



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 16 October 2026

Dear Families,

We have so much to celebrate this week in school as we head towards the end of our first half term.

Our extra-curricular clubs have been running for over a month now and I can't believe what the children have achieved already.

- Zumba Club has been learning about life under the sea. They have learnt three new dances already and travelled to Cuba to make and create sea turtles.
- The members of Comic Club have started their final pieces this week after lots of practise, planning and preparation. I can't wait to see what they draw!
- Mr Thompson is putting his club through their paces with a variety of team sports and games.
- Choir members are already singing Christmas songs to perfect their submission to the Northumberland Primary Schools Christmas Choir Competition 2026 - watch this space!
- Chess Club members are showing some excellent gameplay skills.
- Calm Club members are having a lovely time with Mrs. Carruthers.
- And finally... Karate is always the best (and most energetic) way to end the week!

What a super range of clubs we have in school. I am so proud of the children who take part each week and the huge variety of talents they show.

Children across school have been active as part of our Walk to School Month celebrations. It has been lovely to see all of the photos that have been sent in from home - the children have been scooting, walking, cycling and exploring all around the local area! These have been shared in classes. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed so far. Keep up the good work!

Finally, huge thanks go to the PTFA for kicking off this year's fundraising with a brilliant bingo event last week, and the highly-anticipated doughnut sale this week. They managed to raise a fantastic £436.93! Also, a special mention to The Angel in Corbridge for letting us use their private event space for the bingo. Further to this, we also heard this week that the PTFA have been awarded a grant of £1000 to put towards improving outdoor climbing and play provision in school from St. Hilda's Trust. We are so grateful for all of their hard work.

Have a lovely weekend!

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 94.7%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4 with 97.3%	Year 3 with 97.2%	Reception with 93.7%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 19 October 2026 for Autumn Term 1, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

Parking

We have had reports from residents in Milkwell that parents are parking on the curb or the grass near the entrance to school.

Please can I remind parents to be mindful of where they are parking. The grass is looking lovely currently and we need to maintain this, taking pride in our local area.

If possible, please park further away and walk or scoot. This also helps towards our active minutes as part of Walk to School Month!



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**

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

This week..... Wild Adventures

EYFS We're Going on a Bear Hunt — Michael Rosen

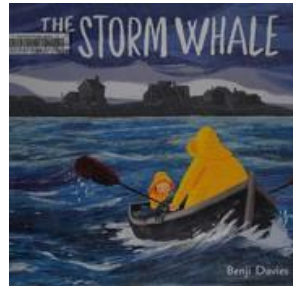
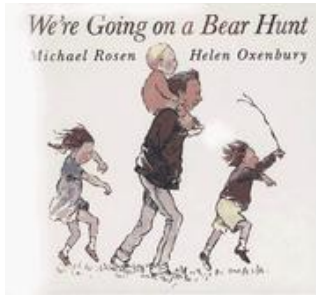
Join a family on an exciting bear hunt through grass, mud and snow. A wonderful story to join in with!

KS1 The Storm Whale — Benji Davies

Noi discovers a baby whale washed up on the beach. A beautiful story about friendship, family and caring for animals.

KS2 The Explorer — Katherine Rundell

Four children are stranded in the Amazon rainforest. Can they work together to survive and find their way home?



- **Sporting Journeys - October Half Term**

Please see the attached poster from Mr Thompsen for his October half term week of sports.

- **Corbridge Under 8's Football - Celebration News**

What a fantastic evening for our Corbridge U8s at Newcastle United's Academy training ground!

The lads faced a very strong Newcastle United U7 Academy side, coming away with 2 wins and defeats. They gave it everything in every game, showing great effort, determination and team spirit from start to finish.

A brilliant experience for the boys and something they can all be proud of. They worked incredibly hard and represented CUJFC brilliantly throughout the evening. Well done, lads!



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 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 & 12.10.26
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: hot dog in a bun or pizza, curly fries or pasta, and beans or sweetcorn, plus assorted doughnuts for dessert.	Parentmail Form/Invitation sent out to packed lunch children on 9.10.26
Tuesday 10	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop	Parentmail form sent out 14.10.26
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 November	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 December	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	Christmas Jumper Day	More information to follow
Thursday 17	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 18	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 March	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	