

WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our
School

MAY 2025

It's hard to believe we only have one more half term left in this academic year. It is guaranteed to be a fun packed half term and we hope to see lots of you at the upcoming events.

The year 6 children were superstars during SATs week. They worked so hard and tried their best. They were wonderful in Edinburgh and workers in the places we visited as well as members of the public all commented on how well behaved they were.

We couldn't be more proud!

*Mrs J Dey
Headteacher*



**Northern Lights host a
coffee morning at 9:30 on
a Monday at
Weatherspoons for parents
of children with SEN.
All welcome.**

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 8, 9 & 1**

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

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs Tracey Smith, Mrs Sue Campbell, Mrs Claire Cheesman, Mrs Lyndsey Loy & Mrs Michelle Waters** for a very well organised trip to Edinburgh for year 6. The children had a great time thanks to your hard work and dedication.

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions



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.

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
93%	93%	96%	93%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
95%	95%	97%	93%
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 Rowan class – our best attenders!

Important Upcoming Events to Note:

Reception Stay and Play:

Thursday 12th June @9am

70s Big Gig dress up day – Friday 20th June

Enterprise Fair – Friday 27th June @ 2pm

Sports Days:

EYFS – Monday 7 July @ 9:30 St Bede's field

Years 1, 2 & 3 – Tuesday 8 July @ 9:30 St Benet Biscop's field

Years 4, 5 & 6 – Thursday 10 July @ 1:30 St Benet Biscop's field

Class assemblies:

Reception – June 26th @ 9am

Nursery – July 2nd @ 9am

Y1 – July 4th @ 9am

Y6 – July 16th @ 2pm

Transition day:

Tuesday 1st July

Reception Graduation:

Tuesday 15 July @ 9:15

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.

FREE

Family Hubs
Here for everyone

POP IN TUESDAY

Tuesday's 09:30 - 10:30

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

LET'S TALK



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.

KIDS UNIFORM AND CLOTHES BANK

COMMUNITY HELP HUB
30 FRONT ST WEST, BEDLINGTON

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

Open Thursdays 1-4pm

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.

Diary Dates

Monday 2 June – Wellbeing week
 Wednesday 4 June – Y2 Whitehouse Farm trip
 Tuesday 10 June – Reception new starter meeting
 Wednesday 11 June – PTFA bake sale
 Thursday 19 June – Y4 trip to St Mary's Lighthouse
 Friday 20 June – Whole school Big Gig – sounds of the 70s day
 Monday 23 June – Enterprise Week
 Thursday 26 June – Reception class assembly @ 9am
 Friday 27 June – Reception & Y5 to Lillidorei
 Friday 27 June – Enterprise Fair at 2pm on the school yard
 Tuesday 1 July – Transition day
 Wednesday 2 July – Nursery class assembly @ 9am
 Friday 4 July – Y1 class assembly @ 9am
 Monday 7 July – Nursery & Reception Sports day @ 9:30
 Tuesday 8 July – Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports day @ 9:30
 Tuesday 8 July – Reception Plessey Woods trip
 Wednesday 9 July – Y6 leavers' play to parents @5pm
 Thursday 10 July – music performance to parents – more info soon
 Thursday 10 July – Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports day @ 1:30
 Tuesday 15 July – Reception Graduation event
 Tuesday 15 July – PTFA summer disco – more info soon
 Wednesday 16 July – Y6 leavers assembly to parents @2pm

Opening hours

Friday 6 June – school closed to children for teacher training
Friday 18 July – school closes for Summer end of term

Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed the lovely weather in the garden.



Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed having parents in school to stay and count and their local walk around Bedlington.



Sycamore class

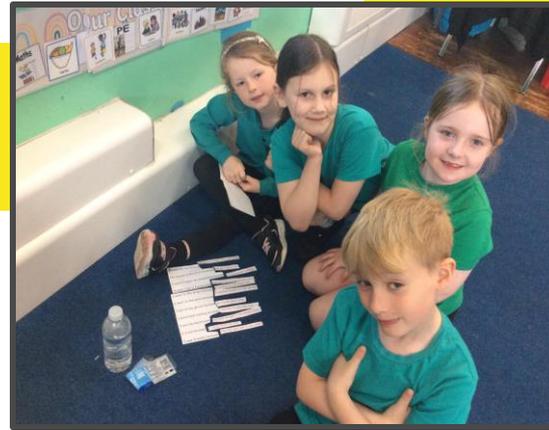
Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about Castles and their trip.



Hazel class

Y2



Year 2 children have enjoyed making hedgehogs and organising sentences about Mrs Twit.



Oak class Y3

Year 3 have really enjoyed everything Egyptian. They were great in their assembly!



Chestnut & Elm class

Y4

Chestnut and Elm class have enjoyed cricket, using an OS map, PE, art and taking part in the first ever B Festival.



Rowan class

Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed all of the extra playtimes for their great attendance and PE.



Cedar class

Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed their Residential to Edinburgh. They were great during SATs week and earned a well deserved treat trip to Plessey!



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 have reintroduced the Wednesday cooking club. This is very popular so make sure you book in quickly!

Open 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 continue to work on organising playground games and equipment for playtimes.

They are thinking about how they can raise money to make playtime and lunchtime even better with even more equipment.

Child voice is so important to us.

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.

*Bake Sale: Wednesday 11 June in the main hall
Summer Disco: Tuesday 15 July at Netherton Club*
