

... Changing Lives

25th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that award-winning children's author Ally Sherrick will be visiting Newby and Scalby Academy on Wednesday 3rd December. Ally Sherrick is the author of the popular historical adventure novel 'Black Powder', which our year 6 children have been enjoying in class.

During the visit, Ally will deliver an inspiring assembly for KS2 pupils and run creative writing workshops with the year 6 children. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn from a published author and gain insight into the writing process.

Ally will also be holding a book signing session in the afternoon. If you would like your child to have a book signed, please purchase a copy of 'Black Powder' or any of Ally's other titles (including The Buried Crown, Rebel Heart, The Queen's Fool and Vita and the Gladiator) in advance and send it into school on the day of the visit.

Unfortunately, we are unable to sell books directly at school, so all purchases should be made through your preferred retailer or online.

We are very excited about this event and hope it will inspire a love of reading and writing in our pupils. Thank you for your support in making this a memorable day for the children.

Kind regards,

Newby and Scalby Academy



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