



## **CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL**

### **Newsletter: Thursday 20 February 2025**

Dear Families,

Not only is it the end of half term, today has brought STEM Fortnight 2025 to a close. And what a successful two weeks of fun, learning and investigating it has been!

Professor Brainstorm performed his MAGICAL science show for us and it was truly fantastic - he proved that 'SCIENCE IS FUN'! It was also an absolute delight to see so many grown-ups join us for the open afternoon and get a feel for the children's sheer excitement. Thank you to all of the families who joined us for this event and for your wonderful feedback. We love sharing our learning with you!

#### STEM Fortnight: Nursery

Nursery have been amazing palaeontologists and meteorologists this fortnight! We have learnt all about carnivores and herbivores. We have stomped along to songs and dinosaur yoga. We have done lots of dinosaur subitising in maths. We learnt all about the meteor and the ice age. We have looked at the daily weather and kept a weather chart. We have made sun-catchers, rainbows and windmills. Finally, today, we made some dinosaur biscuits to take home - they were Grrrrreat!

#### STEM FORTNIGHT: Reception

Reception stomped into STEM fortnight, solving clues and investigating challenges with enthusiasm and great scientific knowledge. From working in teams to free the frozen dinosaur eggs, to experimenting with fizzy erupting volcanoes, we have demonstrated fantastic teamwork, critical thinking with a positive 'can do' attitude. Our Ambassador Hannah kindly shared with us her love and knowledge of geology, bringing with her an array of interesting fossils to explore. We have since spent most breaktimes digging in the mud outside trying to find our own. Thank you so much, Hannah. We loved having you!

Our long term challenge was to design and build boats to escape dinosaur Island when the bubbling volcano eventually erupted. We explored different materials, testing them for suitability, if they were waterproof, could they float etc. I think we did an amazing job - especially as we all managed to escape just in time! We have enjoyed the last two weeks so much and already can't wait to see what next year's STEM brings.

#### STEM FORTNIGHT: Year 2

What an exciting STEM fortnight we've had! Our adventures began when we transformed into Mario drivers, zooming down Rainbow Road in our very own cardboard cars—what a sight! We were also thrilled to welcome Mr Child, who taught us all about trees and even gifted Corbridge some saplings to plant in our Forest School when they're big enough. Not to be outdone, we tackled the egg drop challenge, testing our creativity and engineering skills! To top it all off, Professor Brainstorm visited us, dazzling everyone with his fantastic experiments. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making it a 2 weeks to remember!

#### STEM FORTNIGHT: Year 3

Year 3 have created their dioramas with moving Star Wars characters, using the force of magnetism. Inspired by these moving characters, Year 3 created stop motion animations using purple mash on the iPads.

We used our Geography skills to locate Star Wars film locations using an atlas and a blank map of the world. This led on from our recent work on biomes, with children identifying the biomes of the different Star Wars planets.

#### STEM FORTNIGHT: Year 4

This week witches and wizards of Hogwarts finished creating the outer structures of their Mandrake Silencers. They used their knowledge of sound proofing to add layers of insulating materials and in addition to this, STEM partners measured, cut, decorated and added panels to their structure. We then tested the silencers in class. Well done to Finley and Hugo who created the winning silencers. A special mention to Ellen and Elliott and Yasmine and Chloe for fantastic teamwork!

Thank you also to Andy Patton, our parent STEM ambassador who visited us at Hogwarts this week! You inspired us all with your work.

Have a lovely half term and a well deserved rest.

### *S Hart & E Sanderson*

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

#### **Attendance this week: 94.8%**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 99%	Reception with 97.4%	Year 1 with 96.2%



#### **School Dinners**

Week beginning Monday 3 March 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

#### **Additional Information & Reminders**

- **Full of Beans: February Half-Term Multi Sports Club**

Please see the attachments for further details and booking information for half-term activities being held at Brocksbushes and QEHS, Hexham.

**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
<b><u>February 2025</u></b>		
Thursday 20th	Last Day of Spring Term 1 Break up for February half term	
Friday 21st	Teacher Training Day <i>*school closed to children</i>	

Saturday 22nd February	Silent Disco	POSTPONED
<b><u>March 2025</u></b>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 5th	Year 4 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	Parentmail and hard copy of letter issued
Thursday 6th	World Book Day	Parentmail issued.
Wednesday 12th	Year 3 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	Parentmail and hard copy of letter issued
Wednesday 19th	Year 2 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	Parentmail and hard copy of letter issued
Tuesday 25th	KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Football @ CFS (PM)	More information to follow
Wednesday 26th	Year 1 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Friday 28th	Year 4 - X Table parent workshop	Parentmail form issued.
<b><u>April 2025</u></b>		
Tuesday 1st	Spring Music Concert at 1.30pm (choir, Nursery, Reception, Year 2 ukulele and children who have instrument tuition in school)	More information to follow
Wednesday 2nd	Reception - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Monday 7th	Year 3: Presentation from Peter Nutsford	More information to follow
Wednesday 9th	Nursery - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Friday 11th	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm.	More information to follow
Friday 11th	Last Day of Spring Term 2 Break up for Easter holidays	
Monday 28th	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	

<b><u>May 2025</u></b>		
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday	
Friday 9th	Yr4 Quad Kids Athletics @ CMS (PM)	More information to follow
Monday 12th	Year 4 Residential Meeting @ 2.45pm	More information to follow
Thursday 22nd	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Athletics @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 22nd May - Friday 23rd May	Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle	More information to follow
Friday 23rd	Last Day of Summer Term 1 Break up for May half term	
<b><u>June 2025</u></b>		
Monday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Monday 9th - Friday 13th	Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check	More information to follow
Wednesday 11th	Year 4 Visit to Beamish	More information to follow
Wednesday 18th	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral (children only)	More information to follow
Friday 20th	Sounds of 70s Big Gig (Whole school dress up day)	More information to follow
Tuesday 24th	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow
<b><u>July 2025</u></b>		
Friday 4th	Federation Choir singing at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge @ 1.30pm	More information to follow
Tuesday 8th	Transfer day	
Thursday 10th	Yr 4 Leavers Performance @ 1.30pm	More information to follow
Friday 11th	Yr4 Multi Sports Skills Festival @ CMS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 17th	Yr 4 Leavers Picnic @ 3.15pm	More information to follow

Friday 18th July	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays <b>School Closes at 1:30pm</b>	
<b>September 2025</b>		
Tuesday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	