



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 25 September 2026

Dear Families,

We are delighted to share all the exciting musical opportunities happening in school this term!

Our talented Year 2 pupils have begun learning the ukulele with Mr Reed. The children are already learning their first chords and are showing great enthusiasm during their lessons. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing as they explore rhythm, melody and teamwork through music. Mr Reed is also working with our Nursery and Reception children every Wednesday, teaching them the joy of singing.

Our choir is also busy learning their new songs (including Christmas songs..!) and we have grown in number to 45 children, which is wonderful to see! Our diary is already filling up with performances.

We're also thrilled to have a variety of instrumental lessons taking place each week:

- Guitar lessons with Mr. Hunter
- Drum lessons with Mr. Hutton
- Violin lessons with Miss. Hetherington AND
- Piano lessons with Ms. Shevlin - starting soon.

These lessons give our children the opportunity to develop new skills, creativity and a lifelong love of music as well as huge benefits to self esteem and mental wellbeing.

If your child is interested in starting instrumental lessons, you can sign up through Northumberland Music. <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/northumberland-music>

There are opportunities for pupils of all ages and abilities – it's never too early (or too late!) to start making music. Miss. Hetherington performed for the children in worship last week to inspire them to take up the violin, and we had lots of excited faces watching her play.

Music has always played a special role in worship and celebration. In the Bible, Psalm 150 says: "Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute." Music is a gift from God that brings people together and lifts our hearts – whether in praise, joy or peace. We are proud to nurture this gift in our school community.

Let's make it a joyful, musical term!

Have a lovely weekend,

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 96%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Reception with 99.7%	Year 4 with 96.7%	Year 3 with 96.6%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 28 September 2026 for Autumn Term 1, will be Week 1 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](#).

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

This is a new feature in our school newsletter by Miss Latimer. Each Friday, a book for each Key Stage will be shared for reading recommendations, to inspire reading for pleasure across our school.

This week..... A little bit of magic

EYFS Whatever Next! — Jill Murphy

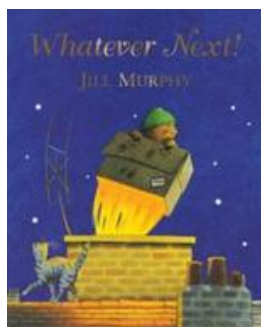
Baby Bear wants to visit the moon! With a cardboard box and a little imagination, he sets off on an exciting adventure.

KS1 The Magic Paintbrush — Julia Donaldson

What would you paint if your pictures could come to life?
A magical story about creativity and helping others.

KS2 The Boy Who Grew Dragons — Andy Shepherd

Tomas discovers a tree that grows real dragons! A funny, magical adventure full of unexpected surprises.



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		
Sunday 27	Adult roller skating at Wentworth (10am - 12pm)	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26
October 2026		
Friday 2	Donations for Harvest Festival can be made to school (morning)	Parentmail sent out 16.9.26
Friday 2	Harvest Festival 1:30pm at St Andrew's Church	Parentmail sent out 16.9.26
Friday 9	Celebration Day of Black History Month 2026	
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
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	
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
Wednesday 16	Christmas Dinner day	
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	
Friday 29	Rainbow Day *focus on wellbeing and positive body image	More information to follow
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	
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 June	Year 4 - Visit to Beamish	More information to follow
Thursday 24	Year 4 - Leavers Service at Hexham Abbey (children only)	More information to follow
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	