



# WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Yes I Can!*



## Our School

**OCTOBER  
2025**

**A half term over in a flash!**

Children and staff have worked so hard this half term and they all need a well deserved break.

We have all enjoyed the more relaxed wellbeing week this week where children have enjoyed peer massage and lots of talking and leaning about feelings.

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again for the run up to Christmas!

Mrs J Dey  
Headteacher

**Shout outs!**

***Celebrating excellence across school***

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 1, 2 & 6**

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

**Staff** (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs T Smith for organising some lovely activities with the local care home. Both the children and the residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit.**

# Safeguarding

## Social Media Age Restrictions

| Under 13<br>(with parental consent)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13 +                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 16+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 18+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 18<br>(13 with parental permission)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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## Safeguarding message



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Waters  
DDSL



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Miss  
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Mr Chapman  
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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   |
| 93%          | 94%      | 91%   | 96%   |
| Elm          | Maple    | Rowan | Cedar |
| 96%          | 91%      | 93%   | 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 Elm and Oak classes – our best attenders!

## **Important Upcoming Events to Note:**

**Tuesday 4 November** – Parents' evening

**Friday 7 November** – Flu immunisation

**Sunday 9 November** – Y2 Bedlington Remembrance parade

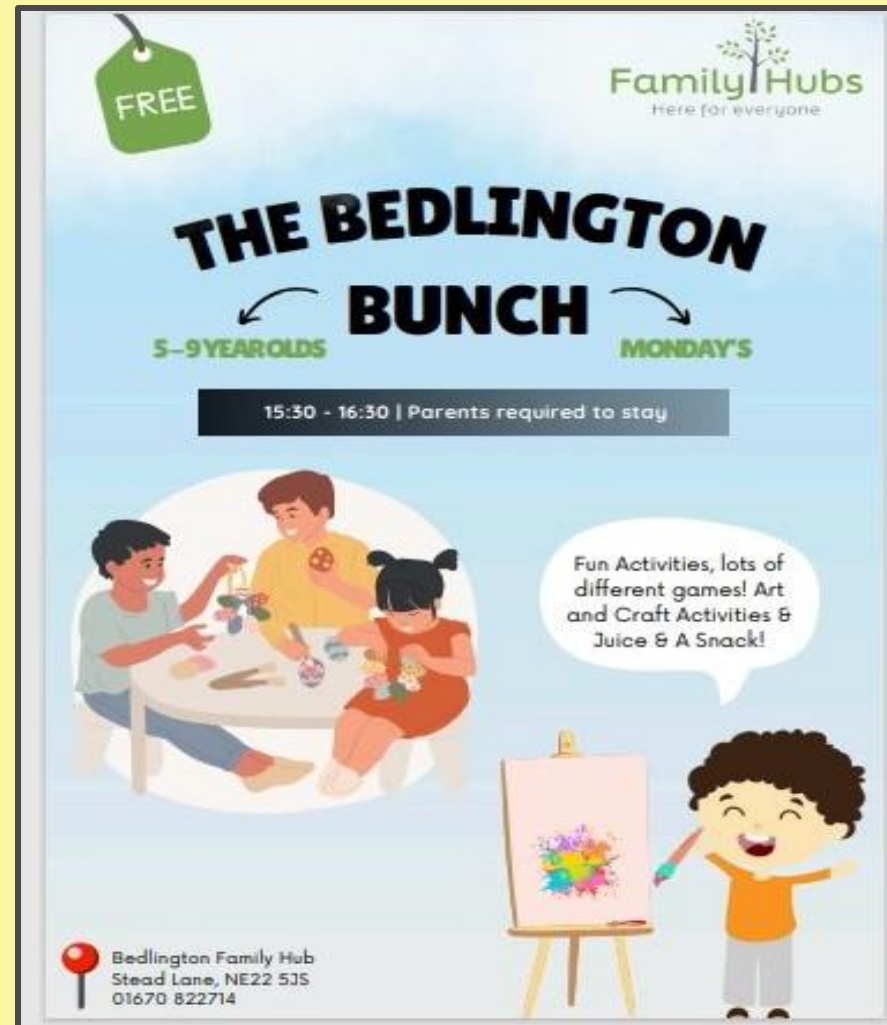
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# Bedlington Family Hub

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



## 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.

## 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

**Tuesday 4 November** – Parents' evening

**Friday 7 November** – Flu immunisation

**Sunday 9 November** – Y2 Bedlington Remembrance parade

**Wednesday 12 November** – Parents' evening

**Tuesday 9 December** – KS1 Nativity 9:15am & 11am

**Wednesday 10 December** - KS1 Nativity 9:15am

**Thursday 11 December** – Y3 & Y4 Nativity 9:15am

**Friday 12 December** – Y1, 2 & 3 Whitley Bay Playhouse panto

**Friday 12 December** – Nursery Nativity 9:15am

**Monday 15 December** – Y5 & Y6 Carols by Candlelight 4pm

**Tuesday 16 December** - Y4 & Y5 Whitley Bay Playhouse panto

**Tuesday 16 December** – Reception Nativity 9:15am

**Tuesday 16 December** – KS1 Christmas party

**Wednesday 17 December** – Y6 Theatre Royal panto

**Wednesday 17 December** - Y3 & Y4 Christmas party

**Wednesday 17 December** - Y5 Christmas party

**Wednesday 17 December** - Reception Christmas party

**Thursday 18 December** – Y6 Christmas party

**Thursday 18 December** – Nursery Christmas party

**Friday 19 December** – School closed to children

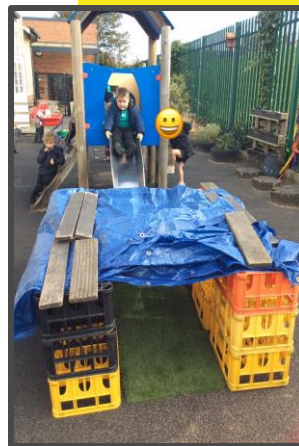
# Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed Autumn themed fun, messy play, ice play with syringes, careful cutting safely and colouring carefully.



# Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed making outdoor models, dressing up, repeating patterns and using tools safely.



# Sycamore class

## Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed stories from the Y6 librarians, snuggling up to watch Inside Out and a mindful winter walk with parents.



# Hazel class

## Y2

Year 2 children have enjoyed Pond dipping at Washington Wildlife Centre, a visit to the RNLI and snuggling up to watch Inside Out.



# Oak class Y3

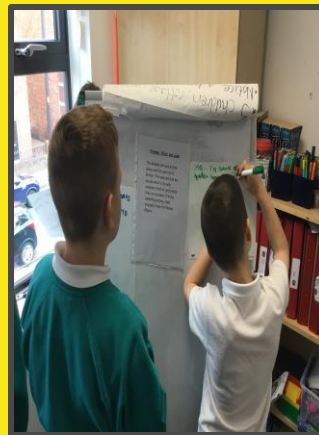
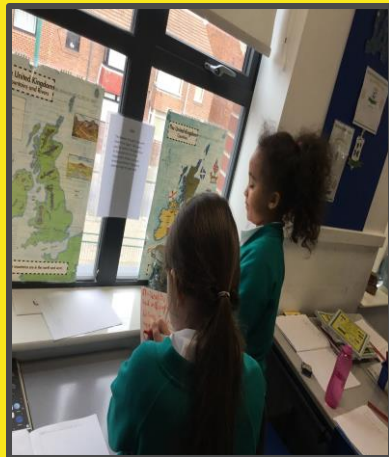
Year 3 have really enjoyed creating self portraits, handwriting and watching Inside Out 2.



# Elm class

## Y4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about digestion, making mosaics, learning about Romans, yoga, visiting the care home for Halloween crafts and relaxing with Inside Out 2.



# Rowan & Maple

## class

## Y5

Year 5 have enjoyed WWII day, making lanterns and Anderson shelters, creating islands of personality, making a memory sphere and relaxing to Inside Out 2.



# Cedar class

## Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed  
PE with NUF,  
making burgers,  
creating local area  
pictures and  
relaxing to Inside  
Out 2.



# 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



A festive poster for 'Winter Crafts' by 'The Den Out of School Club'. The poster is decorated with various winter-themed illustrations including snowflakes, a red flower, an owl, a pinecone, a reindeer, a cup of hot chocolate, and a star. The text is arranged in a central column, listing craft activities for specific dates in November and December. The title 'WINTER CRAFTS' is in large, bold, dark red letters, and 'THE DEN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB' is in smaller, red letters below it. The phrase 'ON TUESDAYS:' is in green. The dates and activities are listed in alternating green and red text.

**WINTER CRAFTS**  
**THE DEN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**  
ON TUESDAYS:

NOV 4TH- FIREWORK FOLDING SURPRISE

NOV 11TH-POPPY BISCUITS & PAPER FLOWERS

NOV 18TH- SALTDOUGH DECORATIONS

NOV 25TH- PINECONE OWLS

DEC 2ND- PINECONE BIRD FEEDER

DEC 9TH -FINGER PRINT SNOW ART

DEC 16TH - REINDEER DUST & HOT CHOCOLATE CONES

# 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.*

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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.*

*Bake Sale: Thursday 9 October – A very big thank you to everyone who donated, gave us their time and spent money!*

*Huge thank you again to Bellway who matched the monies made!*

*Halloween Disco was a great success. The children looked amazing!*

*Winter Fun day – more details to follow.*