

SCHOOLS NorthEast Weekly News Round-up – Week 34

Regional news

Darlington

- [School extension given approval](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Former pupil shows he is top of the class](#) (Northern Echo)

Durham

- [Thieves steal school gardening kit](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Students brighten up care home](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Landmark inspires pupils' postcard art](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils' oriental art wows vice-chancellor](#) (Northern Echo)
- [New look for school](#) (Northern Echo)

Hartlepool

- [Parents face price hike at outdoor site](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [School art to be unveiled](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Sheila hangs up school apron after 30 years](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Banned driver caught in car outside school](#) (Hartlepool Mail)
- [Aussie lessons for ash trap boy](#) (Northern Echo)
- [Challenges prove no test for pupils](#) (Hartlepool Mail)

Newcastle

- [Head reassures parents after Ofsted blow](#) (Evening Chronicle)

Northumberland

- [Northumberland school pupils create a wonderland for dormice](#) (Journal)
- [Fond memories of boarding school](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [County Council drives through school travel plans](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [School arts week provided window of opportunity](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [New Head Teacher is tree-tier fan](#) (Hexham Courant)
- [Parents urged to ditch the school run as travel plans are introduced](#) (Berwick Advertiser)
- [Schools in Northumberland facing cuts as funds run short](#) (Journal)
- [School goes to the top of the class](#) (Northumberland Gazette)

Sunderland

- [School steps up its walking rate](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Pupils take poll position](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [School run causes parking nightmare for street's residents](#) (Sunderland Echo)

Teesside

- [Stokesley pupil hooks top prize after contest](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Eston Park School battles closure](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Pupils meet monster machine](#) (Middlesbrough Council)
- [Teesside schools back Sats boycott](#) (Evening Gazette)
- [Teacher Rachel Flanagan is an inspiration for Conyers school](#) (Evening Gazette)

- [Youngster designs winning film festival poster](#) (Evening Gazette)

South Tyneside

- [Pupils get advice from experts](#) (Sunderland Echo)
- [Rallying call by friends of school](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [Students making a show of things](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School holds its own election](#) (Shields Gazette)
- [School's readathon has a happy ending](#) (Shields Gazette)

Regionwide News

- [Call for volunteers to help out at schools' Olympic games](#) (Sunderland Echo)

National education news

4 May 2010

- [Academy school staff spent over £4,000 of public money at luxury hotel](#) (Guardian)
- [Send disadvantaged children to boarding school, says Eton head](#) (Guardian)
- [Private and state school gap 'widening under Labour'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Schools 'harassed' by pushy parents, says Eton head](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [The future of schools](#) (Daily Telegraph)

5 May 2010

- [Why the free market can't fix the equality gap](#) (Guardian Mortarboard Blog)
- [Left-handed children 'struggling at school'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Exam time: Hold your tongue, breath – or leave](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- ['Election winner must not treat education as a political football'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [School inspections are a 'nitpicker's paradise'](#) (Independent)

6 May 2010

Sats boycott

- [Sats boycott 'to hit up to half of schools'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [A quarter of schools set to boycott Sats](#) (Independent)
- [Hundreds of primaries to boycott Sats](#) (Guardian)

Other news

- [Exam doctor's top tips for revision](#) (BBC News)
- [Head Teacher resigns following allegations of affair](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- ['Best children's books' list revealed by Puffin](#) (BBC News)
- [More freedom for schools, no matter who wins](#) (Daily Telegraph)

7 May 2010

Literacy and numeracy figures

- [Poor literacy and maths skills leave teenagers ill-equipped](#) (Guardian)
- [Fifth of school leavers 'illiterate and innumerate'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [Eton would back boarding academy](#) (BBC News)
- [School homework is 'polluting family life'](#) (Daily Telegraph)

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9 May 2010

Sats boycott

- [Sats boycott hits hundreds of schools](#) (BBC News)
- [Sats to be replaced by outings, stories and picnics as thousands join boycott](#) (Guardian)
- [Pupils to miss Sats in mass exam boycott](#) (Daily Telegraph)

Other news

- [Making the grade: can you learn to be a better teacher?](#) (Observer)
- [To-do-list of problems facing the new Government – Education](#) (Daily Telegraph)

10 May 2010

Sats boycott

- [Why heads are breaking the rules on Sats](#) (BBC News)
- [Nearly half of schools set to boycott Sats as teachers rebel](#) (Independent)
- [Test pressure - what pressure?](#) (BBC News)
- [Primary heads scupper league tables with out-of-date Sats tests?](#) (BBC News)
- [Schools boycott of Sats exams 'patchy'](#) (Times)
- [Sats boycott: schools running alternative tests](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [Primary school Sats exam boycott begins](#) (Daily Telegraph)

MP social backgrounds

- [Newly elected Parliament 'does not reflect society at large'](#) (Times)
- [Parliament's 2010 intake shows swing towards private sector](#) (Guardian)
- [MPs more socially exclusive](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [A class apart: New boys fuel the private school Parliament](#) (Daily Mail)
- [New Parliament unrepresentative, says charity](#) (Financial Times)

Other news

- [Oral exams 'would be fairer to left handers' who fall behind in English and History](#) (Daily Mail)
- [Oral exams 'would make school system fairer for left handers'](#) (Daily Telegraph)
- [What would a Con-Lib deal mean for schools?](#) (BBC News)
- [The election outcome may lead to more balanced education policies](#) (Guardian)

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- [Are drugs the solution to the problem of ADHD among young people?](#) (Guardian)
- [Academics say 'smart drugs' could be prescribed](#) (Guardian)
- [Thousands of Key Stage tests cancelled after teachers boycott exams](#) (Times)
- [Sats boycott is a terrible shame](#) (Daily Telegraph)