



## **CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL**

### **Newsletter: Friday 27 February 2026**

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to Spring 2 we have had!

Even before term started, we had an incredible afternoon of fun and skating at the Valentine's Roller Disco! Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in, either to develop their skills or learn to skate for the very first time. We saw such positivity and resilience. Newcastle Junior Roller Derby also joined us for the event to demonstrate their support for bringing skating to the Tyne Valley. We raised an enormous £550, which will be split evenly between our two schools.

On Tuesday, Mr. Graeme Atkins (Executive Headteacher of Queen Elizabeth High School and Hexham Middle School), and Mrs. Angela Hayward (Executive Headteacher of Slaley and Whitley Chapel First Schools) came to CFS to conduct a peer review of our provision, with a focus on SEND. We had a wonderful, productive and positive day, with our visitors ending the day thoroughly impressed with what we offer. Their praise included:

- Welcoming nurturing environment for children and parents;
- Really impressive, creative adaptations to meet need without a sense of weakening the provision for others - the needs of all are being met;
- Positive, can-do culture despite significant and increasing challenges. Leaders and staff are aligned in vision to meet need and creative in designing, trialing and reviewing support strategies;
- A strong sense of developing learners, from nursery through to year 4 and onto middle school, to become less reliant on bespoke support where possible and more socially and academically capable;
- Strong sense of strategic leadership from the head and senior team about key strategic requirements around nursery provision, parental engagement, professional development, trainee deployment, and preparedness for transition. Really impressive knowledge and awareness of SENDCo and clarity of thought about what's needed and intended.

I am so proud of the provision we offer in school and how skilled, compassionate and positive our wonderful staff are. It is always so lovely to have this externally validated and have our children's many achievements celebrated!

We welcomed parents into school on Wednesday for our first Family Lunch of the year with our Year 4 children. They were so proud to show all of the grown-ups their routines and enjoy some time together during the school day. As ever, thank you to Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Tulip and Lisa for providing such wonderful food and service.

Finally, we ended the week with Year 4 visiting the Hindu temple in Newcastle with their friends from Broomhaugh First School. All of the children were incredibly respectful in the Mandir and a credit to both schools. Seeing the faith in action has really brought their learning to life.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

*S Hart & E Sanderson*

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

**Attendance this week: 92.9%**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 96.9%	Year 3 with 95.7%	Year 1 with 92.2%



### School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 2 March 2026 for Spring Term 2, will be Week 2 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](#).

- **Easy Fundraising: Sign Up to Support Corbridge First School**

Support Corbridge C of E First School every time you shop online this year!

Shop through easyfundraising with over **8,000 retailers** and raise **free donations** for us – at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up today, **it only takes 2 minutes**:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/corbridgefirst/NFW1H9/c2s/N5Znntup/Q4259/facebook/>

- **Tennis Club for Juniors**

Please see the attached leaflet for more information on the Tennis Club for juniors, taking place at Stocksfield.



### Corbridge Under 7's Football

Corbridge United U7's team were runners up in the HQH tournament at the weekend. Amazing achievement for their first season!

**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
<b>March 2026</b>		
Wednesday 4	Year 3 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Letter to go home in book bags on 06.02.2026
Thursday 5	World Book Day <i>*children can come dressed as their favourite book character, or in pyjamas</i>	Parentmail sent out 24.2.26
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	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 March	Roller Skating (adults only) at Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham, 10am - 12pm	Parentmail sent out 7.1.26
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	More information to follow
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	Corbridge Gardening Society: Spring Show at 7:30pm	More information to follow
Friday 27	Easter Carousel for children in school	

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 March	Year 4 Residential: Ford Castle	Parentmail issued 13.1.26 - updated information
<b>April 2026</b>		
Wednesday 1	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm	More information to follow
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	
<b>May 2026</b>		
Monday 4	School Closed - Bank Holiday	
Friday 8	Big Brunch fundraiser for Christian Aid	More information to follow
Thursday 21 May	KS1 - Federation Athletics @ Wentworth	More information to follow
Friday 22	Last day of term – Break Up for May half- term	
<b>June 2026</b>		
Monday 1	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	
Monday 8	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

<b>July 2026</b>		
Tuesday 7	Transfer Day	More information to follow
Friday 17	Last day of term Break up for Summer <b>School Closes at 1:30pm</b>	<b>**School re-opens for Autumn Term - Wednesday 2 September 2026</b>
<b>September 2026</b>		
Tuesday 1	Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils	
Wednesday 2	School Re-opens for Autumn Term 1	