

2nd April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Spring term has really flown past and I can't believe we are now looking forward to the Summer. I would like to thank all the children and staff for their hard work since Christmas and I would also like to thank you for your support in helping your children and the School.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Key Stage 2 Easter Service this morning. I always look forward to this service where the children share the Easter story in song and readings ending the term on a note of joy and happiness with the risen Jesus.

Looking ahead to the Summer there are lots of exciting things planned such as the visit to France, Made in the North East week, with lots of visits already booked, and Armed Forces Day to look forward to. It is also the season for Key Stage 2 SATS, Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonic Screen so there is still lots of work for the children to do.

With the cost of living crisis still ongoing I am aware that holidays can be a tricky time for many families. Therefore, please see later in the flyer for information on where kids can eat free or for £1 this Easter. Go North East buses are also offering free travel to children with a fee paying adult. Please check out their [website here](#) which gives details of deals at Museums and other places if you travel there by bus.

Unfortunately we have been unable to offer our Easter Club this year. Please see later in the flyer for a list of clubs and activities taking place in the local area over Easter. Please note that inclusion on the list does not imply a recommendation from the school nor has the school quality assured the clubs for content or safety.

Well done to Year 2 with the best attendance this week: 99.2%.

Well done to Year 6 for the best attendance for this year: 97.8%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and have a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone safe and well back in School on **Monday 20th April 2026.**

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher



Attendance Matters



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ACHIEVE tomorrow...
ATTENDANCE matters.

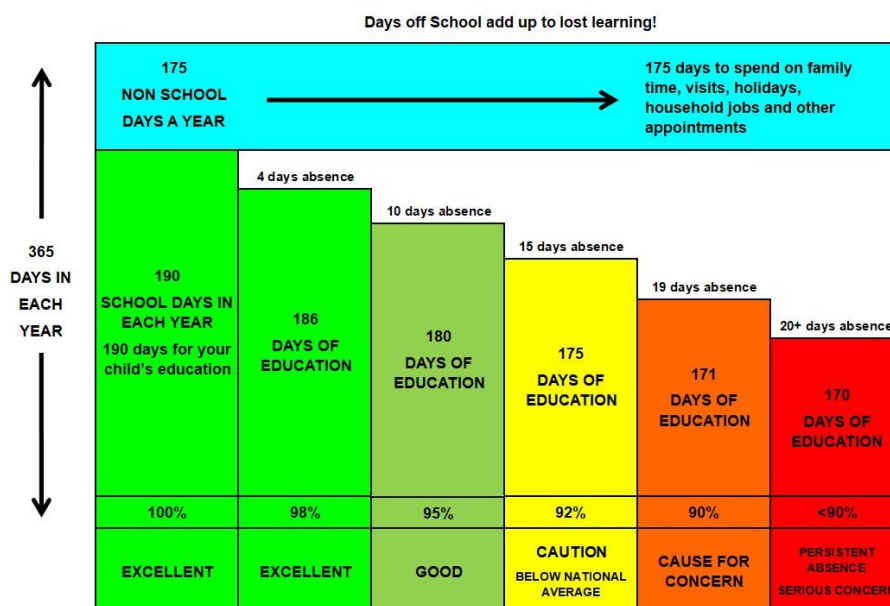


We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year	Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year
Nursery (Hedgehogs)	96.6%	96.2%	Year 3 (Gibside)	98%	97.3%
Reception (Owls)	93.8%	96.9%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	94.4%	95.6%
Year 1 (Wallington)	95%	96.1%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	96.8%	97.4%
Year 2 (Cragside)	99.2%	97.5%	Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	94.6%	97.8%

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



'Let all that you do be done with love'

1 Corinthians 16:14



It's so lovely to see how much the Hedgehogs have loved our topic, 'Let's get Growing' and they have thoroughly enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow.

They are all absolutely fantastic at explaining the life-cycle of a butterfly now. What a brilliant half term we have had. Have a fantastic Easter, Hedgehogs!

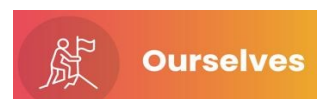


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A Lovely Week in Reception.

Reception have had a lovely week, spending lots of time outside in the sunshine. We've worked together to create nests to protect our precious eggs; used the lycra when singing songs and rhymes and built some excellent structures. Well done Owls!



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A Wonderful Week in Year 1

We have been so busy this week in Year 1. On Tuesday we went to the church for a RE lesson with Reverend Rachel, she showed us how to make our own palm crosses then some of us enacted washing each others feet. Then we all shared some bread and wine (juice!) just like Jesus did at the last supper. In Science as part of our new unit we planted sunflower seeds so that we can learn how plants grow. Throughout this week we have all been working super hard to decorate our hand puppets and they look fabulous. On Thursday as a special treat we made Easter nests which we ate whilst we watched a couple of episodes of Peter Rabbit. Well done, Year 1!



Learning

A Visit to Alnwick Castle with Year 2

Year 2 has had an amazing day at Alnwick Castle! We started our day learning about the castle defences as part of our storming the Barbican workshop. We were split into two teams, England and Scotland, and the Scottish were trying to take the castle from the English. We used foam swords and balls as arrows to attack and defend in our battle. The Scottish managed to get past the drawbridge, through the portcullis and into the castle where they were then defeated by the English after a tense game of rock, paper, scissors to decide the victor! The English then captured the Scottish soldiers and took them to the prison. There we learned about what happened to any soldiers that were captured during battle. After lunch we visited the armoury where we learned about some of the weapons and clothing that the soldiers would have used to protect themselves during a battle such as chain mail, swords and helmets. We then went on a tour of the state rooms and we asked lots of brilliant questions to the guides in each room. What a brilliant end to our term!



Life



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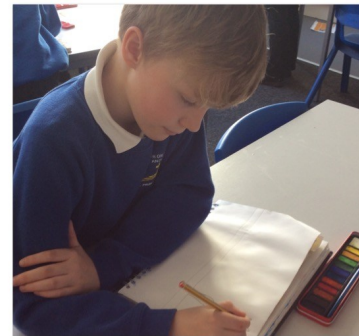
A Busy Week in Year 3.

This week in Year 3, we finished our class book 'The Minpins'. We created a set of instructions on how to make wild strawberry jam from the Forest of Sin. As we approach Easter, we made some lovely Easter cards and remembered why Easter is so important to Christians and why it is celebrated.



Wonderful Watercolours with Year 4

To round off our Wonders of Water topic, Year 4 artists have been diving deep into their creativity! Taking inspiration from the atmospheric works of J.M.W. Turner, the children have used watercolours to produce a series of truly beautiful waterscapes. By experimenting with light, texture, and fluid brushstrokes, they have brilliantly captured the power and movement of water, making for a spectacular finale to our term's learning.

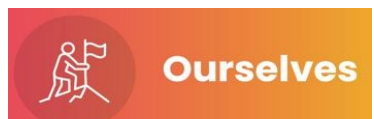


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Year 5 creating their final Maquette sculptures inspired by the environment around them.

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April Fool's Day (in French!) with Year 6.

April Fool's Day in France is called Poisson d'Avril and it's a day of pranks and chocolate. Many jokes and pranks are from telling a story that is so ridiculous, but still has a chance of being true, and so is often believed. When the other person falls for the joke or prank the joker calls out "April Fool" and hopefully everyone sees the funny side and has a laugh. In French this week, the children enjoyed making their own paper fishes to celebrate this day.



Key Stage 2 Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who came to share our Easter worship with us.



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Ourselves

Others



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Fundraising Updates

Please see the picture below of the visit of Michaela Horncastle from last week when she visited school to celebrate the purchase of the new Chromebooks which she had so generously funded.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations for Red Nose Day – we raised £164 for a good cause.

Easter Hamper

Thank you for buying raffle tickets – we managed to raised £150 for OPAL Play.



Others



Easter Clubs in the Local Area

Please note that inclusion on the list does not imply a recommendation from the school nor has the school quality assured the clubs for content or safety.

Please see a list of local Easter Holiday Clubs which are available to book via the links.

[Go Wild in the Woods](#) - Ponteland Primary School - 13/04/26

[DRF Sports Coaching](#) - Darras Hall Primary - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Happy Days Holiday Club](#) - Darras Hall Primary - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Grassroots](#) - Richard Coates - 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Wilde Farm](#) - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Epic Camps](#) - Mowden Hall - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Chimney Sweep Theatre Company](#) - Jesmond - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Morpeth Holiday Club](#) - KEVI Morpeth - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[CDL Sport](#) - Morpeth CHTC- 14/04/26 - 16/04/26

[Dancecity](#) - Newcastle - 13/04/26 - 17/04/26

[Northumbria University](#) - Newcastle - 07/04/26 - 10/04/26 & 13/04/26 - 17/04/26



Football Clubs in the Local Area over Easter

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For those children in receipt of benefit related free school meals the Callerton Easter Sports Camp is part of the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme and is available for free and provides a hot meal each day.

For further information about the wide range of other HAF eligible activities taking place in Northumberland over the Easter holidays please check out the guide [here](#).



**CALLERTON
EASTER SPORTS CAMP**

Active Future, in partnership with Newcastle Street Games, is delivering fun and engaging activity camps for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Our multi-sport and activity programme provides a safe, inclusive environment where children can stay active, make new friends, and try a range of exciting sports. A delicious hot meal is also provided each day.

WHEN	Week 1: Tues 7 th April - Fri 10 th April 2026	WHERE	Callerton Academy Bedeburn Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 4JQ	COST	FREE for children eligible for free school meals.
	Week 2: Mon 13 th - Thur 16 th April 2026		PAID PLACES - £15 per day (including Hot Meal).		

10-2pm

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MEALS**

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March - 17th April

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SUBWAY

Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELDGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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Northumberland Integrated Domestic Abuse Support Service

- DASSN for adults (Harbour) – 01670 820199
- Children & Young People Counselling & Outreach (Acorns) - 0191 3498366
- Changing Behaviour (Harbour) - 03000 202525
- DA in Rural Areas (NDAS) – 01434 60 80 30
- DA Counselling (Cygnus Support) – 01670 853977

Visit: nland.uk/DomesticAbuse

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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Dates for your Diary - Spring Term



Friday 3rd April 2026	GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
w/c Monday 5th April 2026	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 4th May 2026	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
w/c Monday 11th May 2026	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
w/c Monday 25th May 2026	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
w/c Monday 1st June 2026	Made in the North East Week
Monday 1st June 2026	Reception visit to Red Hemmel Farm
Monday 1st June 2026	Year 5 visit to Woodhorn Museum
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 6 visit to Sunderland Maritime Centre
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 2 visit to the Discovery Museum
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Year 1 visit to Newcastle Quayside
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	Year 3 visit to Prudhoe Castle
Thursday 4th June 2026	Nursery visit to Whitehouse Farm
Friday 5th June 2026	Year 4 visit to the Stephenson Railway Museum

Dates for your Diary - Summer Term



Wednesday 10th June 2026	School Photographs (Class photos)
Tuesday 16th June 2026	Year 6 Diocesan Leavers Service at St. Nicholas' Cathedral
Wednesday 24th June 2026 - Sunday 28th June 2026	Year 6 Trip to France
Monday 29th June 2026	Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July 2026 and Friday 3rd July 2026	Year 6 Transition Days at Ponteland High School
Friday 3rd July 2026	School Summer Fair
Monday 6th July 2026	Year 6 Visit to St. James' Park
Thursday 9th July 2026	Music and Drama Summer Showcase at 4.30pm in School Hall
Friday 10th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert for Parents in School Hall at 10am
Monday 13th July 2026	Moving Up Morning
Monday 13th July 2026	Heddon's Got Talent Finals (Children only)
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm in School Hall
w/c Monday 20th July 2026	SUMMER HOLIDAYS