

WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our School

**APRIL/MAY
2026**

Welcome back!

Our last half term is upon us already. We have lots of things planned for this half term so please check the dates section carefully.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire. I will be sharing the results with you soon.

It has been lovely to see lots of you at stay and plays and assemblies and we look forward to seeing more of you at the upcoming events.

**Mrs J Dey
Headteacher**

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

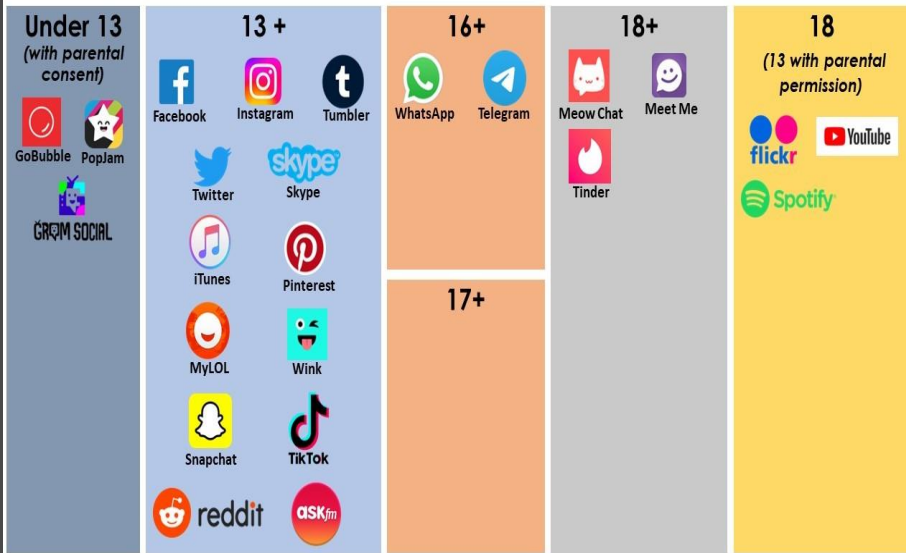
Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 14, 4, 11, 13 & 6**

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

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs Vikki Farrell & Mrs Claire Cheesman** for working above and beyond to ensure children have new uniforms for the new academic year.

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions



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	 Twitter		 Tinder	 Spotify
	 skype			
	 iTunes			
	 Pinterest			
	 MyLOL	17+		
	 Wink			
	 Snapchat			
	 TikTok			
	 reddit			
	 ASKfm			



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

FREE

Family Hubs
Here for everyone

THE BEDLINGTON BUNCH

5-9 YEAR OLDS MONDAY'S

15:30 - 16:30 | Parents required to stay

Fun Activities, lots of different games! Art and Craft Activities & Juice & A Snack!

Bedlington Family Hub
Stead Lane, NE22 5JS
01670 822714



Special Educational
Needs & Disabilities

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

Autism Family Drop in



Do you have a child aged 0-19 years?

Come along for a cuppa and chat and to meet other parents. No diagnosis needed!

Join us on:

Monday 1st June 2026, 1pm-3pm:

Blyth Central Family Hub, 103 Wright Street, Blyth, NE24 1HG

Wednesday 3rd June 2026, 10am - 12pm:

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

Tuesday 16th June 2026, 10am-12pm:

Ashington Family Hub, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9EF

Monday 22nd June 2026, 10am-12pm:

Berwick Family Hub, Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AE

Tuesday 23rd June 2026, 1pm-3pm

Cramlington Community Hub, Forum Way, Manor Walks, NE23 6YB (next to Concordia)

Monday 29th June 2026, 10am-12pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

Thursday 9th July 2026, 10am-12pm:

The Lindisfarne Centre, 30 Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AU

Evening session:

Thursday 25th June 2026, 5pm - 6:30pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

If you have any questions email: hint@northumberland.gov.uk

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.

Clothes Bank

We now have a clothes bank on site.

Please feel free to donate all of your unwanted clothes or shoes. This will also help to raise funds for school.

Please ensure clothes and shoes are in good condition and are in a bag.

This can be uniform or any other items of clothing.



Important Dates

Class Assemblies

Reception - Thursday 18 June

Y1 - Friday 3 July

Nursery - Thursday 9 July

EYFS Stay and Play sessions:

Reception - Wednesday 10th June at 9am

Nursery – Tuesday 16th June at 9am

Sports Days:

Nursery – Monday 22 June @ 9:30 on the school yard

Reception – Monday 22 June @ 1:30 on the school yard

Years 1, 2 & 3 – Tuesday 23 June @ 9:15 on St Benet's Field

Years 4, 5 & 6 – Thursday 25 June @ 1:25 on St Benet's Field

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

Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 June – Y6 Edinburgh trip

Friday 5 June – Reception & Y5 to Lilidorei

Tuesday 9 June – New to Reception parent meeting

Wednesday 17 June – Y4 trip to St Mary's Lighthouse

Thursday 18 June – Reception class assembly

Friday 19 June – The Big Gig Movie theme day

Monday 22 June – Nursery Sports Day @ 9am

Monday 22 June – Reception Sports Day @ 1:30pm

Tuesday 23 June – Y1, 2 & 3 Sports Day @ 9:15

Tuesday 23 June – SEND parent meetings

Thursday 25 June – Y4, 5 & 6 Sports Day @ 1:20

Thursday 25 June – SEND parent meetings

Monday 29 June - Enterprise Week

Tuesday 30 June – Y6 Transition day to Secondary School

Tuesday 30 June – SEND Parent meetings

Wednesday 1 July – School transition morning

Thursday 2 July – Music Recital to parents @ 9:30

Friday 3 July - Enterprise Fair @ 1:45pm

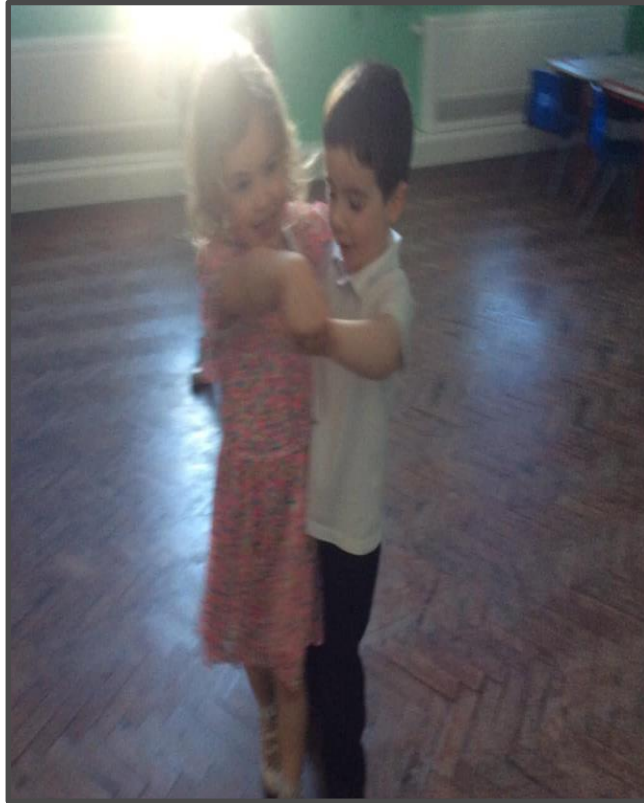
Friday 3 July – Y1 class assembly @ 9am

Tuesday 7 July – Y6 Leavers' play to parents @ 5pm

Thursday 9 July – Nursery class assembly @ 9:15

Wednesday 15 July – Y6 leavers' assembly to parents @ 9:10

Apple class Nursery

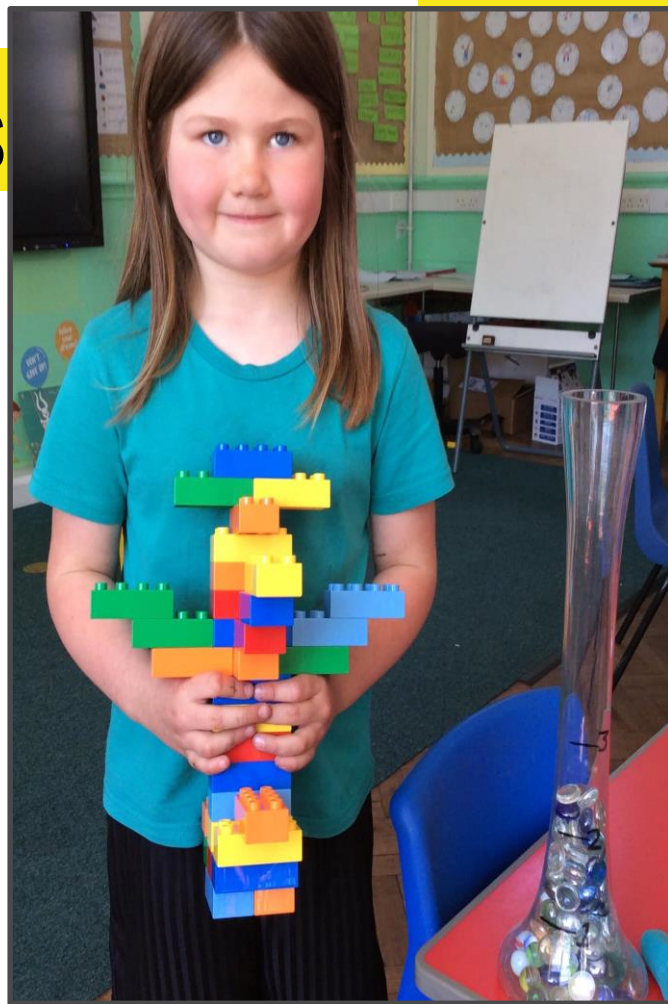


Beech class Reception



Sycamore class

Y1



Hazel class

Y2



Oak class

Y3



Elm class

Y4

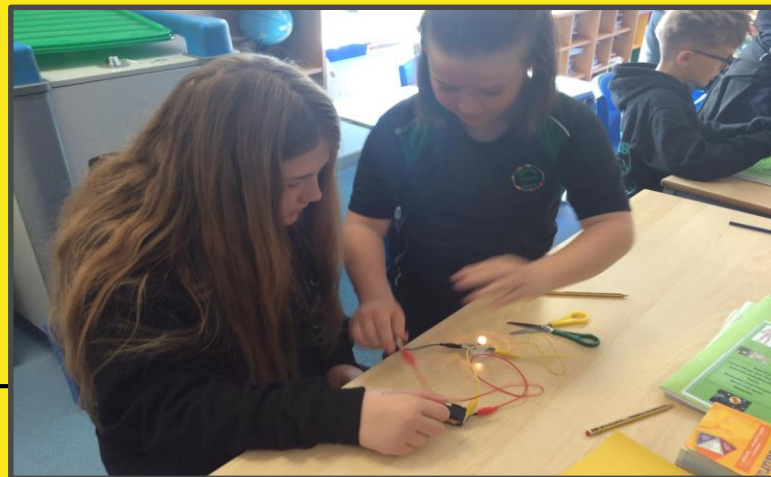


Rowan & Maple class Y5



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

More info to come

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.

A big thank you to the members of the PTFA for the very successful Summer Fun Day. The children really enjoyed it and thank you to parents who came to help other children as well as supporting their own child.

Upcoming events to look out for:

Summer disco
