

11th July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a week it has been! It has been so busy it seems to have passed by in a flash. From Italian week in Nursery to Guy, the crepe man, visiting Key Stage 2 to our Rocksteady concert and our choir joining the rest of the Pele Trust at the Kaleidoscope concert. On top of all this we also had the normal classroom activities and work going on as well. Well done to all of the children this week for their hard work!

Well done to our Year 6 children who received their Key Stage 2 SATs results this week. You worked so hard and we are really proud of you all.

We are pleased welcome Miss Cook to our teaching staff team for September 2025. She will be in school for moving up morning and is looking forward to meeting her class.

You will be receiving your child's school report tonight. While the report will look similar to ones you have received in the past, staff have written it using a new system which is being introduced across the Pele Trust. While the reports have been rigorously checked we would ask for your patience if there are any errors which may have slipped through. You will receive a link and then have to enter your child's date of birth to access the report.

You will also receive information about your child's class teacher for next year.

Well done to our Golf team who took part in a Pele Trust competition at Close House last Friday. Not only did they have a great time but they also came joint first!

I hope that you have had the opportunity this week to visit the Kaleidoscope exhibition at Ponteland High School. I was impressed by the amazing art of not only our children but from children across the Trust. Our choir joined the other Pele Trust Primaries and the High School choir at a fantastic concert last night. They enjoyed performing together, meeting other children and were great ambassadors for our school.

This year the school has been able to offer a wide variety of trips, visitors, sporting activities including swimming. These have been possible thanks to your contributions and have enriched the education of the children, without your help these could not go ahead. We look forward to building upon this next year.

Well done to Year 2 for the best attendance this week: 98.8%.

Well done to Year 1 and Year 5 for the best attendance for this year: 97.3%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher



'Let all that you do be done with love'

1 Corinthians 16:14

Attendance Matters



ATTEND today...
ACHIEVE tomorrow...
ATTENDANCE matters.

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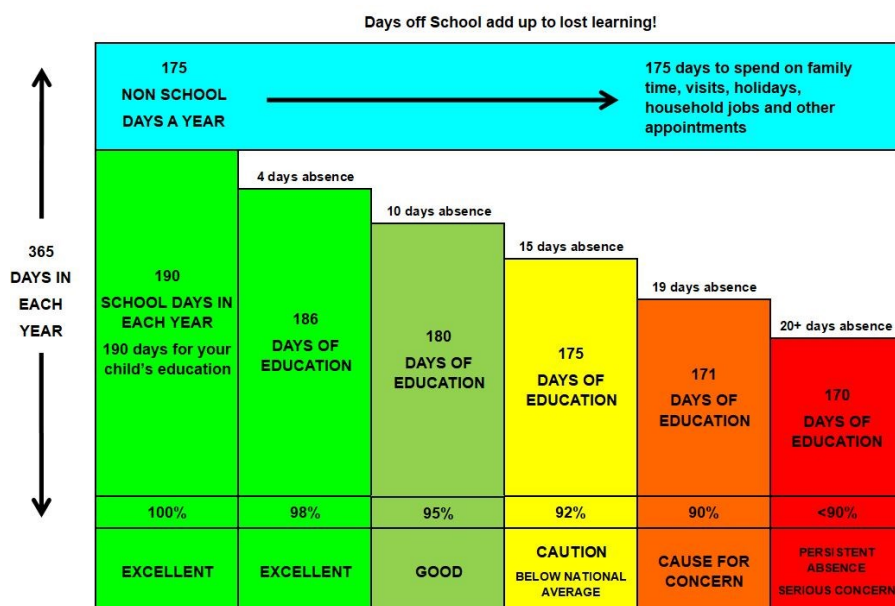


We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year	Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year
Nursery (Hedgehogs)	98.2%	95.7%	Year 3 (Gibside)	98.4%	96.3%
Reception (Owls)	86.4%	94.8%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	94.8%	95.8%
Year 1 (Wallington)	98.7%	97.3%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	98.5%	97.3%
Year 2 (Craggside)	98.8%	96.4%	Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	98.6%	97.1%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time .



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All about Italy!

We have had such a lovely week exploring Italian culture as the Gingerbread Man dashed off to Italy! Everyone made their own delicious individual pizzas and they were a big hit. We also used ice cream as a fun way to develop our subitising skills. We even painted our very own leaning tower of Pisa, using watercolours and we practiced our cutting skills by designing pizzas.



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Learning

Let's Go and Explore with Reception

We've had another exciting week exploring our 'Let's Go and Explore' topic. This week, our theme was trains. The children used the construction area to make trains. They got artistic with the wooden blocks using them with paint to stamp a train picture. The children explored patterns and counting by building Numicon train designs.

We ended the week with an exciting trip to the Locomotion museum where the children saw real trains up close and brought their learning to life.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their day to come on the trip, we couldn't do it without you.



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Learning

Building Bridges in Year 1

Over the last couple of weeks Year 1 have been working hard to design their own bridge out of Lego, wooden blocks and paper. This week everybody made their own bridge, they all showed great resilience and kept trying and adapting their plan to make a stable bridge. Well done Year 1!



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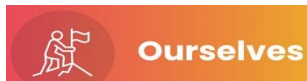
Learning

Sharing a story with Nursery

This week, Nursery invited Year 2 to share a story with them. Year 2 children were confident and enthusiastic as they demonstrated their fantastic reading skills. It was a lovely opportunity for them to develop their confidence reading aloud, as well as be fantastic role models!



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Poetry with Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been creating some fabulous poetry ready for Heddon's Culture Festival at the end of August. The work will be displayed as part of the exhibition so we hope you go and see our work!


Meadow Thistle by Rudi

flower is purple like a plum.
petals are thorny and spiky.
grows in between the rocks.
flower is called Meadow Thistle.
needs soil to grow.
purple makes me feel happy
think this plant is prickly
like the in the colour!




Sheep's Bit by Lumen

flower is blue like a coral
petals are fragile and delicate.
grows in the field.
flower is called a sheep's bit.
needs sun, rain and soil to grow.
blue makes me feel peaceful.
this flower is special.




Foxglove by Isla Snowden

flower is purple like a plum. Its
petals are small and bright it grows
in the forest. This flower is called
foxglove. It needs soil and
water to grow. The colour makes
me feel happy. I think this
flower is special. Breathe in the
air.




Wild Daffodil by Sybil

flower is yellow like a sun.
petals are delicate and smooth.
grows in the garden.
flower is called a wild daffodil.
needs sun to grow
yellow makes me happy
this flower is special
yellow makes Northumberland brighter.




Forget-me-not by Luci

flower is blue like a diamond.
petals are shiny and silky.
grows in the hills and woodlands.
flower is called a forget-me-not.
needs rain to grow.
blue makes me feel calm.
think this flower is pretty.
and smell the flowers.



Chamomile

flower is like a sun. Its
petals are like a white snow leopards.
grows in fresh air gardens. The
name of the flower is chamomile. It is a
yellow and white special flower.
a moment to look at the
flowers.



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Learning

Fantastic French with Year 4!

Ooh la la! Year 4 loved their experience with Le Petit Creperie this week. They learnt lots of facts about France and it was amazing to see how confident they have become in their conversational French!

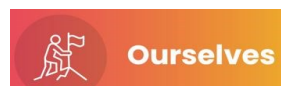


Archery with Year 5

After a busy week filled with writing biographies and converting units in Maths, it was a real treat to enjoy an exciting, sun-soaked afternoon this Friday. We had a fantastic time during our archery session—it's safe to say some of us preferred it to being indoors working on our handwriting! Roll on next week as we head into the final days of Year 5. Thank you all for your hard work and positive attitudes!



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Ourselves



Learning

A Busy Week in Year 6

We have had a fun week in Year 6, starting with a visit to St James' Park on Tuesday. We toured the stadium, including a visit to the changing rooms and going pitch side. We also had a visit from La Petite Creperie on Wednesday and got to sample some delicious crepes! Have a restful weekend Year 6, and I look forward to seeing you for your final week of primary school next week!



Kaleidoscope

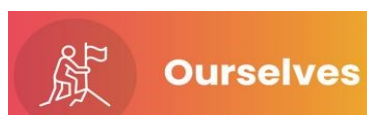
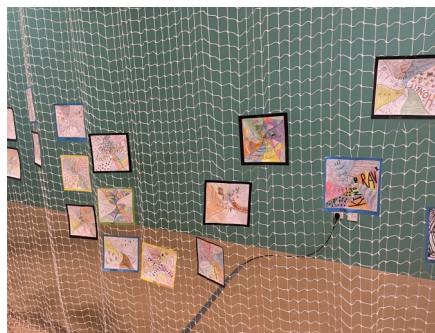
USING OUR DIFFERENCES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This week saw the culmination of the Kaleidoscope project.

The Pele Trust choirs came together at the High School to sing together. It was wonderful to see the children mixing with each other as well as having a chance to catch up with a number of our past pupils who were great role models. The singing was amazing and a great way to close the project.

I hope that you got an opportunity to visit the exhibition this week to see the art work from across the Pele Trust. It was fantastic to see our children's art on display as part of the exhibition. The innovative photographs of our art work and a description of it in the display brochure was really interesting.

A huge thanks to all the staff in school who have been working on this project with the children this year. A special thanks to Mrs. Henney who has co-ordinated all the art work done in school for the project.



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OPEN GARDEN

A Party To Raise Funds for
St. Andrew's Church, Heddon
and St.Oswald's Hospice

WHEN & WHERE

- North Farm House,
Throckley
- 2nd August
11am-3pm

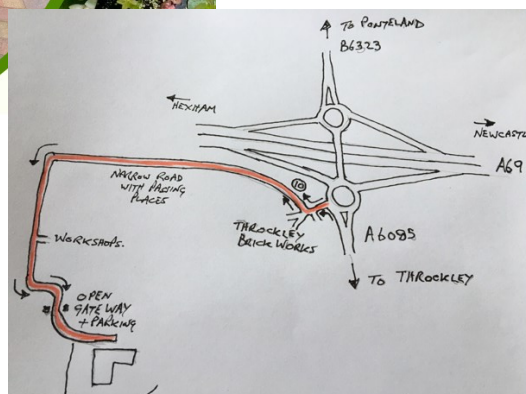
£5 Admission for adults
Children free
Includes cup of tea/coffee
and piece of cake

We invite you to an Open Garden
with refreshments, stalls, raffle,
a variety of entertainment and
a beautiful garden to explore.

**SEE MAP ON
REVERSE FOR
DIRECTION**



Others



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

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Bank holidays 2025/26 UK

25 December '25	Christmas Day	1 January '26	New Year's Day	4 May '26	Early May Bank Holiday
26 December '25	Boxing Day	3 April '26	Good Friday	25 May '26	Spring Bank Holiday
		6 April '26	Easter Monday	31 August '26	August Bank Holiday

School Holidays

Training Days

Data provided 'as is' without warranty

Dates for your Diary - Summer Term



Monday 14th July 2025	Moving Up Morning
Monday 14th July 2025	Heddon's Got Talent Final (for children only)
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Music and Drama Showcase at 5pm in School Hall
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in School Hall at 2pm
w/c Monday 21st July 2025	SUMMER HOLIDAYS