



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our School

**APRIL
2025**

Although April has been relatively short in terms of time in school we have managed to pack in lots of fabulous learning.

It was lovely to see you all at the parents' evenings and I'm sure you were all pleased with the feedback of the wonderful attitudes to learning your children have.

The questionnaires were extremely positive and I will be sharing percentages soon. Have a lovely long weekend, hopefully with lots of sunshine.

*Mrs J Dey
Headteacher*



**Northern Lights host a
coffee morning at 9:30 on
a Monday at
Weatherspoons for parents
of children with SEN.
All welcome.**

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 1 & 3**

Attendance (the class with the best attendance that week): **Hazel & Cedar.**

Staff (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mr B Thirtle, Mrs J Nelson, Mrs M Gilchrist, Ms S Rogerson & Miss G Murphy** – our wonderful volunteers who give us their precious time each week. We really do appreciate you!

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13
(with parental consent)



13 +



16+



18+



18

(13 with parental permission)



Safeguarding message



Mrs
Waters
DDSL



Mrs
McLeod
DDSL



Mrs
Dey
DSL



Miss
Maddison
DDSL



Mr Chapman
Safeguarding
Governor

The impact of shouting and arguing

A study completed by the Journal of Family Psychology followed over 200 families for ten years and found:

Kids who saw their parents argue a lot were more likely to experience anxiety, depression, and behavioural issues later in life. And it didn't matter if the arguments got resolved or not. What mattered was how often and how intensely the parents argued.

Arguing at home can even make it hard for kids to do well in school. Kids who hear their parents argue a lot have trouble paying attention in school.

The stress caused by conflict between parents can make it harder for children to focus, absorb information, and give their full effort.

Shouting **at** a child can have several negative effects on their development and well-being, including increased anxiety, depression, behavioural problems, and difficulties in forming healthy relationships. It can also disrupt brain development, leading to emotional dysregulation and impaired decision-making.

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

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
93%	93%	96%	93%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
95%	95%	97%	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 Rowan class – our best attenders!

Important Upcoming Events to Note:

Reception Stay and Play:

Thursday 22nd May @ 9am

Thursday 12th June @9am

Y6 SATs:

Week beginning 12th May

Y6 Residential to Edinburgh:

Wednesday 21st May to Friday 23rd May

Class assemblies:

Y3 – May 22nd @ 9am

Y5 – May 23rd @ 9am

Reception – June 26th @ 9am

Nursery – July 2nd @ 9am

Y1 – July 4th @ 9am



Y6 – July 16th @ 2pm

Bedlington Family Hub

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


Pop in Tuesday is a great opportunity to go for a chat and learn more about what they offer.

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





POP IN TUESDAY


Tuesday's 09:30 – 10:30



Bedlington Family Hub
Stead Lane, NE22 5JS
01670 822714 | Drop In







Everyone can struggle as a parent, don't be alone, come along for a cuppa and a chat with one of the team. You can find out 'what's on' in the family hub or get support advice and guidance to help you and your family. Look out for dates for our themed sessions.

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.



Opening hours

Friday 25 October – school closes for Autumn half term

Monday 4 November – school opens for all

Thursday 19 December – school closes for End of Autumn

Tuesday 7 January – school opens for children

Friday 21 February – school closes for Spring half term

Monday 3 March – school opens for all

Friday 11 April – school closes for Spring end of term

Monday 28 April – school opens for all

Monday 5 May – closed for bank holiday

Friday 23 May – school closes for Summer half term

Monday 2 June – school opens for all

Friday 6 June – school closed to children for teacher training

Friday 18 July – school closes for Summer end of term

Diary Dates

Thursday 1 May – Reception local walk

Monday 5 May – closed for bank holiday

Thursday 8 May – VE Day celebration

Monday 12 May – Y6 SATs week

Monday 19 May – Y1 Alnwick Castle trip

Wednesday 21 May – Y6 residential to Edinburgh

Thursday 22 May – Y3 class assembly @ 9am & Egyptian day

Friday 23 May – Y5 class assembly @ 9am

Monday 2 June – Wellbeing week

Wednesday 4 June – Y2 Whitehouse Farm trip

Tuesday 10 June – Reception new starter meeting

Thursday 19 June – Y4 trip to St Mary's Lighthouse

Friday 20 June – Whole school Big Gig – sounds of the 70s day

Monday 23 June – Enterprise Week

Thursday 26 June – Reception class assembly @ 9am

Friday 27 June – Reception & Y5 to Lillidorei

Friday 27 June – Enterprise Fair at 2pm on the school yard

Tuesday 1 July – Transition day

Wednesday 2 July – Nursery class assembly @ 9am

Friday 4 July – Y1 class assembly @ 9am

Tuesday 8 July – Reception Plessey Woods trip

Wednesday 9 July – Y6 leavers' play to parents @5pm

Wednesday 16 July – Y6 leavers assembly to parents @2pm

Apple class Nursery

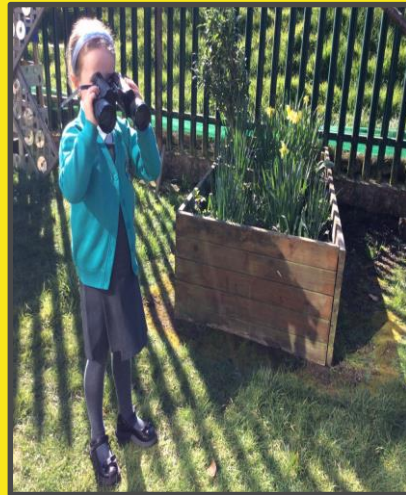
Nursery children
have enjoyed the
lovely weather in
the garden,
Easter fun,
learning to safely
use a knife to
chop and getting
very messy in the
mud kitchen.



Beech class

Reception

Reception have enjoyed RE, Van Gogh, Spring, bird watching, stay and read and an egg hunt.



Sycamore class

Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about Castles.



Hazel class

Y2

Year 2 children have enjoyed making silhouettes, learning about the Great Fire of London and drawing Lupins for Mother's Day.



Oak class

Y3

Year 3 have really enjoyed looking at Nets of real items and the cricket festival.



Chestnut & Elm class

Y4

Chestnut and Elm class have enjoyed reading the news, the cricket festival and receiving eggs from the Town Council.



Rowan class

Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed creating VE art for the bus stops in the community, and making a Greek salad.



Cedar class

Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed seated Volley ball in PE and a visit from the Royal Navy to make rockets.



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. We have reintroduced the Wednesday cooking club. This is very popular so make sure you book in quickly!

Open from 7:30am to 6pm.
Please book through the school office

West End Den Cookery Club

On Wednesdays:

- Apr 30th - Cheesecake
- May 7th - Harry Potter Cakes
- May 14th - Rainbow Popcorn
- May 21st - Afternoon Tea
- June 4th - Pizza Wheels
- June 11th - Banana Splits
- June 18th - No-bake Flapjacks
- June 25th - Toasties
- July 2nd - Mini Trifles
- July 9th - Crustless Quiche
- July 16th - Mocktails and Nibbles

Please contact the school office to book



Voice of the School Council

The school council continue to work on organising playground games and equipment for playtimes.

They are thinking about how they can raise money to make playtime and lunchtime even better with even more equipment.

Child voice is so important to us.

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.

Thanks to your generosity at events the PTFA are on the way to raising the £3000 needed for the whole school to attend a pantomime and for early years to have a pantomime visit them in 2025.

Look out for the Summer events ... details coming soon!
