



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 there 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

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13 +	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)
 GoBubble  PopJam  GRAM SOCIAL	 Facebook  Instagram  Tumbler  Twitter  skype  iTunes  Pinterest  MyLOL  Wink  Snapchat  TikTok  reddit  askfm	 WhatsApp  Telegram  Meow Chat  Tinder	 Meet Me	 flickr  YouTube  Spotify

## Safeguarding message



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Waters  
DDSL



Mrs  
McLeod  
DDSL



Mrs  
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Miss  
Maddison  
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Mr Chapman  
Safeguarding  
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## 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.

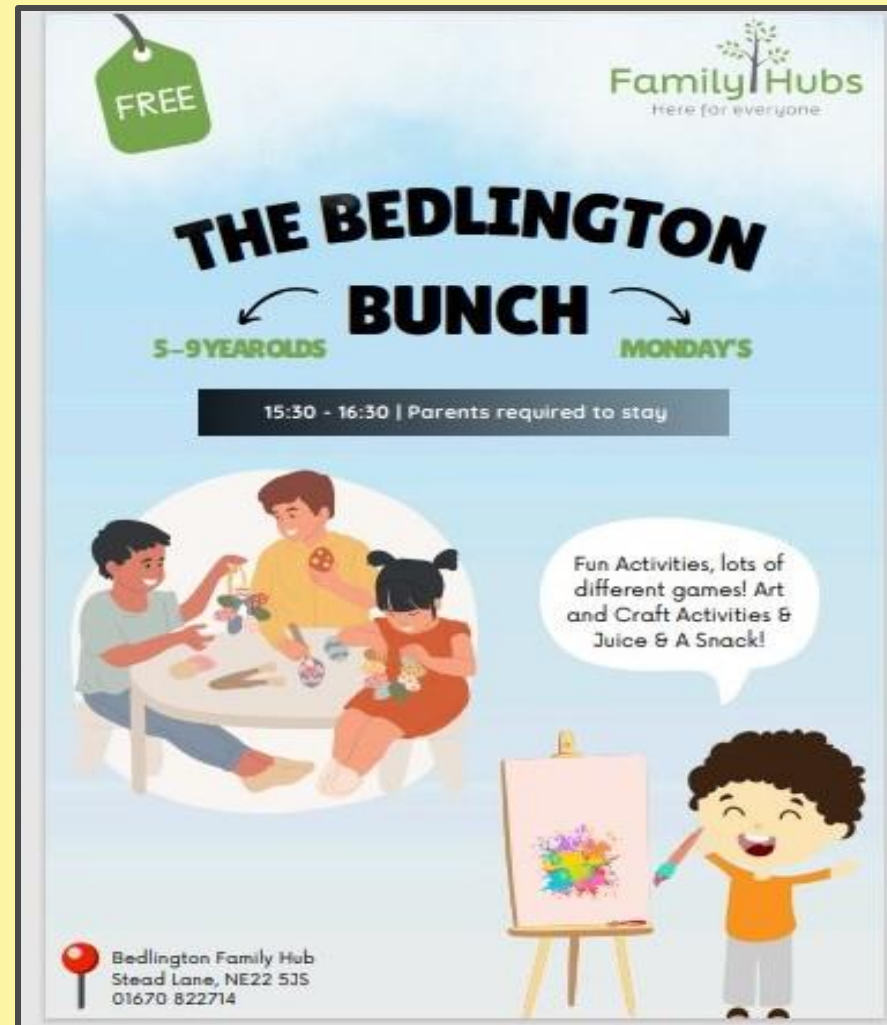
Well done Oak class – our best attenders!

# 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.





## 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

Open Thursdays 1-4pm

[clothesbank@hopechurchbedlington.co.uk](mailto:clothesbank@hopechurchbedlington.co.uk)

COMMUNITY HELP HUB  
30 FRONT ST WEST, BEDLINGTON



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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## Join us on:



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

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

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

Cramlington Community Hub, Forum Way, Manor Walks, NE23 6BY  
(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](mailto: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 ins. 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:  
[adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)



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# Important Dates

## Class Assemblies

Y2 Thursday 12 February

Y4 Thursday 2 April

Y5 Thursday 21 May

Y3 Friday 22 May

Reception Friday 19 June

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





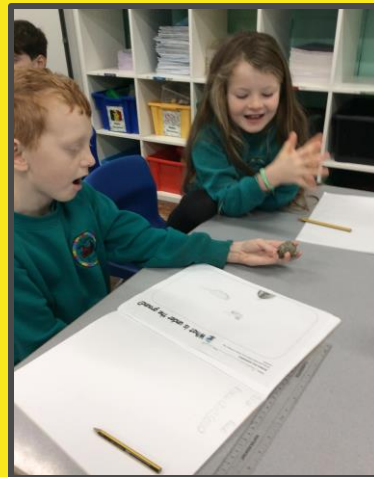
# Hazel class

## Y2



# Oak class

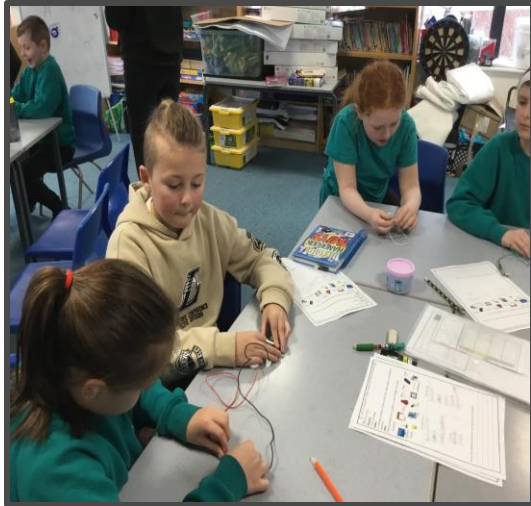
## Y3





# Elm class

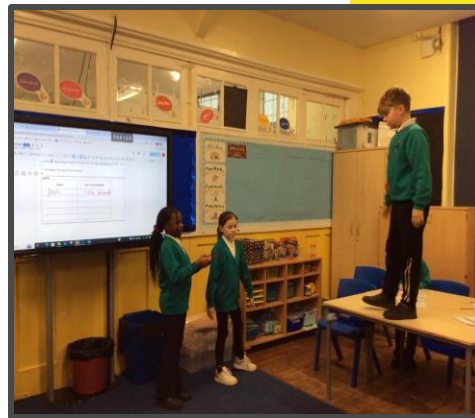
## Y4



# 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.*

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# 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*

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