CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Thursday 22 October 2026

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parent Consultation meetings. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and to have the opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students together. These meetings are always a valuable time for us to reflect on achievements, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support.

Alongside recognising the progress and hard work of our young people, these meetings also serve as an important opportunity to set clear expectations around behaviour and attitudes to learning. We believe that by working together—school, students and families—we can continue to foster a positive and focused learning environment for all.

Please remember that our Halloween Roller Disco is coming up on Sunday 1st November - 2-4pm at Wentworth Leisure Centre. This is such a fantastic event, full of energy, creativity and community spirit. Thank you, in advance, to the staff, students and parents who help make it such a memorable afternoon, and for the brilliant costumes I know will be on display. We love every minute of roller skating and are so proud of the children's resilience when it comes to learning to skate. I will see you there!

Walk to School Month concluded this week with fabulous footwear on display as part of our 'Happy Shoesday.' Thank you so much to all families who donated for 'Happy Shoesday' - a total of £47.20 will be sent to Living Streets who campaign to make streets better for walking and wheeling - something we all love doing at Corbridge CofE First School!

Finally, the time has come to say goodbye to Mrs. Sanderson who is leaving to begin her maternity leave. We are SO EXCITED to meet Baby Sanderson and wish her and Ben lots of love and luck. What a special time. During Mrs. Sanderson's absence, Year 1 will be taught by Mrs. Sommerville and Mrs. Richardson, and Nursery will be taught by Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Hainsworth. Miss. Storey and I remain SLT points of contact and DSLs on site.

It has been such a wonderful half term - full of learning, fun, adventures and discoveries. Everyone is ready for a good rest and some family fun.

Have a lovely break! Stay safe and enjoy any Halloween and/or bonfire night celebrations.

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

Attendance this week: 95.4%
Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 98.5%	**Year 3 with 96.6%**	**Year 4 with 96.3%**

School Dinners
Week beginning Monday 2 November 2026 for Autumn Term 2, will be Week 2 of our menu and Friday 6 November will be on special Bonfire lunch.

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.

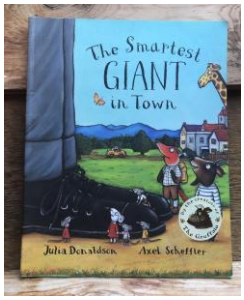
  This week…… Small acts of kindness

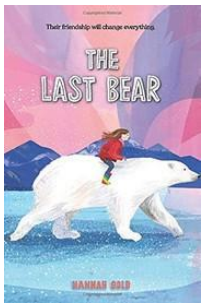
  EYFS **The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear — Don and Audrey Wood**
  Little Mouse has found a delicious strawberry, but how can he keep it safe from the hungry bear? A playful story about sharing.

  KS1 **The Smartest Giant in Town — Julia Donaldson**
  George gives away his smart new clothes to help others. A heartwarming story about kindness and generosity.

  KS2 **The Last Bear — Hannah Gold**
  April discovers a lonely polar bear in the Arctic. A beautiful adventure about friendship, courage and caring for our planet.







Calling all young readers…….

Do you have a favourite book you think everyone should read? After half term, we will be inviting children to share their own book recommendations in our weekly newsletter. We can't wait to discover your favourite stories!

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		
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	Parentmail sent 19.10.26
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	Parentmail Form/Invitation sent out to packed lunch children on 9.10.26

	Menu: hot dog in a bun or pizza, curly fries or pasta, and beans or sweetcorn, plus assorted doughnuts for dessert.	
Tuesday 10 November	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop	Parentmail form sent out 14.10.26
Wednesday 11	Reception Heights and Weights	Parentmail sent out 19.10.26
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	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 December	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	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	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 July	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	