



**CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL**  
**Newsletter: Friday 24 January 2025**

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school this week! Thank you for your support with today's events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for filling in the parent survey. It is a vital part of school improvement and we truly value all comments. One point raised was about the appearance of the school grounds, something that we are committed to improving and are consistently working on. As such, I wanted to give you all an update of what will be happening over the coming weeks!

- Our focus in assembly time this half term is our Christian Value of respect, and the children are considering how this applies to the grounds. The School Council has completed a walk around the whole site and provided a list of actions for Mr. Gardner and I to complete. We are so grateful for their help! The Eco Council is also organising and leading litter picks.
- Further to this, the children are focusing on how respect also applies to their playground equipment, making sure that it is collected and stored at the end of playtime. Please help us in this mission by keeping them off grassy areas before and after school and encouraging them to pick up any stray equipment.
- The Forest School area is being surveyed and plans will be made for improvements. This includes the allotment and moving the chickens further into the site. We want to make the most of our beautiful and generous grounds.

Once the weather improves, we will then be able to begin painting work around the site and also start developing the allotment space within school. If anyone would like to volunteer time to help with these projects, please do get in touch via the school office.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Newall, who has now officially joined the Nursery team after working for us through a supply agency. Mrs. Newall has recruited a team of 'Chicken Experts' this week - two from each class - to help with the care of the chickens. EYFS will also take a lead role in their care as part of their Forest School sessions. The children have already started their important role and are working so hard to care for our birds.

Have a lovely weekend!

*S Hart & E Sanderson*

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher



## School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 27 January 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

*\*Please note that on Friday 31 January we will be having a special lunch for Rainbow Day and the menu will be: hot dogs or pizza, curly fries or pasta, spaghetti hoops and sweetcorn, and a rainbow biscuit for dessert. The salad bar is also available as well as fresh fruit for dessert. As this is a special event, this is a treat meal chosen by the children and not part of our normal, healthy menu.*

### Additional Information & Reminders

#### **Rainbow Day at CFS - Friday 31 January 2025:**

On Friday 31st January we are once again holding our Rainbow Day where we celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion. This year we are going to be exploring two key themes: gender stereotypes and mental health and wellbeing.

The Diversity Council have met and (thoroughly!) planned an exciting day of events for everyone in school. Throughout the day, we will be sharing books linked to gender stereotypes and mental health as well as taking part in wellbeing activities and workshops. We will be exploring the positive benefits of exercise on mental health by having 'Rainbow Races' on the track. The Be You team will also be visiting us on the day to deliver an assembly on mental wellbeing and a workshop to Year 4.

As we did last year, we are inviting children to come dressed in different colours of the rainbow as follows:

Nursery/Reception - Blue or Purple

Year 1: Green

Year 2: Yellow

Year 3: Orange

Year 4: Red

Alongside this, we're welcoming back our "Rainbow Bake Off!" We are all unique like each colour of the rainbow and we believe we should always celebrate our differences! Children are invited to bake and decorate up to 6 cupcakes or biscuits at home, based around the theme of, "Be the best you can be!" The Diversity and School Councils were both very keen to have a **bee theme**!

Please can they bring them to school on the morning of Friday 31st January. Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Tulip will be tasked with the hardest job of judging a class winner! The cakes will then be available at our donation stations outside classrooms at 3.15pm. We hope to see you there! Cakes and biscuits from the nursery children will be available in their classroom at the end of their session.

On your marks, get set, BAKE!

Many thanks for your support with one of our favourite days of the year,

Mrs. Hart, Miss. Storey and the CFS Diversity Council

### Karate Class for Beginners:

Taking place every Friday at Corbridge Parish Hall, St Helens Street, Corbridge.

There is a Karate class for Karate Kids and Corbridge First School have a free trial lesson for all children aged 5 upwards, and includes siblings if they also go along. Simply turn up in a Corbridge First School uniform top. The lessons are from 5.00pm to 6.00pm and the free trial lesson offer can be used throughout January and February 2025.

For more information contact Wayne on 07787 145497

Karate is part of [www.seikenryu.co.uk](http://www.seikenryu.co.uk)

**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>January 2025</u></b>		
Friday 24	<b>CANCELLED/POSTPONED DUE TO AMBER WEATHER WARNING</b> Football Festival with Mr Thompson 3:30pm at QEHS	Information has been passed on to parents of those children attending
Friday 31	Rainbow Day - <b>Gender Stereotypes, Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> <b>*Non Uniform - Class Colour Theme</b> <b>*Bee the best you can be bake off &amp; cake sale</b>	<b>Parentmail issued on 22.01.2025</b>
<b>Friday 31</b>	<b>Special Lunch chosen by Year 2 for Rainbow Day</b>	<b>Parentmail form sent out to children on Packed Lunch</b>
<b><u>February 2025</u></b>		
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	Children's Mental Health Week	
<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>Year 3 - Inspire workshop</b>	<b>Parentmail form issued</b>
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
<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>Football Festival with Mr Thompson 3:30pm at QEHS</b> <b>*Re-arranged from 24 January</b>	
Monday 10th - Thursday 20th	STEM Fortnight	

Tuesday 11th February	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.
<b><u>March 2025</u></b>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 5th	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	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
<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 April	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	
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	<b>Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle</b>	<b>More information to follow</b>
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	
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
<b><u>July 2025</u></b>		
Tuesday 8th	Transfer day	
Friday 18th	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays <b>School Closes at 1:30pm</b>	

September 2025		
Tuesday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	