



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 17 July 2026

Dear Families,

Just like that, it is the end of the school year.

To say that I am proud of what the children and staff have achieved this year would be an understatement. From STEM fortnight to our Spring Music Concert, Rainbow Day, making a difference to our nominated charities, to Forest School - there have been so many varied and wonderful experiences for the children. I hope they are all able to look back and reflect on their many successes with happiness.

The end of the school year is a time of change. Our Year 4 leavers are heading to Middle School, children throughout school are moving up a year and Mrs. Morphet and Mrs. Lambert are moving onto new adventures. I would like to thank them for their endless hard work and dedication in school. Isaiah 41:10 perfectly encapsulates how faith can support us all on this journey: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The last two weeks have been so special in school celebrating our children, culminating in our very special Leavers' Service at St. Andrew's Church. Thank you also to those who attended our Year 4 Leavers Picnic and shared this special time together.

Our first ever comic book sale was also a huge success, with Comic Club raising £33.50 to put towards supplies for an even bigger and better club next year. Please also keep reading below for an amazing end-of-year update from the PTFA detailing the absolute brilliance of their work this year. We cannot thank you all enough!

Finally, I would like to say thank you to you all for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year. We would not be able to achieve as much as we do without all of our families and our dedicated governors.

Have a wonderful, fun-filled, and happy summer!

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

Attendance this week: 92%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3 with 93.3%	Year 1 with 92.9%	Year 4 with 92%



School Dinners

Children return to school on Wednesday 2 September 2026 for Autumn Term, which will be a slightly different [menu](#) for the first week back, but will return to the normal menu the following week.

PTFA News and Thanks

As we come to the end of another school year, it feels like the perfect time to reflect on what has been an incredibly special journey.

This year saw the return of the Corbridge First School PTFA after a 10-year break. At the beginning of the year, none of us quite knew what to expect. We simply hoped to bring our wonderful school community together, create lasting memories for our children, and raise funds to enrich their school experience. Looking back now, I can honestly say we've achieved far more than we ever imagined.

What has made this year so special isn't just the money we've raised—it's the incredible community spirit we've seen every step of the way. Parents, grandparents, carers, staff, local businesses and friends of the school have all come together to give their time, energy and support. Whether you baked a cake, volunteered at an event, donated a prize, bought an ice lolly or simply turned up with a smile, you have helped make this year the success it has been.

Together we've danced the night away at our whole-school disco, shared laughter and friendship at our mums movie night, cooled everyone down with countless ice lollies during the summer heatwave, and enjoyed delicious homemade cakes, tea, coffee and sweets during three busy days of nativity performances.

We also loved hosting our Winter Swap Shop, giving children's winter clothes a second life while helping local families, and the children embraced every opportunity to have fun during our non-uniform days and the ever-popular Break the School Rules Day.

Then came the perfect finale—bringing back the Summer Fair. Seeing the school field full of families, laughter, games and smiling faces was incredibly special, and watching hundreds of bursts of colour fill the air during the Colour Run felt like the perfect celebration of everything we've achieved together this year.

Thanks to your generosity and unwavering support, **we have raised an amazing £5,700 so far this year!!!!**

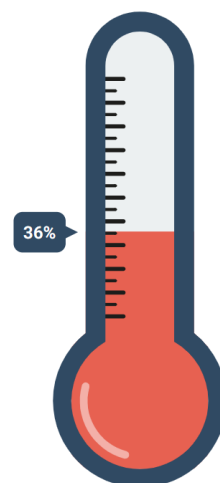
Those funds are already making a real and lasting difference. We have created a beautiful new Therapeutic Room, providing a safe, peaceful space where children can take a moment to regulate, recharge and thrive. We've transformed the playground with colourful games including Snakes and Ladders and three-way

hopscotch, encouraging children to play, move and enjoy every breaktime. We've sourced a number of wish list items and have had six brand-new balance bikes donated to our gorgeous Early Years Nursery. We have also been incredibly fortunate to receive a generous donation of over £2,000 worth of Forest School equipment from Doves Hexham, thanks to the kindness of Michael and Sarah Maughan. This wonderful gift will help Mr Gardner create an exciting Forest School area for our children to explore and enjoy for years to come.

But we're not stopping there.

Our next big ambition is to replace the sadly condemned wooden play area with an exciting new trim trail climbing frame—a space where children can challenge themselves, build confidence, make friendships and create happy memories every single day. It's a big goal, but after everything we've achieved together this year, I know it's one we can reach.

As Chair of the PTFA, I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together in just one year. We may have been a newly formed committee/charity, but thanks to every single one of you, we've built something incredibly special. The friendships we've made, the memories we've created and the difference we've already made for our children are things we should all be proud of.



On behalf of the entire PTFA, thank you. Thank you for believing in us, supporting us, volunteering your time, donating so generously and showing up to every event with such enthusiasm. None of this would have been possible without you.

This is only the beginning.

Have a wonderful, restful summer filled with fun, laughter and precious family time.

We can't wait to see you all in September for another exciting year.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Corbridge First School PTFA

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](#).

- **Summer Holiday Events at Northumberland Libraries**

Please see the attached poster for more details of events taking place at your local libraries this summer.

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
July 2026		
Friday 17 July	Last day of term Break up for Summer School Closes at 1:30pm REMINDER: **No After School Wraparound Care**	**School re-opens for Autumn Term - Wednesday 2 September 2026
Saturday 18	Salto: School Uniform Orders - the deadline for orders is Saturday 18 July	Parentmail sent out 2.04.26
September 2026		
Tuesday 1	Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils	
Wednesday 2	School Re-opens for Autumn Term 1	