

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – 3 March 2010

Regional news

Durham

- [Going bananas for bananas at school](#) (Durham Times)

Gateshead

- [Children enjoy the fun on World Book Day](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Tyneside school offers Hands of Love to Ugandan orphans](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Children try Slumdog Millionaire style of education](#) (Journal)

Hartlepool

- [Parents' anger over school snub](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Sounding out Throston School's talent](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Manor school cook hangs up her apron](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Parents lie to get kids into schools](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

Northumberland

- [Stakeford First School pupils devastated as trip cash stolen](#) (Journal)
- [Minister helps pupils with 'rubbish rockets'](#) (News Post Leader)
- [Ponteland Students teach a thing or two about Fairtrade](#) (Morpeth Herald)

Sunderland

- [Hearty lesson in health care for Pallion infants](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Secondary school of choice letters sent out to thousands of Wearside pupils](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Houghton Kepier School's sixth form dream is over](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Green pupils in French link-up](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [BNP race-row teacher fails to block hearing](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [New blow for BNP teacher Adam Walker](#) (Journal)
- [£16m replacement school likely to be approved in Seaham](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Saltburn's Huntcliffe School celebrate 1,000 years of history in wall art](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Billingham pupils inspect school building work](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Pupils and staff to tackle tough charity ride](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Joy for parents as school places are allocated](#) (Evening Gazette)

Tyneside

- [Pupil attacked teacher with a chair](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Pupils are on song for good cause](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Meeting on schools' merger](#) (Shields Gazette)

Regionwide news

- [Search for inspirational teachers in North East Schools awards](#) (Journal)
- [Focus on pupils going to primary school](#) (Evening Chronicle)

National education news

2nd March 2010

- [‘Modest gains’ from pupil premium](#) (BBC News)
- [Delay over for parents waiting to hear on school places](#) (BBC News)
- [Tories want politician-free exams](#) (BBC News)
- [Tory pledge to overhaul curriculum in English, maths and the sciences](#) (Guardian)
- [Tory project could slash school budgets, says think tank](#) (Guardian)
- [Universities should set A-levels, say Tories](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Tories promise curriculum shake-up after ‘easier exams’ research](#) (Independent)

3rd March 2010

- [Teachers’ desk-side manner tested](#) (BBC News)
- [Tories’ plans for school funds ‘won’t help the poor’, say economists](#) (Times)
- [New dreams, new schools](#) (Times)
- [Lengthen school day to help latchkey kids, charity says](#) (Independent)
- [In praise of educational games](#) (Guardian)
- [School trips ‘axed’ for thousands of pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School trips suffer due to lack of teacher cover](#) (Independent)

4th March 2010

- [Schools in England ‘have 793,000 empty places’](#) (BBC News)
- [Nearly one in five primary pupils ‘not progressing’](#) (BBC News)
- [For-profit schools drive up standards, say Swedish educationalists](#) (Guardian)
- [50% more men go into teaching](#) (Guardian)
- [Schooling: More for the poor](#) (Guardian)
- [Troubled schoolgirl fell to her death from bridge, inquest is told](#) (Times)
- [‘Choice matters in a successful start to secondary education’](#) (Times)
- [Lessons in cheerleading to cut child obesity](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Fifth of primary school pupils ‘failing’ in English and maths](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [More pupils in ‘titan’ schools, say Tories](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Head of curriculum quangos quits without warning](#) (Independent)
- [School applications: ‘You’ve either got to lower your standards or move house’](#) (Independent)

5th March 2010

- [School budget cuts ‘to hit pupils’](#) (BBC News)
- [Diplomas ‘not stretching bright’](#) (BBC News)
- [50% rise in men applying to be primary teachers](#) (BBC News)
- [More schools are failing under new Ofsted checks](#) (BBC News)
- [New online dictionary to translate ‘edubabble’ into English](#) (Times)
- [Schools curriculum chief Andrew Hall to stand down](#) (Times)
- [School budget cuts ‘would lead to bigger classes’, say Head Teachers](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [AS-Level exams ‘not demanding enough’](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Government diplomas are too easy for the brightest children](#) (Independent)
- [Number of men applying to be teachers soars by 49%](#) (Independent)
- [Schools could face staff cuts](#) (BBC News)
- [One in 13 schools judged inadequate by Ofsted](#) (Guardian)
- [Ofsted judgements of inadequacy soar in latest data](#) (Guardian)

- [Ed Balls issues warning over school cuts](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Failing schools 'double' under Ofsted reforms](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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6th March 2010

- [Nick Clegg offers Head Teachers £2.5bn 'deal'](#) (BBC News)
- [Gove unveils Tory plan for return to 'traditional' school lessons](#) (Times)
- [It's not about class, it's about the classroom, says Gove](#) (Times)
- [School twinning schemes with Third World countries creating 'neocolonialist' children](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Heads angry over surge in school Ofsted failures](#) (Independent)

7th March 2010

- [Head Teachers warn on Tory 'corner shop' schools plan](#) (BBC News)
- [Conservatives aim to lure private schools into state system](#) (Guardian)
- [Sacking of school Head Teachers 'rises by 75%'](#) (Guardian)
- [If you want top A-levels, take Russian or maths](#) (Guardian)
- [Britons flock to teaching in hunt for new career](#) (Guardian)
- [The numbers game](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Too many GCSEs make children ill](#) (Sunday Times)
- [Tories: parents should turn to state schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Children 'being taught in classes of 40'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [More Head Teachers 'sacked' for missing GCSE targets](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- ['Spoon-fed' teenagers failing to read books](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School admission: more parents facing 'fraud' investigations](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Stricter inspection regime leads to more sacked heads](#) (Independent)
- [Russian A-level tops new A* grade](#) (Independent)

8th March 2010

- ['Record number of heads' sacked](#) (BBC News)
- [ASCL conference hears that internet makes teaching children harder](#) (Times)
- [Generation Y children are 'harder to teach'](#) (Independent)
- [Conservative-endorsed report calls for science boost](#) (BBC News)
- [Scrap GCSEs at 16, says Baroness Morris](#) (BBC News)