CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 6 November 2026

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week for a busy second half of the Autumn term!

Year 3 have been explorers this week through their Commando Joe's unit on British explorer, Ed Stafford. They worked together to develop teamwork, resilience and problem solving as they recreated various missions set in the heart of South America. All of the children have loved this work and been full of excitement and smiles when we have popped in to receive mission updates. If you would like to learn more about Commando Joe's in school, we have a dedicated section on our school website, as well as regular updates on Facebook.

All of the children in school had their individual and sibling photographs taken this week and the results look absolutely amazing! Please check bookbags for the QR code to see for yourself.

We also held our open events this week for new families to visit school, who are due to start Nursery and Reception in September 2027. The application portal is now open so, if you know any local families with Early Years age children, please do encourage them to get in touch and see our wonderful school!

Finally, we ended the week with our themed Bonfire Lunch. Huge thanks to Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Tulip and Lisa for a wonderful feast. Remember, remember... to have an absolutely brilliant and safe Bonfire Night this year! We want all our families to enjoy a spectacular evening, whether you are watching a massive community display or gathering in the garden. More information on how to stay safe can be found here.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

S Hart and L Storey
Executive Head Teacher and Executive SENDCO

Attendance this week: 95.9%
Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 98.8%	**Reception with 97.7%**	**Year 3 with 96.9%**

School Dinners
Week beginning Monday 9 November 2026 for Autumn Term 2, will be Week 3 of our menu

Attendance:
We want every pupil to attend school regularly, achieve their best and make the most of all the opportunities available to them. Attendance is one of the biggest factors in pupil success and it remains a key priority for the school.

As we enter the winter season, we often see an increase in illness. I have attached a helpful poster for you to refer to when deciding whether to keep your child at home.

Together, we can promote good attendance, develop strong habits for life and make sure all children are in school, being the best they can be.

More information on the NHS website can be found here:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Additional Information:

- **Free School Meals**
  If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the Northumberland County Council website.
  To apply, please complete this form via Northumberland County Council.

- **Santa's Christmas Cakes show - Saturday 5 December 2026**
  Please see the attached poster for the above event taking place at The Hearth in Horsley, Northumberland. It is a small arts centre and venue for events, also charity.

  The Hearth is hosting a Christmas themed, family friendly show on the afternoon of Saturday 5th December called *Santa's Christmas Cakes*. It's going to be a lovely little set up, only 45 tickets available, not too long or too loud, and suitable for younger children as well as adults of all ages. There's live cooking on stage as part of the production, and every child will receive a piece of cake!

  Further information and ticket bookings can be found here:
  https://www.thehearth.co.uk/whatson/santa's-christmas-cakes/theatre

- **Hexham Family Hub: What's On Guide for November/December 2026**
  Please see the attached guide for more details, including free family activities, workshops and stay & play groups etc.

- **Promoting Children's Dental Health**
  Please see the attached poster from Battlehill Dental Practice and Orthodontic Clinic, based in Hexham.

- **The Corbridge Bookshelf: Reading for Pleasure**
  Each Friday, a book for each Key Stage will be shared for reading recommendations, to inspire reading for pleasure across our school.

  This week…… Sparks, Stories & Spectacular: Fireworks & Guy Fawkes

  EYFS | The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark *by Jill Tomlinson*

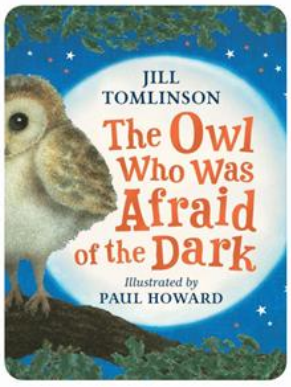
  Plop is a little barn owl who is afraid of the dark! Can the people he meets help him discover that nighttime can be full of wonderful surprises, including fireworks?

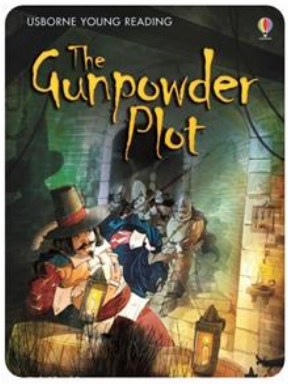
  KS1 | The Gunpowder Plot *by Rob Lloyd Jones*

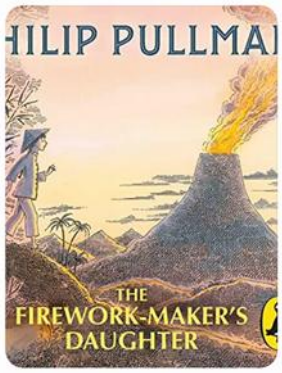
  Travel back to 1605 and discover the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. A fascinating introduction to the history behind Bonfire Night.

  KS2 | The Firework-Maker's Daughter *by Philip Pullman*

  Lila dreams of becoming a firework-maker, just like her father. But first, she must set off on a dangerous adventure to discover the secret of making spectacular fireworks!







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
November 2026		
Sunday 1	Nursery Families: NCC Portal open for Reception places (to start Reception in September 2027)	Parentmail sent 31.10.26
Tuesday 10	Choir Children: Mrs Hart to record Christmas Choir Competition entry	Parentmail sent to Choir members on 4.11.26

Tuesday 10 November	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop	Parentmail form sent out 14.10.26
Wednesday 11	Reception Heights and Weights	Parentmail sent out 19.10.26
Friday 13	Karate Day in School with Wayne Bond	Parentmail sent 6.11.26
Week of Monday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Week of Monday 16 November	Nursery/Reception: Road Safety Week	
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26	Book Fair: children to browse books during class/school day	
Thursday 26	Book Fair from 3:15pm - open to families	More information to follow
Friday 27	Book Fair from 3:00pm - open to families	More information to follow
Sunday 29	Adult roller skating at Wentworth (10am - 12pm)	Parentmail and sign up sent out 8.9.26
Monday 30	Book Fair from 3:15pm - open to families	More information to follow
December 2026		
Tuesday 1	Christingle Day in school	
Friday 4 - Tuesday 8 December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge	
Friday 4	CFS/BFS Federation Choir singing at St Andrew's Church, 1:30pm	Open for all to watch
Monday 7	CFS Choir singing at Late Night Christmas Shopping Event in Corbridge at 3:30pm	Open for all to watch in St Andrew's Church Yard
Tuesday 8	EYFS (Nursery/Reception) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 9	M&M Productions in school for Cinderella show	More information to follow
Thursday 10	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Thursday 10	Primary Mental Health Team in school around the Christmas performance *Parents can seek advice & support directly	More information to follow

Friday 11 December	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Singing in the Community at 1:15pm	More information to follow
Friday 11	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Performance at 2pm	More information to follow
Friday 11	Primary Mental Health Team in school around the Christmas performance *Parents can seek advice & support directly	More information to follow
Monday 14	Year 4 Visit to Great North Museum	More information to follow
Monday 14	EYFS (Nursery/Reception) Christmas Party at 9:30am	More information to follow
Monday 14	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Party at 1pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 16	Christmas Dinner Day	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Wednesday 16	Christmas Jumper Day	More information to follow
Thursday 17	KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Christmas Party (pm)	More information to follow
Friday 18	Carol Service 9:30am at St Andrew's Church	More information to follow
Friday 18	Special End of Term Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 18	Last Day of School: Autumn Term 2	School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas holiday
Friday 18	No After School Wraparound Care due to school closing at 1:30pm	
January 2027		
Monday 4	School re-opens for Spring Term 1	
Thursday 14	Parent/Carer Workshop: Emotional Regulation at 2:30pm	More information to follow
Friday 15	Nursery Families: NCC Portal closes for Reception places (to start Reception in September 2027)	Parentmail sent 31.10.26

Friday 29 January	Rainbow Day *focus on wellbeing and positive body image	More information to follow
Friday 29	Rainbow Day Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
February 2027		
Friday 12	Valentine's Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 12	Last Day of School: Spring Term 1	
Monday 22	School Re-opens for Spring Term 2	
March 2027		
Thursday 4	Parent/Carer Workshop: Anxiety at 2:30pm	More information to follow
Thursday 25	Easter Special Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Thursday 25	Last Day of School: Spring Term 2	
April 2027		
Monday 12	School Re-opens for Summer Term 1	
May 2027		
Monday 3	Bank Holiday: School Closed	
Thursday 13	Class Photos	More information to follow
Friday 28	Last Day of School: Summer Term 1	
June 2027		
Monday 7	School Re-opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 9	Year 4 - Visit to Beamish	More information to follow
Friday 18	Teddy Bears Picnic	More information to follow
Thursday 24	Year 4 - Leavers Service at Hexham Abbey (children only)	More information to follow

July 2027		
Thursday 15	Year 4 - Leavers Picnic at 3:15pm	More information to follow
Friday 16	Special Leavers Lunch	Menu to follow & invitations to be sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 16	Last Day of Summer Term 2	School closes at 1:30pm for Summer holiday
Friday 16	No After School Wraparound Care due to school closing at 1:30pm	