



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 9 October 2026

Dear Families,

Today we celebrated Black History Month with an off-timetable day, based on this year's theme, 'Honouring Our Communities'.

The day linked closely to our school vision, 'Inspired by Jesus, we make a difference in God's world by being the best we can be', with the big question 'How can we make a difference?' running throughout the day.

The children worked in their House teams, supporting each other across year groups, and moved around the different classrooms to explore a range of themes and activities:

- BELONG: How do we help everyone feel that they belong?
- CREATE: How can creativity make a difference?
- CARE: How can helping others make a difference?
- ACHIEVE: How can our talents make a difference?
- LEAD: How can someone change their community?

We had a wonderful worship at the end of the day where children shared how they plan to make a difference, both now and in the future. I know all children have come away from our learning today inspired by some incredible change makers from Black history. I am so proud of the hard work and effort I saw throughout the day, and the way our oldest children supported our youngest.

Have a lovely weekend.

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 95.8%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Reception with 99.7%	Year 3 with 97.2%	Year 1 with 93.9%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 12 October 2026 for Autumn 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](#).

- **Wellbeing Update**

We have had a really exciting meeting with the Northumbria Primary Mental Health team this week. We look forward to working with them again over the course of the year to support children, parents and staff. The team will be in school over the course of the year to deliver staff training and pupil workshops, and assemblies around the themes of:

- Emotional Regulation
- Resilience
- Self Esteem
- Transition (Year 4 pupils)

The team will also be present in school at the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas performances so parents can seek advice and support from them directly.

Two parent workshops will also take place for parents of both schools so please save these dates if you think you may be interested (more information and sign up link to follow after Christmas).

Emotional Regulation - from 2.30pm - 3.30 pm on Thursday 14th January at CFS

Anxiety - from 2.30 - 3.30pm on Thursday 4th March at CFS

If you would like more information on wellbeing support available in school please speak to Miss Storey or Mrs Carruthers.

- **The Corbridge Bookshelf: Reading for Pleasure**

Each Friday, a book for each Key Stage will be shared for reading recommendations, to inspire reading for pleasure across our school.

This week..... Celebrating Imagination

EYFS Not a Box — Antoinette Portis

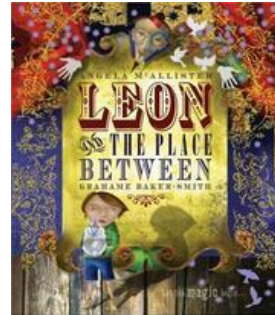
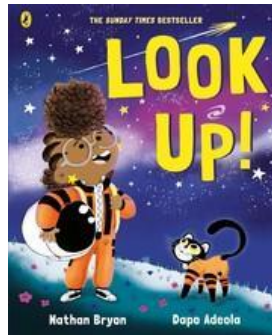
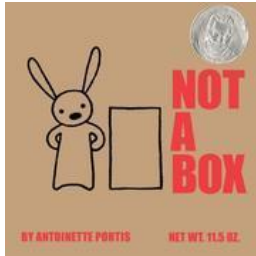
It's not just a box! Discover how a little imagination can turn an ordinary cardboard box into something extraordinary.

KS1 Look Up! — Nathan Bryon

Rocket dreams of becoming an astronaut! Can she persuade her brother to put down his phone and look up at the stars?

KS2 Leon and the Place Between — Angela McAllister

When Leon volunteers for a magic trick, he enters a mysterious world. Can he find his way home?



- **Wentworth: Children's Activity Camp**

Please see the attached poster for the October half term holiday - activities for children aged from 5 - 12 years.

- **Meet the Author - Book Signing with Amanda Owen**

Please see the attached poster for more information.

Amanda will be popping into Forum Books on Monday 26 October at 2pm to meet the public and sign copies of her new book, which is perfect for children who love all things animal!

- **Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service**

Please see the message below and the attached leaflet regarding deliberate fire setting.

With Bonfire Night approaching, Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging parents and carers to talk to their children about the dangers of deliberate fire setting. Deliberate fires can put people, property, and the environment at risk, while placing additional pressure on emergency services.

Please take a moment to read the attached Deliberate Fire Setting Leaflet, which highlights the risks and consequences of fire setting and provides details of support services available.

We also encourage families to celebrate Bonfire Night safely by attending organised displays where possible and ensuring any fireworks used at home are handled responsibly and under adult supervision.

Thank you for helping us keep our communities safe this Bonfire Night.

- **Basketball - Newcastle Basketball**

Please see the attached poster for free taster session information.

British basketball is a valuable sport for child development, offering a range of benefits that contribute to a child's physical, social, and emotional well-being. Here are some key points highlighting the effectiveness of basketball in promoting child development:

- It is a high-energy sport that helps children develop cardiovascular endurance, coordination, and muscle strength.
- It improves motor skills and reduces the risk of obesity.
- The game teaches children essential social skills such as communication, cooperation, and teamwork, which are crucial for their social development.
- Participating in basketball encourages discipline, focus, and resilience, fostering emotional growth and perseverance. It also helps children handle wins and losses, contributing to their mental well-being.

Overall, British basketball provides a holistic approach to child development, combining physical fitness, social skills, and mental well-being in a fun and engaging environment and here in Northumberland we are lucky to have access to basketball training sessions as well as a competition league for children run by Newcastle Eagles. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me or visit the Newcastle Eagles website here: [Central Venue League – Newcastle Eagles](#).

- **Epic Camps - October Half Term**

Please see the attached information posters for more details on half term camps which are being run at Mowden Hall in Stocksfield, for children from Reception age to 13 years.

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
October 2026	Walk to School Month	
Week of Monday 12 October	Walk to School Month: Keeping Active	Parentmail sent on 1.10.26
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
Thursday 15	Year 4 Visit to Queens Hall	Consent form and payment sent out 29.9.26

Friday 16 October	Deadline for Christmas Card Fundraiser orders	Parentmail sent on 5.10.26
Friday 16	Year 4: Bikeability	Parentmail sent out on 1.6.26
Week of Monday 19 October	Walk to School Month: Out & About	Parentmail sent on 1.10.26
Tuesday 20	Walk to School Month: Happy Shoesday *wear shoes to school which make you happy*	Parentmail sent on 1.10.26 *Voluntary donations on the day for "Living Streets" road safety charity
Thursday 22	Last Day of School: Autumn Term 1	School closes at 3:15pm for October half term holiday
Saturday 31	Year 4: Admissions Portal Closes for applications for Year 5 Middle School Places	Parentmail sent out 14.09.26
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	
Monday 2	Individual and sibling photos	More information to follow
Tuesday 3	EYFS 2027 Open Day 5.00pm - 5.30pm	
Friday 6	EYFS 2027 Open Day 9.00am - 9.30am	
Friday 6	Bonfire Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 13	Karate Day in School with Wayne Bond	More information to follow
Week of Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Week of Monday 16 November	Nursery/Reception: Road Safety Week	
Sunday 29	Adult roller skating at Wentworth (10am - 12pm)	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26

December 2026		
Friday 4 - Tuesday 8 December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge	
Friday 4	CFS/BFS Federation Choir singing at St Andrew's Church, 1:30pm	More information to follow
Monday 7	CFS Choir singing at Late Night Christmas Shopping Event in Corbridge at 3:45pm	More information to follow
Tuesday 8	EYFS (Nursery/Reception) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 9	M&M Productions in school for Cinderella show	More information to follow
Thursday 10	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Thursday 10	Primary Mental Health Team in school around the Christmas performance *Parents can seek advice & support directly	More information to follow
Friday 11	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Singing in the Community at 1:15pm	More information to follow
Friday 11	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Friday 11	Primary Mental Health Team in school around the Christmas performance *Parents can seek advice & support directly	More information to follow
Monday 14	Year 4 Visit to Great North Museum	More information to follow
Monday 14	EYFS (Nursery/Reception) Christmas Party at 9:30am	More information to follow
Monday 14	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Party at 1pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 16	Christmas Dinner Day	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Jumper Day	More information to follow
Thursday 17	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow

Friday 18 December	Carol Service 9:30am at St Andrew's Church	More information to follow
Friday 18	Special End of Term Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 18	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	
Thursday 14	Parent/Carer Workshop: Emotional Regulation at 2:30pm	More information to follow
Friday 29	Rainbow Day *focus on wellbeing and positive body image	More information to follow
Friday 29	Rainbow Day Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
February 2027		
Friday 12	Valentine's Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 12	Last Day of School: Spring Term 1	
Monday 22	School Re-opens for Spring Term 2	
March 2027		
Thursday 4	Parent/Carer Workshop: Anxiety at 2:30pm	More information to follow
Thursday 25	Easter Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
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	
Thursday 13	Class Photos	More information to follow
Friday 28	Last Day of School: Summer Term 1	
June 2027		
Monday 7	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 9	Year 4 - Visit to Beamish	More information to follow
Friday 18	Teddy Bears Picnic	More information to follow
Thursday 24	Year 4 - Leavers Service at Hexham Abbey (children only)	More information to follow
July 2027		
Thursday 15	Year 4 - Leavers Picnic at 3:15pm	More information to follow
Friday 16	Special Leavers Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
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	