



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
Newsletter: Friday 13 December 2024

Dear Families,

It has been an absolute joy to be in school this week, and I know that we are all feeling decidedly Christmassy after all of the performances. It is always a privilege to welcome families into school to see the children sing, perform and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Key Stage 2 treated us to 'The Christmas Cracker' Wow - what a show! I was astonished by all of the talented actors we have in Years 3 and 4. Everyone sang loudly, with big smiles on their faces, showing just how much they were enjoying the performance. Key Stage 1 really got us into the Christmas spirit with some wonderful singing during 'The Christmas Angel.' They spoke so loudly and clearly as they shared the important story of the Nativity in such a fun way. Finally, Nursery and Reception dazzled us with, 'Oops-a-Daisy, Angel!', not only showing off their amazing singing but also their dancing skills. I am so proud of all of the children for getting on stage and sharing their incredible talents. Thank you to all of the grown-ups at home who have helped with costumes, lines and singing practice. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the children shine on stage!

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets for our school fundraiser - we hope the winners enjoy their hampers. I do think they were the best ones yet. Money raised from the Christmas performance raffles was an incredible £494.50!!!! This makes such a difference in school during this time of austerity, and helps us to buy vital resources for the children. We really appreciate all of your support.

We also raised £435.22 from our EYFS Stay and Play and the Christmas Movie Night this week. This will be split between the school and our nominated charities. Thank you to the School Council for doing such a good job organising the event!

After delivering some spectacular performances, all of the children were then treated to watching one on Thursday as the whole school travelled to the Queen's Hall, Hexham. EYFS and Year 1 watched 'The Night Before Christmas' (SQUEAK!) and were able to join in the fun with fingermice. They loved going on an adventure with Mouse, taking care to avoid Cat! Year 2 and KS2 watched 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and loved seeing this traditional tale told in a magical way through puppets and songs. Hopefully we have inspired some future stars of stage and screen this week!

Santa paid us a surprise visit on Friday, too, and delivered all of the children's presents. It was so lovely having such a huge celebrity in school!

Have a lovely weekend and a good rest before our final week of festive fun!

S Hart & E Sanderson

Executive Head Teacher & Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 98.1%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	Joint 2nd	3rd
Year 4 with 98.7%	Years 1 & 2 with 98.5%	Reception with 96.8%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 16 December 2024 for Autumn Term, will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

- **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18 December 2024**
turkey, sausages, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Yorkshire puddings & a Christmas ice cream for dessert
- **Special End of Term Lunch – Friday 20 December 2024**
burger or hot dog in a bun, curly fries and chocolate doughnuts for dessert

Additional Information:

- **Christmas Carols** at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 22 December 2024 from 6:30pm
Please see the attached flyer
- **Queen's Hall - Exclusive Offer for Parents/Carers**
Please see the attached poster for details of the Jack & The Beanstalk performance currently running at the Queen's Hall in Hexham.
Parents/Carers can use an exclusive discount code to book tickets to see the performance with their children at 11am on **Saturday 14 December and 11am on Sunday 15 December**.
The promotion code is **SCHOOL410** where tickets will be discounted to £10 for performances booked at the above times.
[Tickets can be booked online here](#) (promo code discount will be applied in basket) or by calling our Box Office team on 01434 652477 (please check our website for opening hours).

The School Diary: Please remember to check for any new dates each week.

Dates in red are new dates which have been added

Date	Event	Notes
December 2024		
Monday 16	Yr3 & Yr4 - Christmas Party (PM)	Parentmail issued.
Tuesday 17	Nursery & Reception - Christmas Party (AM)	Parentmail issued.
Tuesday 17	Yr1 & Yr2 - Christmas Party (PM)	Parentmail issued.
Wednesday 18	Christmas Jumper Day	Parentmail issued.

Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 20	End of Term Special Lunch - chosen by Year 3	Parentmail Form sent out to packed lunch children
Friday 20	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church (9:30am)	Parentmail issued.
Friday 20	Last Day of Autumn Term 2: Break up for Christmas holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
<u>January 2025</u>		
Monday 6	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 1	
Thursday 9 January	Year 3 Visit to Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Newcastle	Consent and payment issued.
<u>February 2025</u>		
Thursday 13	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Basketball @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 20	Last Day of Spring Term 1 Break up for February half term	
Friday 21	Teacher Training Day <i>*school closed to children</i>	
<u>March 2025</u>		
Monday 3	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Thursday 6	World Book Day	More information to follow
Tuesday 25	KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Football @ CFS (PM)	More information to follow
<u>April 2025</u>		
Friday 11	Last Day of Spring Term 2 Break up for Easter holidays	
Monday 28	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	
<u>May 2025</u>		
Monday 5	Bank Holiday	

Thursday 22 May	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Athletics @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 22 May - Friday 23 May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	Consent and deposit issued.
Friday 23	Last Day of Summer Term 1 Break up for May half term	
<u>June 2025</u>		
Monday 2	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 18 June	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Tuesday 24 June	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow
<u>July 2025</u>		
Tuesday 8	Transfer day	
Friday 18	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays School Closes at 1:30pm	
September 2025		
Tuesday 2	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	