



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our
School

**DECEMBER
2025**

A very genuine thank you to you all for your support this term. Your children have been superstars who have worked so hard all term right up until the bitter end.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Nativities.

Have a fabulous Christmas break and a great New Year!

We will see you all in 2026.

Mrs J Dey
Headteacher

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 2, 9 & 8**

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

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs M Madgwick and Miss C Coffey for their work in their own time to ensure the school choir performance so fabulous that we won the Northumberland finals.**

Now the work starts for the North East Finals.

Social Media Age Restrictions

The infographic is divided into four vertical columns, each representing a different age group. The first column, 'Under 13 (with parental consent)', is grey and lists GoBubble, PopJam, and GROM SOCIAL. The second column, '13+', is light blue and lists Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter, Skype, iTunes, Pinterest, MyLOL, Wink, Snapchat, and TikTok. The third column, '16+', is light orange and lists WhatsApp and Telegram. The fourth column, '18+', is light yellow and lists Meow Chat, Meet Me, flickr, YouTube, and Spotify. Each app name is accompanied by its respective logo.

Age Group	Apps
Under 13 (with parental consent)	GoBubble, PopJam, GROM SOCIAL
13+	Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter, Skype, iTunes, Pinterest, MyLOL, Wink, Snapchat, TikTok
16+	WhatsApp, Telegram
18+	Meow Chat, Meet Me, flickr, YouTube, Spotify

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.

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions

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



Mrs
Waters
DDSL



Mrs
McLeod
DDSL



Mrs
Dey
DSL



Miss
Maddison
DDSL



Mr Chapman
Safeguarding
Governor

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
91%	94%	92%	96%
Elm	Maple	Rowan	Cedar
95%	94%	93%	93%
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.

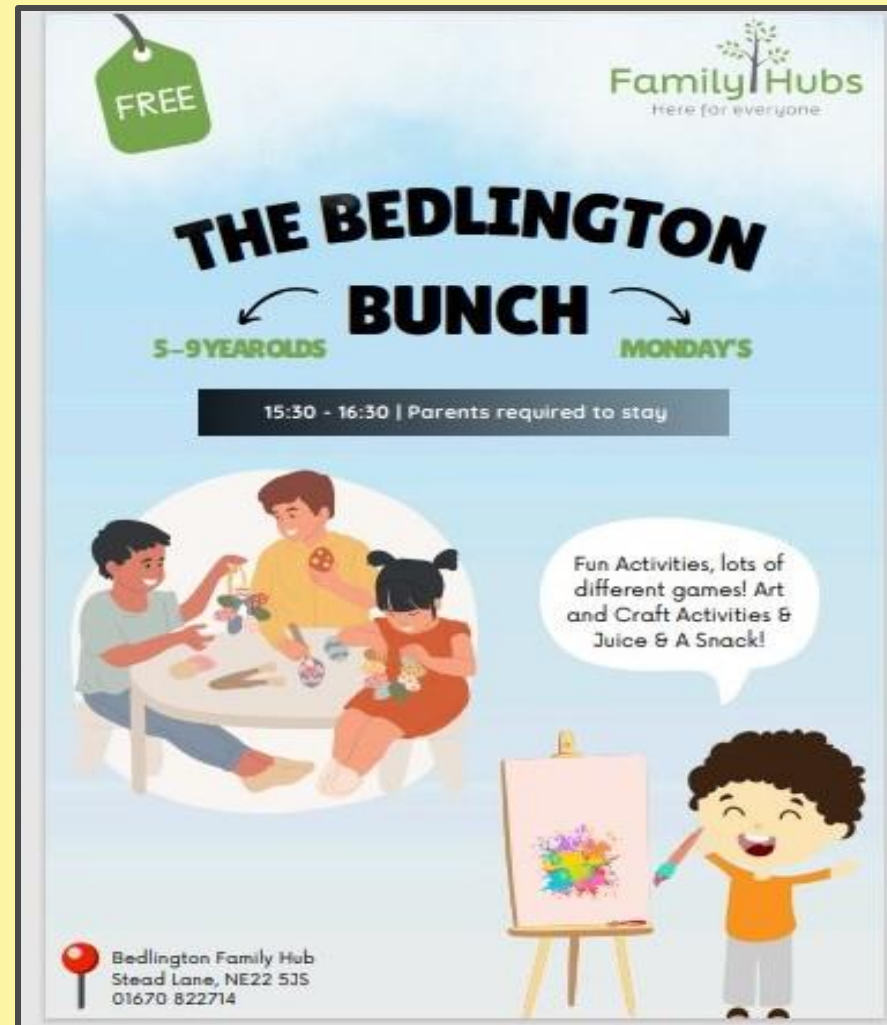
Well done Oak class – our best attenders!

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

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!



Northumberland
County Council



Special Educational
Needs & Disabilities

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



Northumberland
County Council



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



Northumberland
County Council

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 this term

Monday 5 January - School closed to children

Tuesday 6 January – School open to children

Friday 9 January – Humford House event

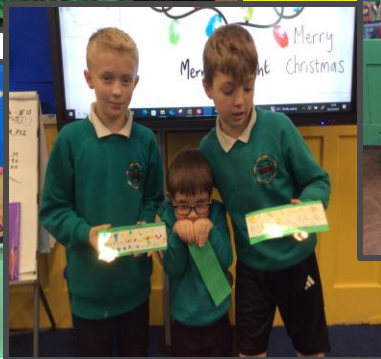
Thursday 29 January – Y6 Safety Works Trip

Wednesday 25 March – Y1 Beamish trip

Apple class Nursery



Beech class Reception



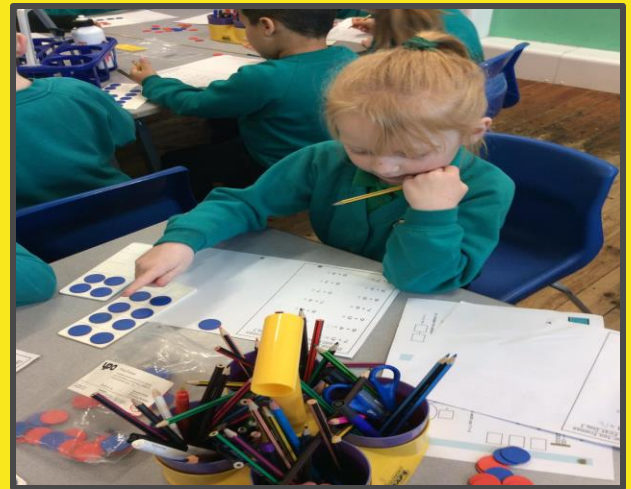
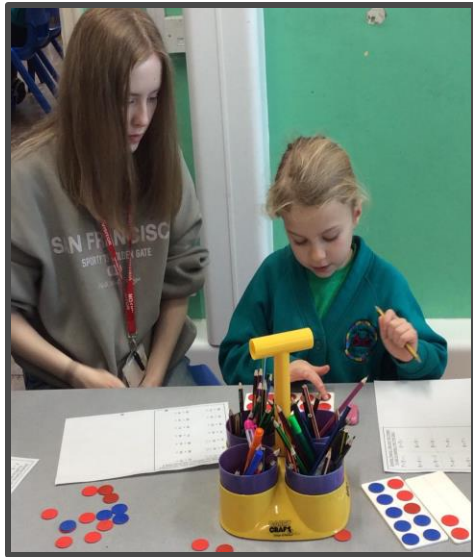
Sycamore class

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

New Activities Coming Soon

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.

Winter Fun day was a great success. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered. It couldn't have happened without you.

More events coming next year!
