



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 30 January 2026

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school this week and, thankfully, we weathered the storm!

On Wednesday we held our annual Rainbow Day, where we celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion. Everyone agreed it was such a magical day. Seeing the children celebrate their uniqueness and individuality made us all so proud!

This year we explored what makes each and every one of us special, different families and mental health and wellbeing. The children each made a sign to show who they are and what they love. At the end of the day, the whole school paraded around the playground with their signs, whilst dancing to music. It really was such a joyful event! Mrs. Steele certainly got us into the spirit with her fabulous outfit!

Throughout the day, the children took part in different activities and workshops to help them better understand the themes. The Be You team came to lead assemblies across school and workshops with our KS2 children. The sessions focused on mindfulness and the importance of being present. Fred in Year 3 encapsulated this perfectly when he said, "*It is all about trying not to think about what has happened or what is coming up, you need to focus on the present.*" The children discussed different scenarios and how we can't always stop thoughts popping into our heads, but we can focus on our breathing and noticing to help ground us. They were even lucky enough to complete some mindful eating with a chocolate button and couldn't believe how much better it tasted!

Finally, as if that wasn't enough, we also held the Great Rainbow Bake Off! As always, we were blown away by the cakes and biscuits made by the children and the standard of decoration. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised £204.65 for our newly appointed school charity: Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services (NDAS), which is going to make such a difference to the lives of those in our local community.

I am so proud of our children for their kindness, openness and empathy. We really are being the best we can be!

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 93.6%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 96.7%	Year 3 with 95.3%	Year 4 with 93.7%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 2 February 2026 for Spring Term 1, 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](#).

- **Epic Camps: February Half Term**

Please see the attached poster for more details of the February half-term events taking place at Mowden Hall School, Newton.

www.EpicCamps.co.uk

- **Northumberland Music: Music Workshop Day - Saturday 28 March 2026**

Following the success of our Music Workshop Day last year, we are delighted to announce that the event is returning for 2026!

Taking place on Saturday the 28th of March and this time to be held at **Ponteland High School**, our workshop offers a fun and inspiring day designed especially for children who enjoy music and want to build confidence while playing or singing alongside others.

What to expect:

- A full day of practical music-making, with a concert for parents/guardians at the end of the session (10:30am–4:00pm)
- Friendly sectional workshops led by our specialist music tutors
- Opportunities to play and sing in groups, make new friends and grow in confidence
- Sessions suitable for beginners through to more experienced players and singers

Children will take part in one of the following sectional workshops:

- **Beginner Orchestra** with Mrs Hedley and Mr Robinson
- **Intermediate Orchestra** with Mrs Chinery and Mr Francis
- **Advanced Orchestra** with Mrs Stephenson and Miss Hetherington
- **Guitar Ensemble** with Mr Robertson
- **Percussion Ensemble** with Mr Doyle
- **Choir** with Ms Hewison & Mr Burns

Sectionals are based on our [Northumberland County ensembles](#), giving pupils the chance to experience ensemble music-making in a supportive environment.

Key details

- **Date:** Saturday 28th of March 2026
- **Venue Address:** Ponteland High School, The Crescent, Callerton Lane, Ponteland, NE20 9EG
- **Start time:** 10:30am
- **Concert for parents:** 3:00pm arrival with a 3:15pm start
- **End time:** 4:00pm
- **Location:** Ponteland High School
- **Ages:** 7 - 18 (sessions grouped by age and experience)
- **Cost:** £15.00 per child
 - *£12.50 for Northumberland Music ensemble members*
 - *Subsidised places are available for those who need them*


Booking information

To confirm your child's place, please complete the registration form and make payment via the link below.

Your child cannot attend any activities unless the form has been completed and submitted.

 <https://forms.office.com/e/Jb2je68Lui>

You can find further information about our county ensembles here:

 <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/northumberland-music/music-groups-ensembles-workshops>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss subsidised places, please contact us at ensembles@northumberland.gov.uk

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		
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
Friday 6	Reception Class: Baptism visit 1pm at St Andrew's Church (event for children only - not parents/carers)	
Wednesday 11	**SOLD OUT** 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	
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	Year 4 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	Letter to go home in book bags on 30.01.2026

Friday 27 February	Year 4 Visit to Hindu Temple with BFS	More information to follow
March 2026		
Wednesday 4	Year 3 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	More information to follow
Thursday 5	World Book Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 11	Year 2 Parent To Lunch - 11.30am	More information to follow
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
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 April	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 22 May	Last day of term – Break Up for May half-term	
June 2026		
Monday 1	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	
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	