



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 14 February 2025

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful first week of STEM fortnight. Here are some updates from the amazing events in all classes.

Reception - Stomping into STEM fortnight!

Wow - what an exciting start to our STEM fortnight. We followed the dinosaur footprints through into class to discover a mystery bag. Who did the bag belong to? Where did it come from? What could be inside? We didn't have to wait very long as our surprise visitor Hannah came in to share all of her exciting knowledge with us from her career in geology. She shared with us lots of exciting fossils, the half hidden tooth was a particular favourite. We then used her fossils to create our own salt dough fossils.

We had two other main tasks this week. We discovered dinosaurs that were trapped in ice and each team explored different techniques to help free them. We then made a warm nest for our dinosaurs to snuggle into.

Our final task this week was to design a boat to escape the dinosaur island with an erupting volcano. We thought about which materials to use to make it strong and waterproof, how the boat will be powered and what else our boats would need. We can't wait to make our boats and see what else is in store next week!

Year 1: Operation Space Rescue

NASA has asked Year 1 to help them get Astronaut Alex Cooper back to earth after his rocket broke down, leaving him stuck in space. Our young space heroes accepted their NASA mission and decided that we must make a new rocket for Astronaut Alex. They got straight to work testing which materials would sink or float as well as testing which material would be waterproof. Now our science investigations are complete, the children are ready to use their findings to design and make a rocket next week.

As well as this the children were blown away to find out that an alien had landed at our school, and even better, was hiding in our classroom for a couple of days! The children received a postcard from Zorg the alien and have begun to plan writing a story about Zorg's adventures!

Year 1 would love to say a BIG thank you to the STEM ambassadors we welcomed into our classroom! They thoroughly enjoyed being mini architects and creating a house for a lego figure. It was truly amazing to see how creative all of our children were. As well as this, they got to learn about the work of a radiographer. They examined x-rays and felt how heavy their protective uniform is.

We are so looking forward to another amazing week full of exciting and creative activities!

Year 2: 3 2 1 Go!

Our racers entered the Rainbow Road on Monday ready for their race themed challenges. They were immediately tasked with the job of moving a car without touching it, which resulted in many different methods, all very creative.

As our week continued, we looked at how we can make the best racing car out of recycled materials and made them battle it out for the top spot.

We have been carefully collecting and plotting our data from our experiments/races on tally charts and block charts, to ensure we will be able to see the overall winner. Next week gets even busier for year 2, so we better have a big rest this weekend.

Thank you to Sam for visiting us to tell us all about radiography, too!

Year 3: Greetings from our Jedi Training Facility!

Our Jedi Younglings entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately enrolled into the Jedi Training programme and given their official Star Wars names.

In directed science lessons this week, Year 3 have been investigating magnetism: Do magnets always attract one another? Are all magnets the same strength? From this they have selected the strongest magnet to use in their diorama/labyrinth. I can't wait to see their final piece coming together next week - may the force be with you!

We have had a great start to our exciting visits this week: thank you Leigh for coming in to share your expert knowledge; we love learning about areas of STEM from the experts themselves.

Year 4: Wingardium Leviosa!

Witches and wizards entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately sorted into their houses by the Sorting Hat and given their official wizard names. Hedwig had delivered letters from Dumbledore asking the children to create Mandrake Silencers for the Herbology Department at Hogwarts.

The children got straight to work with their STEM partners, creating designs for structures, using 3D shape nets to make prototypes and identifying the best soundproofing materials.

As well as this, Year 4 took part in the whole school "Curly Wurly" Science investigation, they made predictions and recorded their results in a table and on a bar graph! Can you believe the winning team stretched their curly wurly an impressive 2.10 metres!

Thank you to Mark Warland, one of our parent STEM ambassadors, who visited us at Hogwarts this week to teach us about the life of stars! You really inspired us all!

Have a lovely weekend.

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 95.9%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 99.6%	Year 4 with 96%	Reception with 94.7%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 17 February 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 1 of our [menu](#)

Additional Information & Reminders

- **EasyFundRaising:**

Thank you to all families who support us through easyfundraising. We have just received our quarterly payment, which was for £19.96. If you would like to support CFS through easyfundraising, please follow the details and link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/corbridgefirst/?utm_medium=email-share&utm_source=Facebook&utm_campaign=dd-feb-24&utm_term=Q4234&utm_content=socialshare

- **Mad March Market at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge**

Saturday 1st March 2025 from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Stalls, raffle, tombola, refreshments and a mad March hare trail

Fundraising to finance the Flower Festival which will be held from 19 - 22 June 2025.



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>February 2025</u>		
Monday 10th - Thursday 20th	STEM Fortnight	
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	POSTPONED
<u>March 2025</u>		
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	More information to follow
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	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	
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	
<u>June 2025</u>		
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 June	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
<u>July 2025</u>		
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	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
September 2025		
Tuesday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	