



# WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Yes I Can!*



## Our School

**NOVEMBER  
2025**

What a great month. The children have worked so hard and have tried their best to hold back the excitement of the coming month.

A huge congratulations to the school choir who have made it to the Northumberland Christmas Choir Competition. We all have our fingers crossed that they make it to the North East Finals.

We were so pleased with how many of you attended the parents' evenings. Working together makes such a difference to your child's education.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Christmas events. Please check the diary section for added events which have been underlined.

Mrs J Dey  
Headteacher

**Shout outs!**

***Celebrating excellence across school***

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 1, 15, 13 & 14**

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

**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 was fabulous enough to make it to the finals. Very well done staff and children.



# Safeguarding

## Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13  
(with parental consent)



13 +



16+



18+



18

(13 with parental permission)



## Safeguarding message



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DDSL



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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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 GoBubble	 Facebook	 WhatsApp	 Meow Chat	 flickr
 PopJam	 Instagram	 Telegram	 Meet Me	 YouTube
 GROOM SOCIAL	 Tumbler		 Tinder	 Spotify
	 Twitter			
	 skype			
	 iTunes			
	 Pinterest			
	 MyLOL			
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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
90%	93%	92%	96%
Elm	Maple	Rowan	Cedar
96%	93%	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!

# 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



## 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)



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!



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 6YB  
(next to Concordia)

**Thursday 22nd January 2026, 1pm-3pm:**

The Lindsfarne Centre, 30 Lindsfarne 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](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)



**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](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)



## 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

**Thursday 4 December** - Y3 Northumberland Day

**Monday 8 December** - Choir Competition

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

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

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

**Thursday 11 December** – Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

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

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

**Monday 15 December** – Man in Red visiting

**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

**Thursday 18 December** – Toy Day

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

# Apple class Nursery





# Beech class

## Reception



# Sycamore class

## Y1





# Hazel class

## Y2





# Oak class

## Y3



# Elm class

## Y4

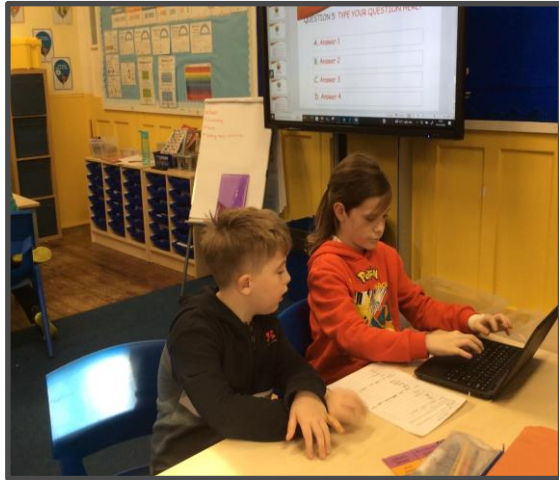




# Rowan & Maple

## 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



A festive poster for 'Winter Crafts' events. The title 'WINTER CRAFTS' is in large, dark red, serif capital letters. Below it, 'THE DEN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB' is in smaller, red, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath, 'ON TUESDAYS:' is in green, sans-serif capital letters. The poster lists six events with their dates and activities, each accompanied by a small illustration: a red poppy flower, an owl on a branch, a pinecone, a reindeer with antlers, a mug of hot chocolate, and a yellow star. The background is white with various winter-themed illustrations like snowflakes, pine trees, and fireworks.

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

- NOV 4TH- FIREWORK FOLDING SURPRISE
- NOV 11TH-POPPY BISCUITS & PAPER FLOWERS
- NOV 18TH- SALDOUGH 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.*

*The children have lead an assembly to share their plans with the whole school.*

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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.*

*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!*

