the community that you think we should be aware of and could feature in our newsletter or in our social media posts.

Also, please do let us know what you think of our newsletter! We'd love to hear from you!