CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 20 November 2026

Dear Families,

It is a very musical update this week!

The children have started to prepare for their Christmas performances in class. There has been so much excitement as they have started to listen to the songs and find out about parts and lines. Further information about ticketing will follow, but all dates are listed below in the school diary, for your reference.
As always, thank you for your support with practising lines at home and for helping with costumes!



Choir rehearsals have also continued with Christmas preparation beginning in earnest. The children are doing a wonderful job and can't wait to perform at our end of term celebrations and the St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival. Speaking of which, the children are also busy making their decorations for our display at the festival. I can't wait to see what they come up with this year!

And, in even MORE exciting news, the choir made the final of the Northumberland Music Christmas Choir Competition 2026! We are so excited and so proud of them.

This week, we were thrilled to welcome Northumberland Music into school to record our wonderful music teacher, Mr Reed, as an example of excellent teaching practice. It was fantastic to see his passion and expertise highlighted on camera, and we feel so lucky to have him teaching in school. From joyful EYFS singing sessions to inspiring our Year 2 pupils on the ukulele, Mr Reed brings energy and a genuine love of music to every lesson. Thank you, Mr Reed, for all that you do to help our pupils shine!

The Votes Are In: Welcome to The Treehouse!
Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent consultation to name our wraparound care provision. We had a fantastic response from pupils, parents and staff alike, and we are thrilled to announce that, following a pupil vote in school, the winning name is The Treehouse! This wonderful suggestion perfectly captures the warm, welcoming and adventurous spirit we want to create for all the children attending our breakfast and after-school clubs. We can't wait to welcome them to The Treehouse soon!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!
S Hart and L Storey
Executive Head Teacher and Executive SENDCO

Attendance this week: 93.9%
Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 2 with 100%	**Year 4 with 97.3%**	**Year 3 with 95.5%**

School Dinners
Week beginning Monday 23 November 2026 for Autumn Term 2, will be Week 2 of our menu

Baby News!
Huge congratulations go to Mrs. Sanderson on the birth of her baby girl, Penny. Both mum and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet baby Penny for cuddles!

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.

- **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…… Wild About Autumn – Animals in Autumn

  EYFS | The Very Helpful Hedgehog *by Rosie Wellesley*

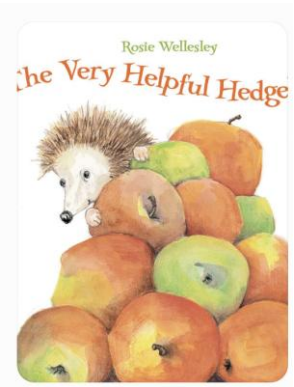
  Isaac the hedgehog likes being alone, but an unexpected adventure helps him discover the joy of friendship. A lovely autumn story about kindness and helping others.

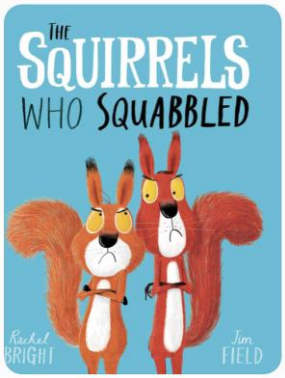
  KS1 | The Squirrels Who Squabbled *by Rachel Bright*

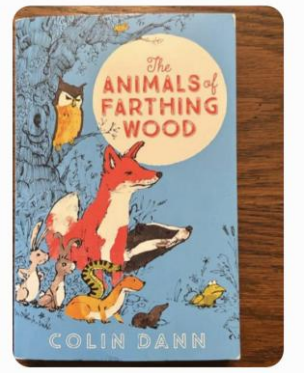
  Two greedy squirrels are desperate to collect the very last pinecone of the season! Will they learn that sharing is much better than squabbling?

  KS2 | The Animals of Farthing Wood *by Colin Dann*

  When their woodland home is threatened, a group of animals must work together on a dangerous journey to find somewhere safe. An exciting adventure about courage, friendship and protecting nature.







- **PTFA - Movie Afternoon & Movie Night: Wednesday 2 December 2026**

  Our school PTFA have kindly organised a movie afternoon during school hours for Early Years children, and a movie night for children in Years 1 - 4.

  Early Years (Nursery & Reception) children can buy tickets here:

  https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/eyfs-christmas-movie-night

  Year 1 - 4 children can buy tickets here:

  https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-movie-night-15

  Paper booking forms are also available from the school office.

- **Christmas Hamper Raffle Prizes**
  As per the Parentmail which was sent on 16 November, please see below the colour raffle prizes which each class have been assigned for our Christmas Hamper raffle donations, which always proves to be a great prize to win and a great school fundraiser. Please send donations into school by Friday 4 December. Thank you for your support.

Class	Colour
Nursery	Silver
Reception	Gold
Year 1	Green
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Red



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		
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26	Book Fair: children to browse books during class/school day	Parentmail sent on 9.11.26
Thursday 26	Book Fair from 3:15pm - open to families	Parentmail sent on 9.11.26
Friday 27	Book Fair from 3:00pm - open to families	Parentmail sent on 9.11.26
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	Parentmail sent on 9.11.26
Monday 30	Closing Date for Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition	Parentmail sent on 11.11.26
December 2026		
Tuesday 1	Christingle Day in school	
Wednesday 2	PTFA: Christmas Movie Afternoon for Early Years (Nursery & Reception) During school hours (1pm - 3pm)	Parentmail sent on 19.11.26
Wednesday 2	PTFA: Christmas Movie Night for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 From 3:15pm - 4:45pm	Parentmail sent on 19.11.26
Friday 4 - Tuesday 8	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 Parentmail sent on 20.11.26
Monday 7	Northumberland Music: Christmas Choir Competition (am)	Parentmail sent on 20.11.26 *No capacity for audience/parents/carers to attend*
Monday 7	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Decorations Day from 1:30pm - 3pm	Paper letter sent home on 16.11.26
Monday 7	CFS Choir singing at Late Night Christmas Shopping Event in Corbridge at 3:45pm	Open for all to watch in St Andrew's Church Yard

Tuesday 8 December	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	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 December	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 January	Nursery Families: NCC Portal closes for Reception places (to start Reception in September 2027)	Parentmail sent 31.10.26
Friday 29	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
Saturday 30	Choir Performance at 2:00pm for Reverend David Kennedy's Leaving Service at St Andrew's Church	More information to follow
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	