



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 11 September 2026

Dear Families,

You know it's a new season when the sound of Autumn Days being sung beautifully by the children echoes around school, and there's a crisp chill in the air at drop off! This means there's more to spot out and about in the school grounds during Forest School sessions as the trees change around us. The Nursery and Reception children have certainly enjoyed their sessions in the forest this week!

A quick reminder that information about our classes is available under the 'Children' tab on our website, under the subheading 'Class Pages', along with all up-to-date information about routines, expectations and life in school. As always, staff are happy to answer any questions you may have about the year ahead, before and after school. There is also detailed information regarding each subject under the Curriculum tab. It amazes me how much we manage to fit into our lessons every single day.

One of these important subjects is PE, something we love at Corbridge CofE First School. Our Year 3 pupils started their swimming lessons on Monday, an exciting milestone in their physical development journey. Swimming is such a valuable life skill, and I'm thrilled to see our pupils engaging with this important part of their curriculum. I must also take a moment to celebrate the outstanding contribution Mr Thompson has made to our PE provision over the last few years. This week, he happily told me that the children demonstrated exceptional behaviour and impressive skills across a range of activities during their first lessons on Tuesday. We both love seeing such enthusiasm and engagement during PE sessions!

Finally, we had a fun and successful day at the Corbridge Village Show last week. The children's entries were a delight and we had some prize winners, too! It was so lovely to celebrate them in worship today and see how proud they were of their achievements. Huge thanks again to all of the families who supported this event.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

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

Attendance this week: 96.9%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 with 98.2%	Year 2 with 97.6%	Year 4 with 97.3%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 14 September 2026 for Autumn 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](#).

- **Music Tuition Information from Northumberland Music**

Please see the attached posters and [Click here](#) to find out more about each group and the application form for anyone interested.

Attendance:

We have received a concerning number of holiday leave of absence requests this week. Alongside maintaining high standards of behaviour, our key priority this year is attendance.

Attendance to school is vital because it has a direct impact on students' academic progress, wellbeing, confidence and future opportunities. Students who attend regularly are more likely to achieve well, build positive relationships with peers and staff, develop good habits and routines and fully benefit from the wider opportunities that school offers. Quite simply, students learn best when they are in school.

Our whole-school attendance target is 97%, and we expect all students to aim to meet or exceed this figure. In practical terms, 97% attendance equates to approximately eight days of absence across an academic year. In most cases, this level of absence would exceed what we would expect in a professional working environment, and it is important that we help our young people develop positive habits that will support them throughout their education and future careers.

While we understand that illness and exceptional circumstances will sometimes prevent attendance, our expectation is that students attend school every day unless there is a genuine reason why they cannot. Every day missed creates gaps in learning, and these gaps can quickly accumulate over time. Even a small reduction in attendance can have a significant impact on a student's progress, confidence and attainment.

Families can support us by:

- Encouraging excellent attendance and punctuality every day.
- Avoiding holidays during term time.
- Reporting absences promptly and providing relevant information when requested.
- Establishing strong morning routines that ensure students arrive in school on time and ready to learn.

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
September 2026		
Tuesday 22	PSHE/RSHE Parent/Carer Session at 3:15pm	Parentmail sent out 10.09.26
Sunday 27	Adult roller skating at Wentworth (10am - 12pm)	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26
October 2026		
Friday 2	Harvest Festival 1:30pm at St Andrew's Church	More info to follow
Tuesday 13	Flu Vaccination (nasal spray) Day for Reception - Year 4	Parentmail sent out on 6.7.26 Parentmail sent out on 8.9.26
Friday 16	Year 4: Bikeability	Parentmail sent out on 1.6.26
Thursday 22	Last Day of School: Autumn Term 1	School closes at 3:15pm for October half term holiday
November 2026		
Sunday 1	Halloween Roller Disco (All ages) 2pm - 4pm at Wentworth	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26
Monday 2	School re-opens for Autumn Term 2	
Tuesday 3	EYFS 2027 Open Day 5.00pm - 5.30pm	
Friday 6	EYFS 2027 Open Day 9.00am - 9.30am	
Sunday 29	Adult roller skating at Wentworth (10am - 12pm)	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26
December 2026		
Wednesday 9	M&M Productions in school for Cinderella show	More info to follow
Friday 18	Carol Service 9:30am at St Andrew's Church	More info to follow

Friday 18 December	Last Day of School: Autumn Term 2	School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas holiday
Friday 18	No After School Wraparound Care due to school closing at 1:30pm	
January 2027		
Monday 4	School re-opens for Spring Term 1	
February 2027		
Friday 12	Last Day of School: Spring Term 1	
Monday 22	School Re-opens for Spring Term 2	
March 2027		
Thursday 25	Last Day of School: Spring Term 2	
April 2027		
Monday 12	School Re-opens for Summer Term 1	
May 2027		
Monday 3	Bank Holiday: School Closed	
Friday 28	Last Day of School: Summer Term 1	
June 2027		
Monday 7	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	
July 2027		
Friday 16	Last Day of Summer Term 2	School closes at 1:30pm for Summer holiday
Friday 16	No After School Wraparound Care due to school closing at 1:30pm	