

# SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – Week 33

## Regional news

### Durham

- [School hatches plot to help children learn](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Teachers' grievance against Head Teacher who led school out of special measure](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Star Head Teacher accused of bullying](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Debaters did school proud](#) (Northern Echo)

### Gateshead

- [Funnyman Bobby puts on show for school](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Teachers enjoy £35m worth of foreign 'jollies'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

### Hartlepool

- [School wins silver](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Pupils dig in to help planet](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

### Newcastle

- [Rare footage of school found from 1950s](#) (Evening Chronicle)

### Northumberland

- [If only the General Election had such a good turnout](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Youngsters prepare to 'Welcome the World' to Berwick](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Youngsters to the spadework](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Full steam ahead as pupils open car park](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [High school pupils build bridges with community](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Middle school has the Midas touch](#) (Morpeth Herald)
- [Berwick High School party's emotional visit to First World War battlefields](#) (Berwick Advertiser)

### Sunderland

- [Hylton Red House pupils learn about birds of prey](#) (Journal)
- [New Head Teacher for school](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Schools honoured for 'value added' success](#) (Sunderland Echo)

### Teesside

- [Plans for schools backed by councillors](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Abingdon Primary School in shock over Ofsted report](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Middlesbrough school criticised as 'inadequate'](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Inspectors praise Grangetown Pathways school progress](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Our Lady and St Bede pupils get reward for green effort](#) (Evening Gazette)

### North Tyneside

- [Percy Main primary pupils hold film premiere](#) (Evening Chronicle)
- [Tyneside school sends packages to soldiers](#) (Evening Chronicle)

## South Tyneside

- [South Shields Community School team up with Vector76](#) (Journal)
- [Anti-racism poem takes youngster to Wembley](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Schools praised for adding value](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Pupils visit £23m school – before its built!](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Failing school vows to do better](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School event brings communities together](#) (Shields Gazette)

## Regionwide News

- [Pupils asked to watch the birdies](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Leaders get lecture from Head Teachers](#) (Journal)

## General Election 2010 news

- [David Cameron tackled over special needs in schools](#) (BBC News)
- [David Cameron heckled by parent over special education](#) (Guardian)
- [Tory free schools will spread inequality](#) (Guardian)
- [Why I 'ambushed' David Cameron over special needs schooling](#) (Guardian)
- [Conservative pledge 'segregates' disabled children](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Michael Gove – an education visionary or just a dreamer?](#) (Daily Telegraph)

## National education news

27 April 2010

### Peter Harvey case

- [Pupil attacked by Mansfield teacher was 'disruptive'](#) (BBC News)
- [Boy attacked by teacher Peter Harvey was troublemaker, court told](#) (Guardian)
- [Schoolboy whose skull was fractured by teacher was a 'troublemaker'](#) (Times)

### Other news

- [Primary schools under pressure for extra places](#) (BBC News)

28 April 2010

### Sats boycott

- [NAHT General Secretary to boycott SATs](#) (Independent)
- [Governors told to ensure Sats take place](#) (BBC News)
- [School governors drawn into Sats battle](#) (Guardian)
- [School governors 'should scupper Sats boycott', says Ed Balls](#) (Daily Telegraph)

### Exam cheat teacher

- [Teacher at prince's school helped his pupils to cheat in French exam](#) (Times)
- [Teacher sacked for tipping off pupils about exam topics](#) (Independent)

### Other news

- [Private schools 'suffocated' by red tape](#) (Telegraph)
- [Teacher Peter Harvey 'thought he had killed' pupil](#) (BBC News)

- [I know what might drive a teacher to violence](#) (Guardian)

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Independent school numbers

- [Fall in independent school pupils, census shows](#) (BBC News)
- [Private school pupil numbers fall for first time since 2005](#) (Guardian)
- [Fee-paying schools hit by recession as pupil numbers drop](#) (Times)
- [Private school pupils 'falling in the recession'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Recession-hit private schools rescued by overseas pupils](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Sats boycott

- [Targets not tests are bad for children](#) (Guardian)
- [Ed Balls says schools should suspend heads who boycott Sats](#) (Times)
- [Governors should suspend heads who boycott tests, Balls says](#) (Independent)

Peter Harvey case

- [Teacher Peter Harvey cleared of attempting to kill boy](#) (BBC News)
- [Teacher Peter Harvey cleared of attempting to murder pupil](#) (Guardian)
- [Case prompts mobile crackdown call](#) (BBC News)

Ministers exam 'meddling'

- [Ministers' meddling 'threaten exam standards'](#) (Guardian)
- [GCSEs and A-Levels 'undermined by political meddling'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [From school to the slaughterhouse](#) (Guardian)
- [Cambridge University 'rejects more state school students'](#) (Times)
- [Cambridge University 'rejecting more state school students'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Heads call for 'urgent' sex education improvements](#) (Independent)

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Teacher stress

- [How stressed staff 'soldier on' for fear of showing weakness](#) (Independent)
- [Why is teaching so stressful?](#) (BBC News)
- [Without proper figures, the extent of teacher stress remains unclear](#) (Times)

Sats boycott

- [Heads face testing times over Sats](#) (BBC News)
- [Head Teachers could have pay docked if they boycott tests](#) (Guardian)
- [Sats boycott: Head Teachers 'may have pay docked'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Sats boycott heads 'face pay docking'](#) (Independent)

Other news

- [Banish inspectors from schools, urges teacher](#) (Guardian)
- [Many parents failing to read to children, survey shows](#) (Guardian)

- [‘Lack of confidence’ is harming sex education](#) (Independent)
- [Are exams really getting easier?](#) (BBC News)
- [‘Nonsense’ new curriculum to be rewritten after teachers complain](#) (Times)
- [Teachers enjoy £35m worth of foreign ‘jollies’](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [One-to-one tuition pledge hit by staff shortage](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Give tormented teachers like Peter Harvey the right to fight back](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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1 May 2010

- [Union boss urges more support for Head Teachers](#) (BBC News)
- [Bullied teachers are the new victims of class warfare](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Sats pressure turns children off reading, say authors](#) (Independent)
- [Union issues mental health alert after teacher’s attack](#) (Independent)

2 May 2010

Sats boycott

- [Ed Balls urges Head Teachers not to stage Sats boycott](#) (BBC News)
- [Ed Balls defends Sats in electoral debate at Head Teachers’ conference](#) (Times)
- [Test boycott to hit half of 11-year-olds](#) (Times)
- [Sats boycott ‘may hit Ofsted inspections’](#) (Daily Telegraph)

False parent complaints

- [Head Teachers demand fines for false complaints by parents](#) (Guardian)
- [‘Punish parents who falsely accuse teachers’](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [Two pupils arrested after Stowe school knife fight](#) (Guardian)
- [The awful truth: to get ahead you need a private education](#) (Guardian)
- [Pupils lose a slice of real science as half of schools drop dissection](#) (Times)
- [Families sell up to pay rising school fees](#) (Times)
- [Erica Connor: driven out of my own school](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [‘Don’t treat school heads like football bosses’, says union](#) (Independent)

3 May 2010

Education debate

- [Three largest parties clash over education priorities](#) (BBC News)
- [Three main parties against Sats boycott](#) (Guardian)

Other news

- [Two pupils bailed after Stowe school knife attack](#) (Guardian)
- [Two pupils arrested over knife attack at prestigious Stowe school](#) (Times)
- [Heads rethink Sats ban over fears of a poor Ofsted report](#) (Times)
- [Nothing is so harmful to our children’s futures as education](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Conservatives back fines for parents who falsely accuse teachers](#) (Independent)

4 May 2010

- [Funding cuts threaten schools' knife-crime programmes](#) (Guardian)
- [How can tough schools attract teachers?](#) (Guardian)
- [Non-academic 14 to 16-year-olds go to college](#) (Guardian)