



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 20 December 2024

Dear Families,

This week has been completely magical in school! The corridors have been filled with the sound of fun, laughter, singing and praise.

All of the children loved their Christmas parties. We saw some amazing dance moves, played lots of games and ate a terrific amount of sweets. Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Tulip and Lisa all served up an incredible Christmas dinner on Wednesday, and the children looked fabulous in their homemade crowns and Christmas jumpers. We are lucky to have such talented kitchen staff in school!

Thanks to your kindness, we raised £71.13 for Save the Children.

We also received a cheque for £150 in commission from the Christmas card orders, so thank you to all of those who placed orders with Xmas4schools.

The highlight of the week was our Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church. The Year 4 children read so clearly and the singing was superb! I am so proud of the choir for their hard work and dedication this term. They sang beautifully and got us all firmly in the Christmas spirit with their rendition of 'Holly, Jolly Christmas.'

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas. Thank you, so much, for your kindness and support this term. We will see you all for more fun, learning and adventures in 2025!

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 96%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 98.5%	Year 4 with 97%	Year 3 with 96%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 6 January 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

Governing Body News

This term we have met regularly for our Full Governing Body meeting and also our committee meetings. Our committees are Curriculum and Resources and this is where the detailed work happens with the budget, policies, feedback, subjects, and discussions to take to the Full Governing Body for decisions. A focus of the Autumn term has been the budget for the Resources Committee and, for the Curriculum Committee, reviewing assessment data and the School Development Plan (including setting our governor action plan as part of this).

We have also had a focus on subject link governor visits to Corbridge this term. Link governors are governors assigned to a particular subject or area of responsibility such as safeguarding, H&S, SEND or finance. Subject link governors connect with staff subject leads, discuss the curriculum, talk to the children about the subject and do a 'learning walk' in school on an annual or biannual basis. This term we have covered science, history, geography, PSHE, RE, computing and EYFS. This is a part of the role we know governors enjoy immensely as we see first hand our schools in action which is always impressive and fun. Our SEND link governor has also worked with Mrs Storey on monitoring policies and producing reports for both schools.

As Chairs, we meet at least monthly with Mrs Hart 'officially' - to discuss safeguarding, well being, finances and any issues as they arise. Even our relatively small schools have so much going on and a key part of the Chair's role is to support our Head and offer a sounding board as necessary.

In Spring Term 2025, we look forward to the next round of subject monitoring, H&S walks and reviewing the parent survey feedback. Governors are always happy to receive your honest feedback and we appreciate your time in giving it.

Having just recruited a vacancy, we are now almost at capacity which is excellent news because we have more voices for decision making and the jobs can be spread out more. We do still have one vacancy linked to St Andrew's PCC. Anyone interested in that role is invited to discuss it with Liz, Gayle or Rev Kennedy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our governing body for the time and dedication they bring on a voluntary basis.

Thank you for your support this term. We hope you all have a good break over the holidays and a very Happy Christmas.

Liz, Gayle and the Governing Body

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>December 2024</u>		
Friday 20	Last Day of Autumn Term 2: Break up for Christmas holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
<u>January 2025</u>		
Monday 6	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 1	
Thursday 9 January	Year 3 Visit to Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Newcastle	Consent and payment issued.
<u>February 2025</u>		
Thursday 13	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Basketball @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Monday 17	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	More information to follow
Thursday 20	Last Day of Spring Term 1 Break up for February half term	
Friday 21	Teacher Training Day <i>*school closed to children</i>	
<u>March 2025</u>		
Monday 3	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Thursday 6	World Book Day	More information to follow
Tuesday 25	KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Football @ CFS (PM)	More information to follow
<u>April 2025</u>		
Monday 7	Year 3: Presentation from Peter Nutsford	More information to follow
Friday 11	Last Day of Spring Term 2 Break up for Easter holidays	
Monday 28	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	

<u>May 2025</u>		
Monday 5	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 22	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Athletics @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 22 May - Friday 23 May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	Consent and deposit issued.
Friday 23	Last Day of Summer Term 1 Break up for May half term	
<u>June 2025</u>		
Monday 2	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 18 June	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Tuesday 24 June	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow
<u>July 2025</u>		
Tuesday 8	Transfer day	
Friday 18	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
<u>September 2025</u>		
Tuesday 2	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	