



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

### **Newsletter: Friday 6 February 2026**

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful first week of STEM fortnight. Here are some updates from the amazing events in all classes.

#### **Reception: Superheroes at the ready!**

Reception class have had a fantastic first week of STEM - full of curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning. The children loved finding out all about the important role of a paramedic and how they help people in emergencies, before proudly dressing up as people who help us in our community—or even as superheroes! They explored problem-solving by working together to free a superhero trapped in ice, making predictions and observing changes as the ice melted. To finish the week, they put their engineering skills to the test by designing a boat which they will build to help them escape an island - showing great teamwork, imagination and resilience throughout. What an amazing start to STEM learning! 🚀

#### **Year 1: Operation Space Rescue**

NASA has asked Year 1 to help them get Astronaut Alex Cooper back to earth after his rocket broke down, leaving him stuck in space. Our young space heroes accepted their NASA mission and decided that we must make a new rocket for Astronaut Alex. In order to do this we decided we needed to learn all about space, so we learnt about the first landing on the moon. It was so interesting! We also LOVED designing our rockets, we can't wait to start testing material and making them next week. Year 1 would love to say a BIG thank you to Matt Charlton. They thoroughly enjoyed being mini architects and creating a house for a lego figure. It was truly amazing to see how creative all of our children were. We are so looking forward to another amazing week full of exciting and creative activities!

#### **Year 2: Let's Go!**

The children kicked off their STEM fortnight Super Mario mission with great enthusiasm! This week, they explored a range of different materials and carried out scientific investigations to test the flexibility of materials. We were lucky to have a lovely visit from Peter Ward who immersed the children in an exciting engineering challenge using spaghetti and marshmallows, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and creative design. They blew us away with their creative thinking and perseverance! After investigating and planning, the children are now ready for next week, when they will use their designs to make a model car for Super Mario to use in the Mushroom Kingdom. We can't wait to see how they put their ideas into action!

#### **Year 3: Jedi Training Camp**

Year 3 have had a fantastic first week of STEM and didn't they just come in on Monday looking the part. We have investigated magnetism in science to prepare ourselves for finding the force as part of our diorama project. We found that magnets can work at a distance and discovered magnetic and non magnetic

materials. In Art we have sketched and planned our diorama and following this, year 3 will write a set of instructions on how they will make their diorama. We have had our first STEM ambassador in class this week; Danielle Reay kindly came in and carried out an experiment to extract DNA from strawberries. We are excited to get started on our dioramas and show our parents and carers the final result next week.

#### **Year 4: Wingardium Leviosa!**

During STEM Week, our class was transported into the magical world of Harry Potter. We were sorted into our Hogwarts houses and worked together like true wizards and witches. Using our science and design skills, we designed and built a prototype to silence a screaming mandrake, testing different materials to see what worked best. We were also lucky to be visited by two amazing STEM Ambassadors, who inspired us with their knowledge and showed us how STEM is used in the real world. It was a fun, creative and magical week of learning!

We look forward to continuing this super STEM work next week alongside a show by Professor Brainstorm and inviting all of our grown-ups in to see our amazing work!

Have a lovely weekend.

*S Hart & E Sanderson*

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

#### **Attendance this week: 93.5%**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 100%	Year 3 with 95%	Year 4 with 93.7%



#### **School Dinners**

Week beginning Monday 9 February 2026 for Spring Term 1, will be Week 3 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](#).

- **Commission from School Photo Order - Thank you**

Thank you to all of our families who purchased school photographs of their child(ren), following our photo day in October 2025. We have just received our commission and it is for the amazing amount of £451.02! This has gone into our school fundraising budget.

**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>February 2026</b>		
Monday 2 - Thursday 12	STEM Fortnight - Open Afternoon Thursday 12th February	STEM parent expertise - Parentmail sent out 5.1.26 Information for each class sent out 22.1.26 STEM afternoon - parentmail sent out 22.1.26
Wednesday 11	<b>**SOLD OUT**</b> PTA Event: Valentine's School Disco <i>*For children in Reception Class - Year 4</i>	Parentmail issued on 26.01.26, and booking form sent home in book bag
Thursday 12	KS1 Federation Basketball at BFS 1pm - 3pm	CANCELLED
Thursday 12	Special Valentine's Lunch  <i>Menu chosen by Year 2: Hot dog in a bun, pizza, curly fries and beans, with a Valentines biscuit for desert</i>	Invitation sent to Packed Lunch children on 23.01.26 by Parentmail Form
Thursday 12	Last day of term Break up for February half-term	
Friday 13	School Closed to Pupils - Teacher Training Day <b>Reminder: No Wraparound Care</b>	
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
<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	More information to follow
Wednesday 11	Year 2 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	More information to follow
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	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
<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	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><i>**School re-opens for Autumn Term - Wednesday 2 September 2026</i></b>
<b>September 2026</b>		
Tuesday 1	Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils	
Wednesday 2	School Re-opens for Autumn Term 1	