



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 13 March 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week at Corbridge CofE First School, full of fun and learning.

Last week, Louise Mallin, our School Improvement Partner from Northumberland County Council, undertook our Spring inspection visit. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time in classes and reviewing our school standards with her. Sharing what we do and how it feels to be a member of Corbridge CE First School as a child or adult is really important to us. Gaining the verification that our school is a fantastic place to be nurtured to learn makes us so very proud!

It was lovely to welcome our Year Two family members into school on Wednesday to enjoy lunch with the children, and I would like to thank Mrs Dobson and the team for preparing another delicious meal. The feedback from everyone was fantastic! Thank you so much for taking the time to share your thoughts with us and help us to improve our services. We have had a big focus recently on healthy eating and the children love being able to access the delicious salad bar to enhance their already fantastic meals.

Children from Reception to Year 4 had their first taste of golf this year on Thursday with professional coach Craig Smith, from Close House. The children LOVED learning how to putt (the wind halted any outdoor plans!) and we saw some incredible shots. The coaching will continue weekly over this half term and then they will be lucky enough to visit Close House and receive further coaching.

Finally, we ended the week with the Year 3 DT 'Inspire' session. It was so lovely to welcome all of the children's family members into school to experience their talent and creativity first hand. And, wow, the monsters they made were INCREDIBLE! It was lovely to see how proudly the children showed off their creations. Thank you to Miss. Owen and Mrs. Potter for running the event, and for everyone who took the time to come in. We love having you in school.

We have so many events coming up over the next few months, including (and I know it's only March) our end of year events. Please see the calendar below for key dates to save! Our next big event will be the Spring Music Concert - the children are working hard with rehearsals to put on a wonderful performance.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 94.4%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school. This has fallen dramatically over the last few weeks and currently sits at 94% - the lowest we have ever been.

We fully appreciate that there can be complex and often sensitive reasons behind periods of non-attendance, and we are committed to working with families to understand individual circumstances. However, we believe it is important to share attendance information so that parents and carers are aware of patterns, understand the potential impact, and know how school can offer support to promote sustained and improved attendance. Attendance figures will be shared and discussed at the upcoming parents' evening meetings.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting strong attendance. Every day in school really does make a difference to students' learning, confidence and sense of belonging, and your efforts in ensuring they are with us whenever they are well enough are genuinely appreciated.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 97.7%	Reception with 95.8%	Year 3 with 95%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 16 March 2026 for Spring Term 2, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

Additional Information:

- **Free School Meals**

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the [Northumberland County Council](#) website.

To apply, please complete this form via [Northumberland County Council](#).

- **Hexham Amateur Stage Society - Disney's "The Little Mermaid"**

Please see the attached poster for more details re: dates and booking information for the production taking place at the Queen's Hall in Hexham from 1st April - 4 April 2026.

- **Seiken Ryu Karate - Karate Grading Update**

Please see the attached note of congratulations, and photos from the children's karate gradings which took place on Sunday 8 March. Well Done.

- **Bikeability Instructor Recruitment**

Please see the attached poster for more details of how to apply to become a cycle instructor with the Bikeability team.

- **Corbridge Cricket Club**

Please see the attached information sheet and poster with more details for the 2026 season for Junior Training, plus details for an Easter cricket course.

The School Diary: Please remember to check for any new dates each week.

Dates in red are new dates which have been added

Date	Event	Notes
March 2026		
Wednesday 11	Year 2 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Letter to go home in book bags on 12.02.2026
Friday 13	Year 3 - Special Learning Session	Parentmail form sent out 4.2.26
Wednesday 18 March	Year 1 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Parentmail sent 27.02.26 and paper letter/invitation sent home
Friday 20	Year 4 Parents MTC Workshop	Parentmail form sent out 12.02.26
Sunday 22	Roller Skating (adults only) at Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham, 10am - 12pm	Parentmail sent out 7.1.26
Week commencing 23 March	Year 4 - Parent Consultations	Parentmail and hard copy of letter - sent out 2.3.26
Week commencing 23 March	Reception - Parent Consultations (Wednesday 25th March and Wednesday 1st April)	Parentmail and hard copy of letter - sent out 3.3.26
Monday 23	Year 3 - Visit to Queen's Hall - Book Festival (AM)	Parentmail sent out on 10.02.2026 - to order book
Wednesday 25	Nursery Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Parentmail sent 6.03.26 and paper letter/invitation sent home
Wednesday 25	Spring Music Concert @ 1.30pm (for families with children in reception, year 2 ukulele, violin, guitar, drumming and choir)	More information to follow
Thursday 26	KS2 Federation Football at Corbridge Football Club from 1pm - 3pm	More information to follow

Thursday 26 March	Corbridge Gardening Society: Spring Show at 7:30pm	More information to follow
Friday 27	Easter Carousel for children in school	
Week commencing 30 March	Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Parent Consultations	More information to follow
Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 March	Year 4 Residential: Ford Castle	Parentmail issued 13.1.26 - updated information
April 2026		
Wednesday 1	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm	Parentmail sent 12.03.26 and paper letter/invitation sent home
Wednesday 1	Reception Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	More information to follow
Thursday 2	Last day of term - break up for Easter	
Monday 20	School Re-opens for Summer Term 1	
Wednesday 22	Reception Vision Screening	Parentmail sent out 3.3.26
May 2026		
Monday 4	School Closed - Bank Holiday	
Friday 8	Big Brunch fundraiser for Christian Aid	More information to follow
Thursday 21	KS1 - Federation Athletics @ Wentworth	More information to follow
Friday 22	Last day of term – Break Up for May half-term	
June 2026		
Monday 1	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	

Monday 8 June	Week beginning 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screen Check	
Wednesday 10	Year 4 Visit to Beamish	More information to follow
Tuesday 23	Year 4 Leavers Service at Hexham Abbey (am) **Service for children only	More information to follow
Tuesday 23	KS1 & KS2 Federation Cricket at Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow
Friday 26	Whole School - Beach Visit to Tynemouth	More information to follow
July 2026		
Tuesday 7	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 17	Last day of term Break up for Summer School Closes at 1:30pm	**School re-opens for Autumn Term - Wednesday 2 September 2026
September 2026		
Tuesday 1	Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils	
Wednesday 2	School Re-opens for Autumn Term 1	