



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



OUR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026

A very warm welcome back to you all and to all of our new parents.

It has been a very busy month and all classes have settled back in wonderfully.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Newsletter survey. Your opinions matter and have been taken into account.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming parents' evenings. Look out for an email to book in. Meetings with you to discuss your child are invaluable so please attend if you can. Children thrive when schools and parents work well together.

Mrs J Dey
Headteacher

Shout outs!

Celebrating excellence across school

Top table (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **7, 3 & 5**

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

Staff (the staff member/s who deserves recognition): **Mrs Susan Watson, Mrs Kelly Turnbull & Miss Ellouise Houlsby for stepping up and covering when we have needed it. Superstars!**

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  ask.fm	 WhatsApp  Telegram  Meow Chat  Meet Me  Tinder 17+	 Meow Chat  Meet Me  Tinder	 flickr  YouTube  Spotify

Safeguarding message



Mrs
Waters
DDSL



Mrs
McLeod
DDSL



Mrs
Dey
DSL



Miss
Maddison
DDSL



Mrs Boyes
Safeguarding
Governor

Why Attendance is a Safeguarding Issue

Early warning signs: Missing school is often the first indicator of wider welfare concerns, family stress, bullying, or mental health struggles.

Protection from harm: Routine attendance shields children from external risks like exploitation, radicalisation, and unsafe environments.

Wellbeing and growth: Being in school supports social development, learning, and long-term life chances.

Good attendance starts in the early years. Without it, children miss out on friendships, routines, and the building blocks of learning.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding starts with noticing.

Safeguarding doesn't mean you've failed.
It means you're paying attention.

Children don't always say when something is wrong it often shows in their behaviour, mood, or sudden changes.

Many parents hesitate because they're unsure.
What if I'm overreacting?

But safeguarding isn't about certainty.

It's about care, early action, and protection.
You don't need proof to speak up.

Trust your instincts. Asking questions early can keep a child safe.



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Key Online Risks

- **Contact:** Cyberbullying in chats or games, and online grooming by strangers.
- **Content:** Exposure to age-inappropriate material, violent imagery, misinformation, or AI-generated falsehoods.
- **Conduct:** Sharing personal information, pressure to send explicit images, or overusing devices.

Practical Steps for Parents

- **Use Parental Controls:** Apply a three-layered approach starting with your broadband provider, moving to device-level settings (like Google Family Link or Apple screen time), and finishing inside specific apps and games.
- **Talk Openly:** Have regular, calm conversations about what apps they use, who they are chatting with, and how to spot fake news or trickery
- **Set Boundaries:** Agree on family ground rules, such as screen-free times at bedtime or daily limits on device use.
- **Stay Informed:** Learn the age ratings and chat features of popular games and social media apps your children use.

Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
95%	99%	98%	96%
Elm	Maple	Larch	Cedar
96%	97%	93%	95%
Whole school			
96%			

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.

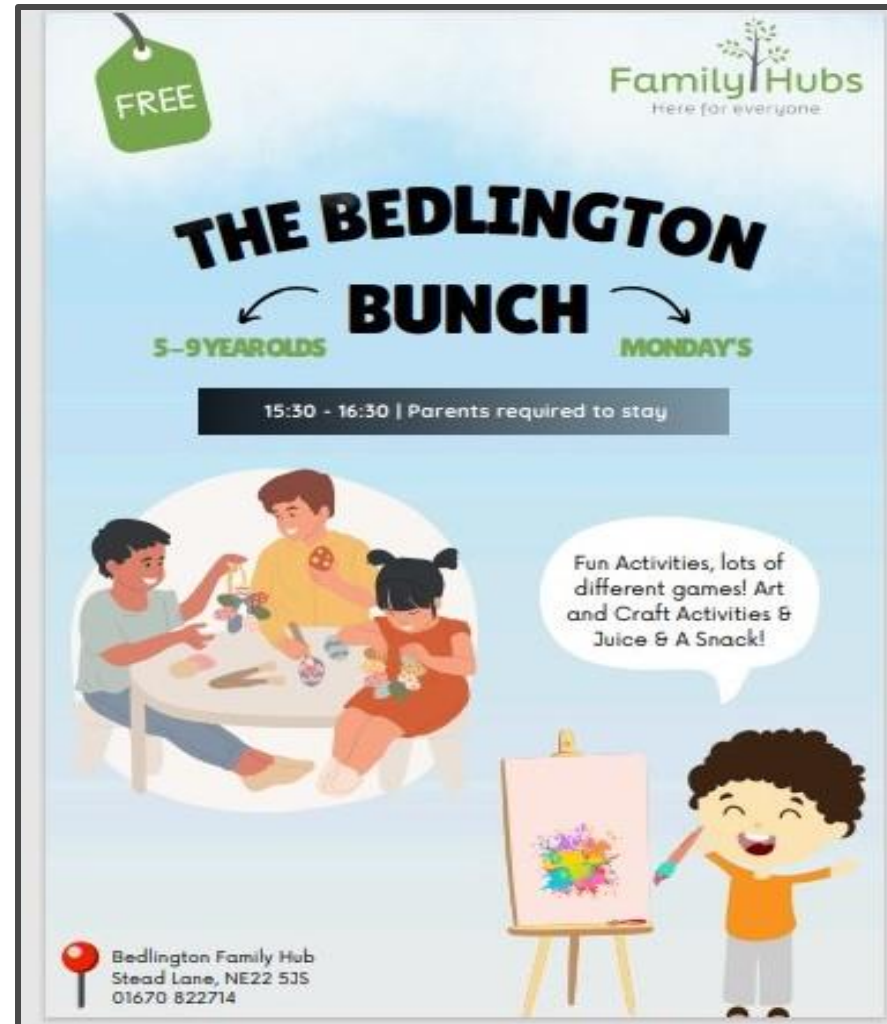
Well done Sycamore class – our best attenders!

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.



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

Open Thursdays 1-4pm

clothesbank@hopechurchbedlington.co.uk

COMMUNITY HELP HUB
30 FRONT ST WEST, BEDLINGTON



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. **Please ensure uniform goes into the blue bins not the white ones.**

Opening hours 2026-27

Tuesday 1 September – Teacher training day

Wednesday 2 September – School open for Autumn A

Friday 23 October – School closes for half term

Monday 2 November – School opens for Autumn B

Thursday 17 December – School closes for Christmas break

Friday 18 December & Monday 4 January – Teacher training days

Tuesday 5 January – School open for Spring A

Friday 12 February – School closes for half term

Monday 22 February - School open for Spring B

Wednesday 24 March – School closes for Easter holidays

Thursday 25 March – Teacher training day

Monday 12 April - School open for Summer A

Monday 3 May – School closed for bank holiday

Friday 28 May – School closes for half term

Monday 7 June - School open for Summer B

Tuesday 20 July – School closes for summer holidays

Diary Dates

Friday 2 October – Harvest Festival in school – children only

Wednesday 7 October - individual school photos

Thursday 8 October – Guinness World Record Reading challenge

Thursday 8 October – PTFA Bake sale

Friday 9 October – Y2 Washington Wildfowl Trip

Wednesday 14 October – Parents’ evening

Friday 16 October – Y5 WWII Day

Monday 19 October – Theme week – more info to come.

Tuesday 20 October - Parents’ evening

Friday 23 October – Y1 local walk

Sunday 8 November – Bedlington

Remembrance Parade – Y2

Wednesday 11 November - Bedlington

Remembrance Parade – Y6

Tuesday 17 November – SEN Coffee morning – more info to come

Tuesday 1 December – Nursery & Reception Tiddlywinks session

Friday 4 December – PTFA Winter Fun day

Tuesday 8 December – Y1 & Y2 Nativity at 9:15 and 11:00

Wednesday 9 December - Y1 & Y2 Nativity at 9:15

Wednesday 9 December – Y3 & Y4 Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 10 December – Nursery Nativity at 9:15

Thursday 10 December – Y1, 2 & 3 at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Monday 14 December – Y5 & Y6 Carols in Church at 2pm

Tuesday 15 December – Y4 & 5 at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Tuesday 15 & 16 December – Reception Nativity at 9:15

Tuesday 15 December – Nursery, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16 December – Y6 at Theatre Royal

Wednesday 16 December – Y3 & 4 Christmas party

Thursday 17 December – Reception, Y5 & 6 Christmas party

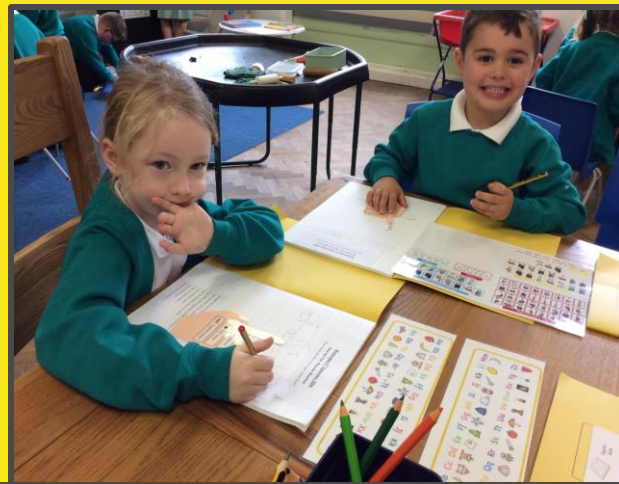
APPLE CLASS NURSERY



BEECH CLASS RECEPTION



SYCAMORE CLASS YEAR ONE



HAZEL CLASS YEAR TWO



OAK CLASS YEAR THREE



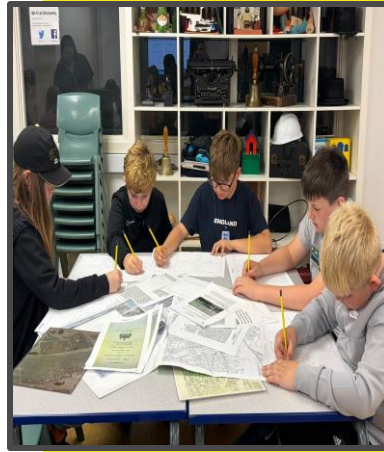
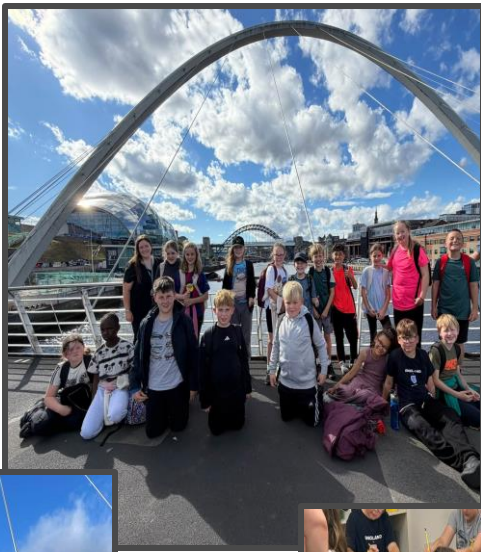
ELM CLASS YEAR FOUR



MAPLE CLASS YEAR FIVE



CEDAR & LARCH YEAR SIX



WRAP AROUND CLUB 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

Thank you to everyone who is now using the iPal system for booking etc.

As with all new systems there have been some glitches and we have appreciated your patience.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The children will be voting for new school council representatives soon.

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:

Bake Sale – October 8th from 3pm in the main hall – volunteers needed please

Halloween Disco – date to be confirmed soon

Winter Fun Day – December 4th – volunteers needed please
