



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 17 January 2025

Dear Families,

This week, the children have been learning all about the British Values during worship and PSHE, and how these are achieved through our Christian Values of respect and kindness. We have looked at all of the wonderful elements of life in our diverse country and discussed how, by being the best we can be, we can make others feel safe and happy, too. As part of their work on the 'Rule of Law', the children suggested some new rules for our country. They came up with some brilliant ones such as, 'Everyone must do one thing that makes them happy every day!' which I think is a wonderful idea. We definitely have some future world leaders in school!

I am lucky enough to teach phonics every week and drop into other sessions across the whole school. I am so impressed with how well all of the children are reading and the amazing progress they have made. Thank you to all grown-ups at home for supporting this, for making reading a priority and for sharing books with the children at home. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm! We have some reading cafes springing up so please keep an eye out for dates - the first will take place in Year 2 on February 7th.

As the cold weather continues, please can we ask that all children come to school with warm coats to wear. Please also ensure that all items are labelled with names as it makes the transition to playtime and then hometime so much quicker. It also encourages independence.

Finally, we have confirmed a date for our Spring Music Concert - Tuesday 1st April at 1.30pm. Our choir, Nursery and Reception children, Year 2 ukulele players and children having instrument tuition in school will be performing, so please save the date. It will be a wonderful afternoon and celebration of the amazing talent we have in school.

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 96.2%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 4 with 99%	Reception with 97.9%	Year 2 with 96.5%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 20 January 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 3 of our [menu](#)

Additional Information & Reminders

- **Applying for Free School Meals**

Please follow the link to Northumberland County Council's website, giving details of how to apply for Free School Meals and the qualifying criteria.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

Applications can be made online using the NCC Free School Meals Application Form

https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free_School_Meals

or by calling NCC on 0345 600 6400

- **Music Partnership North (MPN) - Free Musical Workshops: Saturday 8 March 2025**

Please see the attached poster for more information re: Rocking & Reeling Around the World, a free afternoon of musical workshops from 12:30pm - 6:30pm at Chantry Middle School, Morpeth.

Open to children aged from 7 years - 18 years old.

- **Music Partnership North (MPN) - Newsletter**

Please see the text below, plus link to MPN newsletter.

We are the Children's Music Service for Northumberland County Council, and we are thrilled to share the latest edition of our newsletter, which is attached for your convenience. Inside, you'll find all the details about some incredible opportunities coming up for pupils, all offered completely free of charge!

Here's a glimpse of what you'll discover:



Free Music Workshops in February and March

Our workshops are a fantastic way for pupils to explore their musical talents, learn new skills, and have fun in a supportive environment.



Introducing Our New Drum Ensemble - DRUM CIRCLE

We're excited to announce the launch of a dynamic drum ensemble, open to all pupils in Northumberland. This is a wonderful chance for young musicians to try something new and be part of a vibrant group.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to read the newsletter and share these opportunities with your child. Participation in these programs is a great way to nurture creativity and confidence while connecting with others in our musical community.

Sign Up Links

- **Rocking and Reeling Music Workshop:** [Sign up here](#)
- **Ceilidh Band Workshop:** [Sign up here](#)
- **Drum Circle Ensemble:** [Sign up here](#)

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about these events, feel free to contact us at mpn@northumberland.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing your child at one of our events soon!

Our newsletter can also be viewed online at the following link - [Open for Newsletter](#)

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- **Message from the Vision for Education Team:**

Exciting Opportunity - Junior Takeover Day at Durham Women's Football Club:

Sunday 16 February 2025

We've got something exciting to share with you for Spring 1! We've teamed up with Durham Women's Football Club to host a free-of-charge **Junior Takeover Day** on **Sunday 16th February**, and we'd love for pupils to get involved.

We're inviting children aged **7 to 13** to apply for one of the matchday roles by submitting a brief (250 words max.) explanation of why they'd be interested in taking part:

- Club Reporter
- Stadium Announcer
- Programme Cover Designer
- Co-Commentator
- Post-Match Interviewer
- Half-Time Entertainment
- Content Creator

They've got until **31st January** to submit their entries using the competition entry form attached, and winners will be announced on **5th February**. The winners will be assigned to their roles and will have the chance to take charge on matchday!

Competition winners will need to be available for the game on Sunday 16th February (kick-off at 12pm), and will need to attend with a responsible adult. They'll also need to give permission for their photos to be used on DWFC and Vision for Education's social media.

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
<u>January 2025</u>		
Friday 24	Football Festival with Mr Thompson 3:45pm at QEHS	Information will be passed on to parents of those children attending
Friday 31	Rainbow Day	More information to follow
<u>February 2025</u>		
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	Children's Mental Health Week	
Friday 7th	Reception visit to St Andrew's Church learning about Baptism (PM)	
Friday 7th	Reading Cafe - Year 2 @ 2.30pm	More information to follow
Monday 10th - Thursday 20th	STEM Fortnight	
Tuesday 11th	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 13th	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Basketball @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Friday 14	Corbridge Larder: Village Bake-Off Event	More information to follow
Monday 17th	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	More information to follow
Thursday 20th	STEM Open Day (Years 1-4) at 2.30pm (Nursery & Reception) at 3.00pm	More information to follow
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	Silent Disco	£15 per ticket 7pm at Corbridge Parish Hall.
<u>March 2025</u>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	

Wednesday 5th March	Year 4 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Thursday 6th	World Book Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 12th	Year 3 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Wednesday 19th March	Year 2 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
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
<u>April 2025</u>		
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	
<u>May 2025</u>		
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday	
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 Dukeshouse Wood	Consent and deposit issued.
Friday 23rd	Last Day of Summer Term 1 Break up for May half term	

<u>June 2025</u>		
Monday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 18th June	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Friday 20th June	Sounds of 70s Big Gig (Whole school dress up day)	More information to follow
Tuesday 24th June	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow
<u>July 2025</u>		
Tuesday 8th	Transfer day	
Friday 18th	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
<u>September 2025</u>		
Tuesday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	