

WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our

School

JANUARY
2026

A very warm welcome back to the new year to you all.

It's been a cold but busy month in school with lots of fun and learning. We have lots of lovely things planned for the rest of the academic year so please check the dates section carefully.

A very big well done to all of the children who sang so beautifully at the Glasshouse. You represented the school fantastically and we are so proud of you all.

Writing week is almost upon us and I look forward to seeing you all at the celebration on Friday 27th February at 2pm.

Mrs J Dey
Headteacher

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

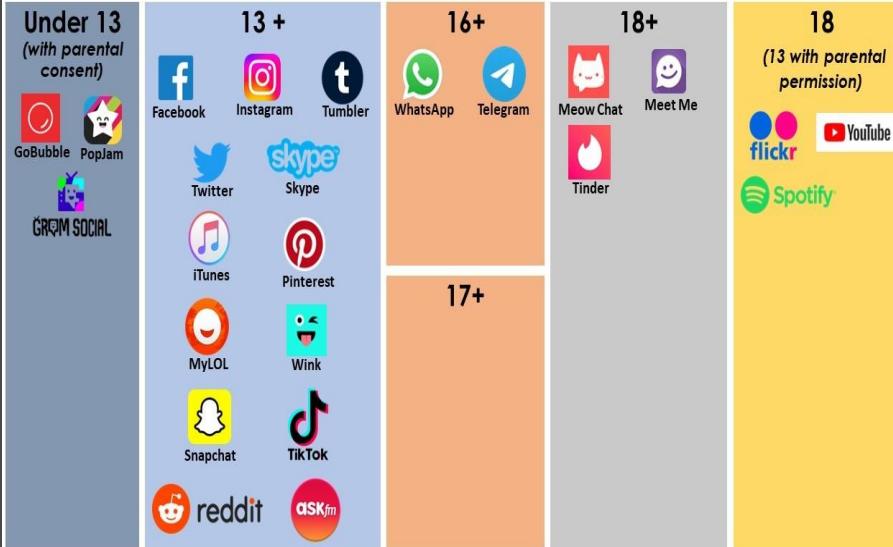
Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 2, 6, 3 & 8**

Attendance (the class with the best attendance that week): **Beech, Hazel, Sycamore, Maple & Oak**

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs M Madgwick and Miss C Coffey for all of their hard work with the school choir and their fabulous performance at the North East Finals. The children sang their hearts out and we were very proud of them!**

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions



Safeguarding message



Mrs
Waters
DDSL



Mrs
McLeod
DDSL



Mrs
Dey
DSL

Miss
Maddison
DDSL



Mr Chapman
Safeguarding
Governor

How many children experience emotional abuse?

Most child abuse includes an element of emotional abuse, but it is recorded as a specific concern for over 1 in 3 children who are the subject of a child protection plan or on a child protection register in the UK.

There were over 7,000 contacts to the NSPCC's Helpline and over 2,600 Childline counselling sessions in 2024/25 about emotional abuse.

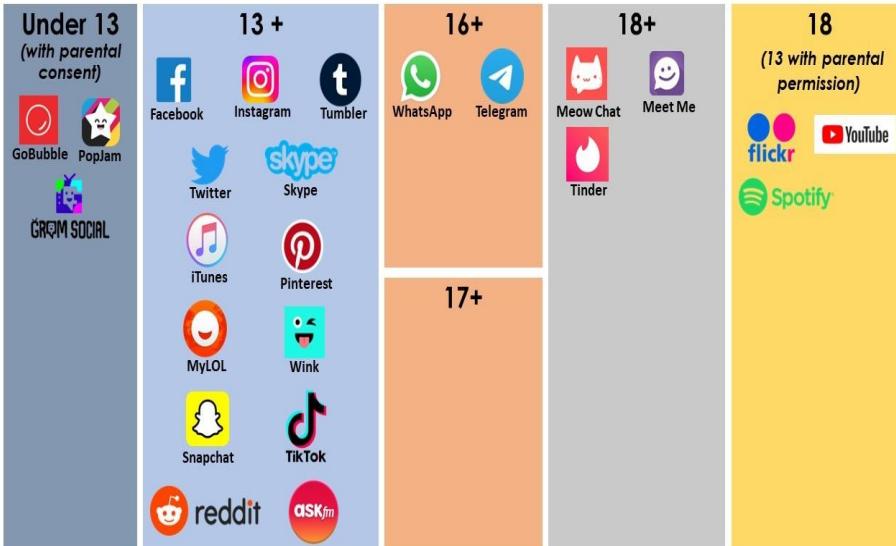
Signs of Emotional Abuse

- seem unconfident or lack self-assurance
 - struggle to control their emotions
- have difficulty making or maintaining relationships
 - act in a way that's inappropriate for their age.

If you have concerns, contact one of the team above or Northumberland Social Services: 01670 536400.

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Emotional abuse includes:

- humiliating or constantly criticising a child
- threatening, shouting at a child or calling them names
- making the child the subject of jokes, or using sarcasm to hurt a child
- blaming and scapegoating
- making a child perform degrading acts
- not recognising a child's own individuality or trying to control their lives
- pushing a child too hard or not recognising their limitations
- exposing a child to upsetting events or situations, like domestic abuse or drug taking
- failing to promote a child's social development
- not allowing them to have friends
- persistently ignoring them
- being absent
- manipulating a child
- never saying anything kind, expressing positive feelings or congratulating a child on successes
- never showing any emotions in interactions with a child.

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
92%	94%	93%	96%
Elm	Maple	Rowan	Cedar
95%	94%	92%	94%
Whole school			
94%			

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.

Well done Oak class – our best attenders!

Bedlington Family Hub

Bedlington Family Hub have lots of great things on offer for parents and children.

The Bedlington Bunch is a great opportunity for some fun activities.

Representatives from the family hub will be attending our upcoming parent evenings. Please talk to them and see what they have to offer.

FREE

THE BEDLINGTON BUNCH

5-9 YEAROLDS

MONDAY'S

15:30 - 16:30 | Parents required to stay

Fun Activities, lots of different games! Art and Craft Activities & Juice & A Snack!

Bedlington Family Hub
Stead Lane, NE22 5JS
01670 822714

KIDS UNIFORM AND CLOTHES BANK

Free pre-loved Bedlington school uniform and kids clothes (Newborn to 16 years)

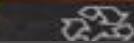
- We help kit your kids out for school
- A warm, friendly supportive space
- Pre-loved and in good condition
- Contribute to the community and benefit the environment
- Free membership



COMMUNITY HELP HUB
30 FRONT ST. WEST, BEDLINGTON

Open Thursdays 1-4pm

clothesbank@hopechurchbedlington.co.uk



The clothes bank are running their **Coat Event** again this year, following its great success and popularity last winter. They have a large selection of warm coats available for both children and adults.

They also currently have **children's Christmas jumpers in stock**, which families are welcome to go and collect.

Clothes Bank

We are working in partnership with the Clothes Bank at Hope Church Bedlington. They accept children's uniform, fancy dress, Christmas jumpers and clothing in good condition.

They are in need of white Polo shirts and shirts

In the months of February 2024 and January 2025 they welcomed 735 visitors and have given out almost 2100 items of uniform and children's clothing, which means, they have prevented them being thrown away and going to landfill.

Please use them instead of buying new.



Special Educational
Needs & Disabilities



Autism Family Drop in

Do you have a child aged 0 - 19 years old?

Come along for a cuppa, a chat, and to meet other parents. No diagnosis needed!

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Needs & Disabilities

Join us on:

Tuesday 6th January 2026, 10am - 12pm:

Hexham Family Hub, Hexham First School, Beaufort Avenue, NE46 1JD

Tuesday 13th January 2026, 1pm-3pm:

Cramlington Community Hub, Forum Way, Manor Walks, NE23 6YB (next to Concordia)

Thursday 22nd January 2026, 1pm-3pm:

The Lindisfarne Centre, 30 Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AU

Wednesday 28th January 2026, 10am - 12pm:

Ashington Family Hub, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9EF

Thursday 5th February 2026, 10am - 12pm:

Berwick Family Hub, Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AE

Monday 9th February 2026, 1pm - 3pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

Evening session:

Tuesday 27th January 2026, 5pm - 6:30pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

If you have any questions, contact your Local Family Hub or email:
adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk

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ADELLE HICKS & ROBYN ROBINSON

We are Autism Family Support Workers that are a part of the Autism Support Team within HINT at Northumberland County Council.

We run our Autism Family Drop in sessions across all of Northumberland. Each session is free, two hours long and is a chance to come along to meet us and other parents for an informal chat over a cuppa. There is no set agenda for the drop in. It is a chance to seek support and advice from us and other parents, however there is no expectation to talk about your child if you don't want to. Any parent/carer or family members are welcome to attend any session, you do not need to attend the session in the area that you live in. The sessions are not for professionals.

FAQ

Do I need to book?

No, just turn up on the day.

Do I need to stay for the two hours?

No, you can drop in at any time that is convenient for you.

Can I bring my child with me?

We normally advise parents/carers not to bring their children if they can, as this allows you to speak freely. However, if childcare is preventing you from attending then please bring them along. Please be aware that other parents may want to discuss sensitive topics.

What happens if I can't attend?

We try and alternate days and times of the drop ins at each location so hopefully the next session will be more convenient for you. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer advice via email or telephone due to our capacity. However, please bring any questions or queries along to the drop in session. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please contact your local Family Hub or email us at:
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Important Dates

Class Assemblies

Y2 Thursday 12 February

Y3 Friday 22 May

Y4 Thursday 2 April

Reception Friday 19 June

Y5 Thursday 21 May

Y1 Friday 3 July

Nursery Thursday 9 July

Opening hours 2025-26

Tuesday 2 September – School open for Autumn A
Friday 24 October – School closes for half term
Monday 3 November – School opens for Autumn B
Thursday 18 December – School closes for Christmas break
Friday 19 December & Monday 5 January – Teacher training days
Tuesday 6 January – school open for Spring A
Friday 13 February – school closes for half term
Monday 23 February - school open for Spring B
Thursday 2 April – School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 20 April - School open for Summer A
Monday 4 May – School closed for bank holiday
Friday 22 May – School closed for half term
Monday 1 June - School open for Summer B
Friday 17 July – School closed for summer holidays

Diary Dates

Monday 2 February – Choir at the Glasshouse for Finals
Thursday 12 February – Y2 Beatrix Potter Day
Thursday 12 February – Y2 Class Assembly
Friday 13 February – Y1 Jobs day
Monday 23 February – Writing Week
Friday 27 February – parents invited to whole school event
Thursday 5 March – World Book Day – more details to come
Wednesday 11 March – Parents' evening (not Y2)
Tuesday 17 March - Parents' evening
Wednesday 18 March – Y2 Parents' evening
Monday 23 – Wednesday 25 March – Y4 at Robinwood
Wednesday 25 March – Y1 Beamish trip
Thursday 2 April – Y4 class assembly
Monday 11 May – Y6 SATs week
Wednesday 13 May – Y5 Centre for Life trip
Monday 18 May – Y1 Alnwick Castle trip
Thursday 21 May – Y5 class assembly
Friday 22 May – Y3 class assembly
Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 June – Y6 Edinburgh trip
Friday 19 June – Reception class assembly
Monday 29 June - Enterprise Week
Friday 3 July - Enterprise Fair
Friday 3 July – Y1 class assembly
Thursday 9 July – Nursery class assembly

Apple class Nursery



Beech class Reception



Sycamore class

Y1

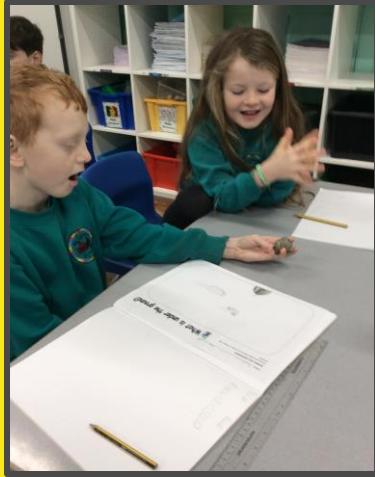


Hazel class

Y2



Oak class Y3



Elm class Y4



Rowan & Maple class Y5



Cedar class

Y6



Wrap Around Care The Den!

Our wrap around provision continues to grow. There are so many lovely things for your child to do with us.

Usual Opening hours from 7:30am to 6pm.
Please book through the school office

Craft Club

After School on Tuesdays until 5.20pm



13th Jan- Portraits



20th Jan- Dinosaur Feet



27th Jan- Clay Creatures



3rd Feb- Heart Coasters



10th Feb- Love Bugs

Please contact the school office to book

Voice of the School Council

The children have had their first meeting and discussed improving playtime such as friendship buddies. Also a reading area outside for playtime. We thought about improving the community by having a litter pick. and ideas for raising money.

The children have lead an assembly to share their plans with the whole school.

*The children enjoyed their visit to Chester Care Home to complete Christmas Crafts.
The residents really benefitted from them being there.*

All things PTFA

A very big thank you to the parents who volunteer to support the PTFA as well as the PTFA members. We really appreciate all your hard work.

The PTFA need volunteers in order to continue their great work. If you can spare any time at all please get in touch. Each year the money raised goes back into school to provide extra special things for your children.

Upcoming events to look out for:

Movie night

Bake sale

Summer disco

Fun day