



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 12 December 2025

Dear Families,

It has been an absolute joy to be in school this week, and I know that we are all feeling decidedly Christmassy after all of the performances. It is always a privilege to welcome families into school to see the children sing, perform and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Key Stage 2 treated us to 'Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin' Wow - what a show! I was astonished by all of the talented actors we have in Years 3 and 4. Everyone sang loudly, with big smiles on their faces, showing just how much they were enjoying the performance. Key Stage 1 really got us into the Christmas spirit with some wonderful singing during their Christmas Nativity. They spoke so loudly and clearly as they shared the important story of the Nativity in such a fun way. Finally, Nursery and Reception dazzled us with, 'Born in Bethlehem', not only showing off their amazing singing but also their dancing and performing skills. I am so proud of all of the children for getting on stage and sharing their incredible talents. Thank you to all of the grown-ups at home who have helped with costumes, lines and singing practice. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the children shine on stage!

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets for our school fundraiser - we hope the winners enjoy their hampers. I do think they were the best ones yet. Money raised from the Christmas performance raffles was an astonishing £649.50! We really appreciate all of your support. And if that wasn't enough, our other school fundraisers over the past two weeks (Movie Night, Stay & Play, Road Safety Day and a Choir donation) have also raised an amazing £587.75!

Our wonderful PTFA also pulled out all the stops to make school as fun and festive as possible. They provided our balloon elf and Santa, who looked fantastic in the photos and 'elfies' taken after the shows, and the festive door arch. They also provided sweets, treats, cakes and refreshments after the performances. It was so lovely to see families come together and enjoy a treat after the shows in such a great atmosphere. I cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work. They raised an incredible £550.50! The PTFA have written a full update - see below and for information on how to join this incredible team.

Watch this space for our plans and the announcement of what all of the money raised will go towards! Thanks to your support and generosity, we will be able to put the fundraising towards projects that will benefit all of the children across school for years to come.

After delivering some spectacular performances, all of the children were then treated to watching one on Thursday as EYFS travelled to the Queen's Hall, Hexham. They watched 'The Great Big Christmas Wrapping Disaster' and had such fun. Hopefully we have inspired some future stars of stage and screen this week!

Have a lovely weekend and a good rest before our final week of festive fun!

S Hart & E Sanderson
Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 95.9%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

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| Year 3 with 97.9% | Year 4 with 97.4% | Reception with 97% |



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 15 December 2025 for Autumn Term, will be Week 3 of our [menu](#)

***Please note that menu changes include: Wednesday 17 December will be Christmas Lunch Day, and Friday 19 December will be a special lunch, as chosen by Year 3, to celebrate the end of term.*

Additional Information:

- **Update from our CFS PTFA Team**

Since our first tentative meeting just 10 weeks ago, the newly formed PTFA has been incredibly busy. With the school not having had a PTFA for many years, we have not only been planning fundraising events but also working through the process of setting up as a registered charity. While some of the administrative work is still ongoing, we are absolutely delighted with the progress made so far.

Our first event was the Swap Shop, and we would like to say a huge thank you for the amazing donations of fancy dress costumes and winter clothing. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic £227 from our very first fundraiser.

In early December, we hosted a Mums' Movie Night at The Angel of Corbridge. It was a brilliant evening filled with drinks, nibbles, popcorn and plenty of laughter — and we were thrilled that it also raised £132 for the school.

Finally, this week we have all been so proud watching our children shine in their school performances. Alongside the nativities, the PTFA sale raised a phenomenal £550.50. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed a cup of tea, ate some cake, bought sweets or kindly said “keep the change”. Every single penny really does add up, and we are so excited to begin allocating these funds towards school projects in the new year.

If you would like to get involved, we are a friendly, easy-going group and would love to welcome new members. We are also always open to ideas for future fundraising events. Please feel free to message us via our Facebook page “Corbridge First School PTFA” to get in touch.

- **Shuttle Stars Badminton Event:** Please see the attached posters for badminton events being held in January 2026. Please note, the event is for beginners, not children who compete in badminton currently.

We are delighted to share [Shuttle Stars](#), Badminton England’s flagship programme designed to inspire children aged 5–11 to discover and enjoy badminton. Shuttle Stars offers a fun, inclusive, and engaging introduction to the sport, helping young players build confidence, coordination, and teamwork skills.

Why Shuttle Stars?

- Age-appropriate learning: Activities tailored to younger children, ensuring sessions are accessible and enjoyable.
- Inclusive participation: Designed to engage all children, regardless of ability or experience.
- Targeted delivery: These events are not happening everywhere — they are specifically placed in selected areas to maximise impact.

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 |
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| December 2025 | | |
| Monday 15 | EYFS Christmas Party (come to school in party clothes) | Parentmail issued 9.12.25 |
| Monday 15 | KS1 Christmas Party (come to school in party clothes) | Parentmail issued 9.12.25 |
| Wednesday 17 | Christmas Jumper Day | Parentmail issued 10.12.25 |
| Wednesday 17 | Christmas Lunch Day | On the menu there will be turkey, chipolatas, roast potatoes, carrots, peas and Yorkshire pudding, with a Christmas ice cream for dessert |
| Thursday 18 | KS2 Christmas Party (come to school in party clothes) | Parentmail issued 9.12.25 |
| Friday 19 | Carol Service at St Andrew’s Church @ 9.30am | |
| Friday 19 | Special End of Term Lunch | On the menu there will be chicken goujons and spicy chicken tacos with curly fries, beans and sweetcorn, and assorted doughnuts for dessert. |

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| Friday 19 December | Last Day of Term Break up for Christmas holidays School Closes at 1:30pm | Reminder: there will be no CFS After School Wraparound Care due to school closing at 1:30pm |
| January 2026 | | |
| Monday 5 | School Re-opens: Spring Term 1 | |
| Wednesday 28 | Rainbow Day | More information to follow |
| February 2026 | | |
| Thursday 12 | KS1 Federation Basketball at BFS 1pm - 3pm | More information to follow |
| Thursday 12 | Last day of term Break up for February half-term | |
| Friday 13 | School Closed to Pupils - Teacher Training Day | |
| Monday 23 | School Re-opens for Spring Term 2 | |
| March 2026 | | |
| Thursday 5 | World Book Day | More information to follow |
| Thursday 26 | KS2 Federation Football at Corbridge Football Club from 1pm - 3pm | More information to follow |
| Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 | Year 4 Residential: Ford Castle | |
| April 2026 | | |
| 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 | |

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| 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 | |