



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our
School

JULY 2025

As another year comes to a close we say a very sad farewell to our lovely year 6 children. We all sincerely wish you the best in your secondary schools. We know you will be amazing!

A big thank you to all the parents who have supported us this year by attending events, helping out and supporting your children at home; it makes such a difference.

July has been a very busy month: Best of West End, water fights, trips, ice cream vans, graduations, sports days and a silent disco to name but a few. It has gone by so quickly and has been lots of fun.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to greeting you all back in September.

Mrs J Dey
Headteacher

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

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

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

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs Brenda Wilson and Miss Crystal Coffey** for working tirelessly above and beyond to ensure the children in our school stayed settled and happy.

Parents: A huge thank you to **Mr Jamie Chapman** who organised a troop of men to reform the nursery garden. It looks fabulous!

Big big big thank you Jamie and the workers at Everyone Home Safe Every Day!



Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions

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

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.

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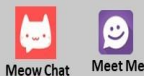
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Key Findings from the OFCOM 2025 Report:

Increased Online Presence: The report highlights that **85% of children aged 5-15** now have access to a smartphone, and **75% of children aged 8-11** have their own social media profiles [1](#).

Exposure to Inappropriate Content: Alarming, **40% of children aged 12-15** reported encountering harmful or inappropriate content online [1](#).

Parental Concerns: **70% of parents** expressed concerns about their children's online safety, particularly regarding exposure to inappropriate content and interactions with strangers [1](#).

Recommendations for Parents:

Open Communication: Regularly discuss online activities with your children. Encourage them to share their experiences and any concerns they might have.

Use Parental Controls: Utilize the parental control features available on devices and platforms to monitor and limit your child's online activities.

Educate About Privacy: Teach your children the importance of not sharing personal information online and the potential risks associated with it.

Stay Informed: Keep yourself updated on the latest trends and potential threats in the digital world. The OFCOM website is a valuable resource for this while the NSPCC website shares many hints and tips for parents/carers.

*Please also see attached information for parents and carers.

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
94%	93%	97%	94%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
95%	95%	97%	93%
Whole school			
95%			

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 and Hazel classes – our best attenders!

Important Upcoming Events to Note:

School closes:

Friday 18th July at 3:20 (nursery 3pm)

Teacher training day:

Monday 1st September – The school office will not be open to anyone as training will take place all day.

School reopens to children:



Tuesday 2nd September

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



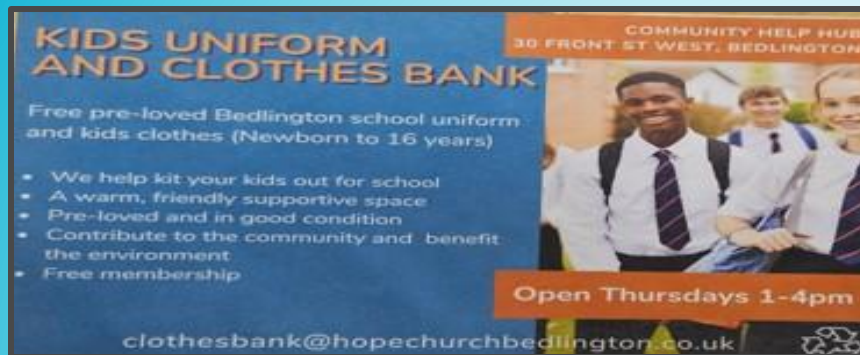
Bedlington Family Hub
Stead Lane, NE22 5JS
01670 822714 | Drop In







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.

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.

Diary Dates

Friday 18 July – Children can bring in a toy.

Friday 18 July @ 3:30 Y6 children leave through the hall doors through a corridor of staff and parents on the yard clapping them out.

Tuesday 2 September – School open to children

Tuesday 23 Sep – Y6 Gateshead trip

Wednesday 8 October – Y5 Northumberland day

Wednesday 8 October – Photographer in

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

Tuesday 16 December Y4 & Y5 Whitley Bay Playhouse panto

Wednesday 17 December – Y6 Theatre Royal panto

Opening hours 2025-26

Friday 18 July – school closes for Summer end of term

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

Apple class Nursery

Nursery children
have enjoyed
baking, releasing
the butterflies
and drawing
round each
other!



Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed a trip to Plessey woods, Best of West End, the microscope they bought with Enterprise profit, releasing the ladybirds, Ice cream, Tiddlywinks and their Graduation.



Sycamore class

Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed sports day and their beach trip.



Hazel class

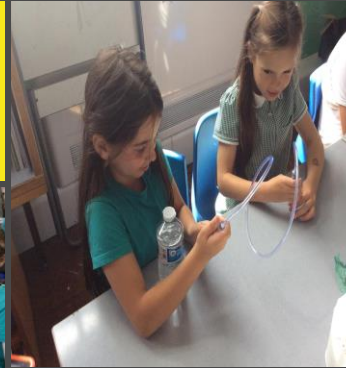
Y2

Year 2 children have enjoyed the beach, Best of West End and creating their Veggie Tales!



Oak class Y3

Year 3 have really enjoyed sports day, making monsters and making quesadillas!



Chestnut & Elm class

Y4

Chestnut and Elm class
have enjoyed sports
day, water fight and
Plessey Woods.



Rowan class

Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed Best of West End, art and science investigations.



Rowan class

Y5

Congratulations to the new Head boy and girl. All the staff have absolutely no doubt you will both represent the school well.

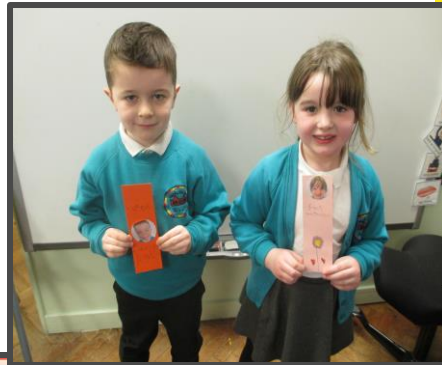


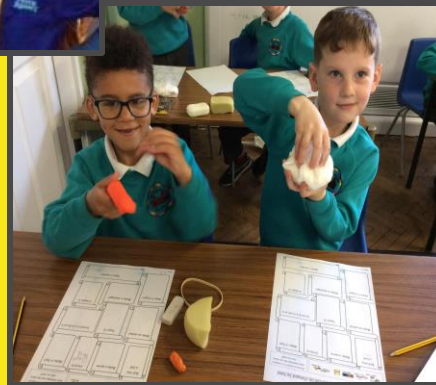
Cedar class

Y6

A 3 page spread for
our wonderful Y6s!
You have been an
absolute pleasure all
through school. We
really will miss you!







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 are open on Wednesday and Thursday the first 3 weeks of the holidays. 8am to 5pm, 9 to 3 or half days. Get in touch if you want to book in.

Usual Opening hours from 7:30am to 6pm.



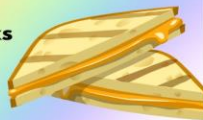





Please book through the school office

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 have been marvellous this year and we are looking forward to voting for next year's school council.

A huge congratulations to Molly who won School Councillor of the year at the Best of West End Awards. A very well deserved award.

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.

Huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made the Summer disco possible!
