



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Thursday 12 February 2026

Dear Families,

Not only is it the end of half term, today has brought STEM Fortnight 2026 to a close. And what a successful two weeks of fun, learning and investigating it has been!

Professor Brainstorm performed his MAGICAL science show for us and it was truly fantastic - he proved that 'SCIENCE IS FUN'! It was also an absolute delight to see so many grown-ups join us for the open afternoon and get a feel for the children's sheer excitement. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for this event and for your wonderful feedback. We love sharing our learning with you!


Nursery

What a busy fortnight Nursery has had! As palaeontologists we have investigated dinosaur footprints, painted a big dinosaur who we've named REXY, and made dinosaur shadows. As meteorologists we have created mud paintings, produced our own rainbows through the use of a torch (due to the recent lack of sunshine). We also made suncatchers and rainbow chains to make a colourful classroom display and we learnt some weather songs which we performed to our parents in our showcase this afternoon.

Reception

This week in Reception we made our junk model boats using our plans from week 1, and had lots of fun experimenting to make erupting volcanoes! We had an exciting and engaging science workshop with Professor Brainstorm, who explored forces in simple, hands-on ways. He demonstrated the effects of gravity by spinning water in a jug, investigated magnetism using magnets of different strengths, and even made a spud gun to show how pressure works. We were also lucky enough to have a special visit from Jess the GP, who told us all about her role as a doctor. She introduced us to everyday medical equipment such as a stethoscope, bandages, an oxygen monitor, and an ear torch, and we even had the chance to try them out ourselves. We asked lots of insightful questions, learned so much about science and medicine, and are very grateful to both Jess and Professor Brainstorm for such a memorable and informative experience.

Year 1

Operation Space Rescue – Mission Update! 

Year 1 have continued their important NASA mission to rescue Astronaut Alex Cooper!

After completing our investigations into waterproof materials and floating and sinking, the children became real rocket engineers. Each child designed and created their own fantastic rocket, thinking carefully about the materials they chose. Once built, it was time for the big test! Using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, we launched our rockets to see how high they could shoot into the air. The children were amazed watching their creations blast off and loved measuring and comparing which rockets travelled the highest.

Our science learning didn't stop there. We have continued exploring different materials, learning about solids and liquids and investigating what happens when materials melt and freeze. The children have been asking brilliant questions and making thoughtful predictions like true scientists.

Year 1 are proving to be excellent space scientists and engineers – NASA would be very proud! 🌍 ✨

Year 2

The Mario Kart mission was in full swing this week as the children completed their final designs, continued learning about wheels and axles to help their cars move and reached the final and most exciting stage, car production! It was wonderful to see how creative the children were with their designs, each one showing fantastic imagination and problem-solving skills. We also enjoyed a special visit from Kirsty Taylor who taught us all about gems. The children loved designing their own jewellery and we even spotted some beautiful crowns that would be perfect for Princess Peach! A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come and see the amazing work produced throughout STEM fortnight. It was so lovely to share and celebrate the children's hard work together!

Year 3

We have had a fantastic second week during STEM fortnight. Year 3 have written a set of instructions on how to make their Diorama. To do this they first had to plan and design their project. How exciting that we got to share our amazing creations with parents and carers in school. We were also lucky enough to welcome Leigh Ward (our STEM ambassador) into class. She set the children up with an investigation to test the PH value of a variety of items, such as lemons, soil, hand wash and toothpaste. Year 3 asked some fantastic questions and were super scientists.

Year 4

In our second week of STEM, we continued our magical mission to silence the mandrake! We carefully measured and cut wood to create a strong frame for our design, making sure it was sturdy and fit for purpose. We were also thrilled to welcome the amazing Professor Brainstorm, who wowed us with exciting experiments and inspired us to think like real scientists. To finish the week, we proudly invited our parents into school to share our wonderful learning and showcase all of our hard work. What a fantastic and magical STEM fortnight it has been!

Special thanks to STEM ambassadors

On behalf of everyone at Corbridge First School, thank you so much for taking the time to come and share your expertise as STEM Ambassadors.

The children were truly engaged and inspired by your activities and insights. It was wonderful to see them asking thoughtful questions, making connections, and gaining a real sense of how STEM is used beyond the classroom. Experiences like this make learning come alive and help pupils see the exciting possibilities open to them in the future.

We are very grateful for the enthusiasm, knowledge and commitment you brought with you, and for the positive impact you had on our students. Your visit has sparked curiosity and conversation that will continue well beyond the day itself.

Have a lovely half term and a well deserved rest.

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 4 with 94.1%	Year 2 with 93.5%	Reception & Year 3 with 93.3%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 23 February 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](#).

- **Valentine's Roller Disco**

Don't forget to sign up to our Valentine's Roller Disco on Sunday 22nd February!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft5RzирmacRWaRmDmApyBqX5UarTyZvn6YTh0c9Wz1n9Ftg/viewform?usp=dialog>

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
February 2026		
Thursday 12	Last day of term Break up for February half-term	
Friday 13	School Closed to Pupils - Teacher Training Day Reminder: No Wraparound Care	
Sunday 22	Valentines Roller Disco at Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham, 2pm-4pm	Parentmail sent out 7.1.26
Monday 23	School Re-opens for Spring Term 2	
Tuesday 24	Yr4 - Residential meeting - come to the school office for 2.40pm	Parentmail sent out 13.1.26
Wednesday 25 February	Year 4 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Letter to go home in book bags on 30.01.2026
Wednesday 25	Reception - Reading Cafe - Phonics Workshop	Parentmail form sent out 3.2.26
Friday 27 February	Year 4 Visit to Hindu Temple with BFS	Consent form and payment sent out 3.2.26
March 2026		
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	More information to follow
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	More information to follow

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)	More information to follow
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
April 2026		
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	
May 2026		
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	
June 2026		
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
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	