

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 26 January 2010

Regional news

Durham

- [Durham pupils take part in international school link scheme](#) (Journal)
- [Quiet corner for a good read](#) (Northern Echo)

Newcastle

- [Pupils save Wallsend shop from closure](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Schoolgirl swaps Haltwhistle for Buenos Aires slums](#) (Journal)

Tyneside

- [Lunchtime staff's healthy outlook](#) (Shields Gazette)

Northumberland

- [Pupils get bike store](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Pupils learn how to be a good friend](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School set to supply next generation of sport stars](#) (Journal)
- [This school show is just peachy](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Snow repairs set to cost school thousands](#) (Hexham Courant)

Sunderland

- [Keep the kids in school and save money](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [School chef of the year prize for Sunderland mum](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Shock for pupils as UFO lands at school](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils get moving with Wii Fit lessons](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Schoolchildren become environmentally aware](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Petitioners fight plans for school at Preston Park](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Poet visits Middlesbrough to talk to pupils](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Atkinson Road Primary celebrates centenary](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [NHS to pump £1/2m into new Stockton academy](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Schoolgirl to take on charity skydive](#) (Northern Echo)
- [UCA dinner lady's surprise birthday party](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Tribunal success for bully-claim teacher](#) (Evening Gazette)

National education news

19th January 2010

- [Boys 'need to move in lessons'](#) (BBC News)
- [Stress led to death of school head, inquiry rules](#) (Guardian)
- [Phonics: lost in translation](#) (Guardian)
- [What makes a great teacher?](#) (Guardian)
- [Private and state schools should work hand-in-hand](#) (Guardian)
- [David Cameron starts with the Finnish to make teaching a job for the elite](#) (Times)

- [Text messages 'help improve children's reading ability'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Knowledge must come first, then teaching](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Headteacher death 'linked' to school inspection](#) (Independent)

20th January 2010

- [Phone texting 'helps pupils to spell'](#) (BBC News)
- [Fathers to be offered more help](#) (BBC News)
- [Single-sex schools help boys to enjoy arts, says study](#) (Guardian)
- [England's schools are becoming more diverse](#) (Guardian)
- [Many schools still segregated by race](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Teaching? It's a job for a saint](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Children who text are best spellers](#) (Independent)
- ['Deep ethnic segregation' mapped in English schools](#) (BBC News)
- [Fewer schools hit language target](#) (BBC News)
- [Auf Weidersehen German, Hola Spanish](#) (Guardian)
- [Foreign languages 'the privilege of elite and wealthy children'](#) (Times)
- [Foreign languages are 'elitist' subjects](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Foreign exchanges 'axed over safety fears'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Schools abandon foreign language targets](#) (Independent)

21st January 2010

- [Stressed parents risk having burnt-out children, study finds](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Schools to screen film about homophobic bullying](#) (Guardian)
- [Promises to spare NHS and schools from cuts 'insane' says audit chief](#) (Guardian)
- [Middle-class pupils 'left behind' by Labour](#) (Daily Telegraph)

22nd January 2010

- [The Royal Shakespeare Company brings Hamlet to schools](#) (BBC News)
- ['Worthless qualifications' give false hope to state pupils, says Harrow head](#) (Guardian)
- [Parents infect children with poor eating habits, says the chef Prue Leith](#) (Times)
- [One in 10 schools shun 'Britishness' lessons](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Teachers reluctant to teach politics for fear of bias](#) (Independent)
- [Harrow head attacks 'worthless qualifications'](#) (Independent)
- [Tory 'elitism' pledge: Maths/ICT could face crisis](#) (TES)
- [Gove accuses Balls of spending 'evasion'](#) (TES)
- [The man addicted to schools in special measures](#) (TES)
- [Data-watch does no one any favours](#) (TES)
- [Recession could cause 'lost generation', warns Unesco](#) (TES)
- [Independents' cadet force funds to be handed to state schools](#) (TES)
- [Ofsted chief: MP vetting would have ruled me out of job](#) (TES)
- [Support pay frozen](#) (TES)
- [Teachers not researchers know best, advises academic](#) (TES)
- [Poor children being short-changed with soft subjects, slams Harrow head](#) (TES)
- [Sporting heroes get struggling pupils back on track](#) (TES)
- [NUT demands funding reform for ethnic minority grant before BNP bites](#) (TES)
- [Stronger hand will allow Sips to pack harder punch](#) (TES)
- [System blamed as fewer pupils than ever study languages at GCSE](#) (TES)
- [Teacher 'attacked' SEN pupil who made obscene gestures to partner](#) (TES)

23rd January 2010

- [Self-taught siblings triumph in maths examination](#) (Times)
- [‘Stop deceiving children with worthless qualifications’, says Harrow headteacher](#) (Times)
- [Ministers pull the plug on gifted and talented academy](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Union warns teachers not to break up playground fights](#) (Independent)

24th January 2010

- [English Heritage issues SOS – save old schools](#) (Guardian)
- [Should parents set up their own state schools? Discuss](#) (Guardian)
- [Demand for state primary schools soars](#) (Guardian)
- [How £100 can boost a child’s reading ability](#) (Sunday Times)
- [The £100 billion schools scandal](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Here’s how to fix the problem](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Tory plan to reveal truancy rates](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Ring-fencing NHS and schools budgets ‘insane’, says Audit Commission head](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Gifted and talented pupils need support, say pupils of academy for gifted children](#) (Daily Telegraph)

25th January 2010

- [Ambidextrous children more likely to do badly at school, study finds](#) (Guardian)
- [Schools to spend £10,000 on YouTube](#) (Times)
- [State schools ‘forced to build classrooms’ amid surge in demand](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Pupils get advice to ‘delay sex’](#) (BBC News)
- [Stress marriage in sex ed, teachers are told](#) (Guardian)
- [Pupils to be taught about sex at seven](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Union anger over teacher fees rise move](#) (Independent)
- [Sex lesson guidance stresses right to say ‘No’](#) (Independent)
- [Over 300,000 teachers will vote on boycott of Sats](#) (Guardian)

26th January 2010

- [Sats boycott ballot for teachers in England](#) (BBC News)
- [Careers advice at primary school: why being Superman is no longer an option](#) (Guardian)
- [Teachers unions will vote on boycott of primary school tests](#) (Times)
- [Fear of maths among teachers damages pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Private education: time for parents to swot up on schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [The wilderness school that can’t find a head](#) (Independent)
- [Why David Cameron wants a boom in faith schools](#) (Daily Mail)
- [Teachers to vote on boycott of ‘stressful’ Sats](#) (Daily Mail)