

# WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Yes I Can!*



## Our School

**MARCH  
2026**

**I can hardly believe we have almost come to the end of another term already!**

**March has been a very busy month and staff and children are now ready for the break.**

**Thank you to everyone who came to parents' evenings. Working with us to support your child makes so much difference.**

**Have a great 2 weeks holiday full of rest and lots of chocolate!**

**See you all on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Mrs J Dey  
Headteacher**

## Shout outs!

### *Celebrating excellence across school*

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 7, 9, 15 & 14**

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

**Staff** (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mr Allison for willingly stepping in last minute to take the Y6 Cross Country runners to St Benet Biscop.**

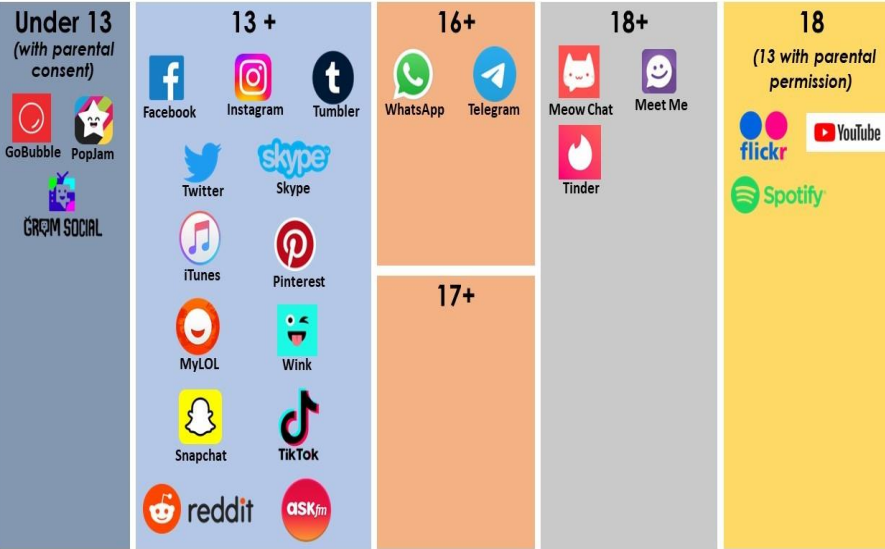
And finally ...

**A huge congratulations to our Y6 Cross Country runners who placed first place against the local schools!**



# Safeguarding

## Social Media Age Restrictions



## Safeguarding message



Mrs Waters  
DDSL



Mrs McLeod  
DDSL



Mrs Dey  
DSL



Miss Maddison  
DDSL



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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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
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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
92%	94%	93%	96%
Elm	Maple	Rowan	Cedar
95%	94%	92%	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 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

## 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.

## 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**

Y5 - Thursday 21 May

Y3 - Friday 22 May

Reception - Friday 19 June

Y1 - Friday 3 July

Nursery - Thursday 9 July

## **Coming up next month**

**Thursday 2 April** – Y4 class assembly

## 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

**Thursday 2 April** – Y4 class assembly

**Monday 11 May** – Y6 SATs week

**Wednesday 13 May** – Y5 Centre for Life trip

**Monday 18 May** – Y1 Alnwick Castle trip

**Thursday 21 May** – Y5 class assembly

**Friday 22 May** – Y3 class assembly

**Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 June** – Y6 Edinburgh trip

**Friday 19 June** – Reception class assembly

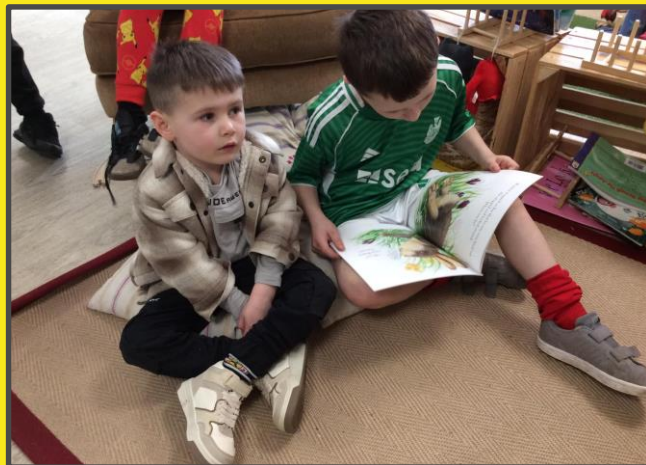
**Monday 29 June** - Enterprise Week

**Friday 3 July** - Enterprise Fair

**Friday 3 July** – Y1 class assembly

**Thursday 9 July** – Nursery class assembly

# Apple class Nursery



# Beech class Reception



# Sycamore class

## Y1



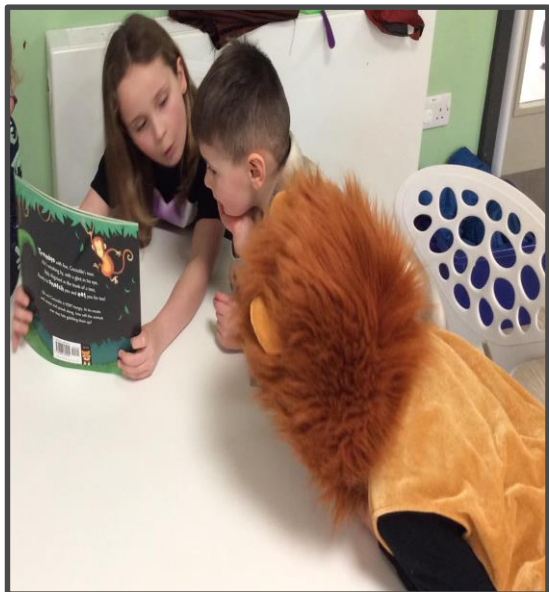
# Hazel class

## Y2



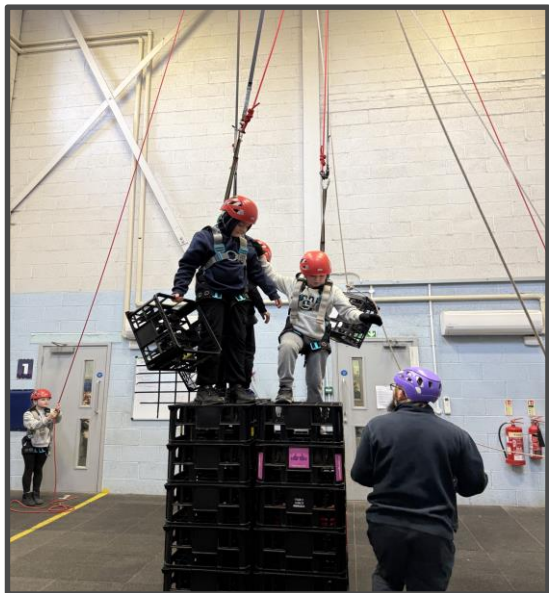
# Oak class

## 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

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# 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.*

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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.*

*Upcoming events to look out for:*

*Movie night – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

*Summer disco*

*Fun day*

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