



**CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL**  
**Newsletter: Friday 10 January 2025**

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear about all of the fun and family time they shared over the festive period. The weather certainly brought with it a flurry (if you'll pardon the pun) of excitement and it was lovely to see all of the fantastic snow sculptures on the field by the end of the day on Monday.

Our enhanced extra-curricular offer started this week, with the welcome return of lunchtime clubs. There was a buzz throughout school at 12 o'clock each day as attention turned to mindfulness, singing and chess! It is wonderful to see all of the children following their interests in school - huge thanks to staff for facilitating this. From cooking to building, crystals to tag rugby, we are all being the best we can be! I can't wait to see what the children achieve over the next few weeks.

On Thursday, our Year 3 children travelled to the Sikh Gurdwara in Newcastle to experience their RE learning first hand. They toured the Gurwara and learnt all about Sikh worship and festivals. The children also visited the langar - or community kitchen - in the Gurdwara. Serving in the langar is an important practice in Sikhism - it is believed that by serving and sharing food, individuals cultivate humility, grace and a sense of connection with others. The food served is always vegetarian, to accommodate all faiths, and the children loved trying new flavours and taking part in this special practice.



Finally, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the children who took part in the Advent Reading Challenge in December. All 19 entrants received a certificate from our Reading Ambassadors in assembly today. The overall winner was Connie in Year 1, who received a prize and will join me for a story and hot chocolate in the near future!

Events for this term are detailed in the school diary below. We hope this will give you all advance notice of what is to come this term, which you are welcome to discuss with the children. So many exciting things happen at Corbridge First School!

*S Hart & E Sanderson*

Executive Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher

**Attendance this week: 98%**

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3 with 100%	Year 4 with 99.3%	Year 2 with 98.1%



## School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 13 January 2025 for Spring Term, will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

## Additional Information & Reminders

### Freya's Fundraising:

Huge congratulations to Freya in Year 4 who has raised £1403 for the Little Princess Trust. This is enough money for 2 wigs to be made and she donated a whopping 175 grams of hair! Freya, we are so proud of you for thinking of others and being the best you can be!



### School Website

Please remember to visit our school website for information and updates/photos about what the children have been up to.

<http://www.corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/website/>


### School Car Parking


Please note that the school car park is for authorised staff only during the hours of 8am and 4pm. If you are dropping off at Kids' Club, please park and walk.

Thank you for your cooperation.


### Silent Disco: Music Across the Decades!

Join us for a night of fun, dance and nostalgia at our Silent Disco! Groove to the best tunes from across the decades – from the 70s to today – all through your own set of headphones.

 Date: Saturday, 22nd February 2025

 Time: 7:00 PM

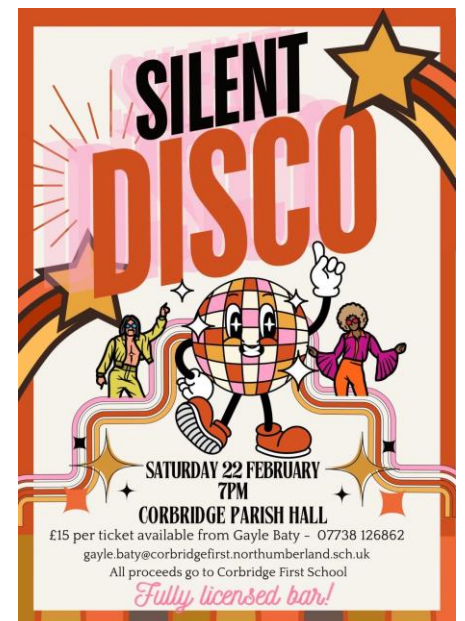
 Location: Corbridge Parish Hall

 Entry: £15 (includes FREE glow sticks!)

All proceeds will go towards Corbridge First School's fundraising effort for new laptops. Your ticket will help bring technology to the classroom, so let's dance for a great cause! Get your glow on and boogie for a good cause. See you there!

Tickets available from Gayle Baty.

[gayle.baty@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:gayle.baty@corbridgefirst.northumberland.sch.uk) or 07738 126862



## Additional Information & Reminders

### Family First

Please see the link to access your free copy of Family First, the UK's largest parenting magazine.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue1-25>



### Sporting Journey's with Mr Thompson: February Half Term

## 24TH TO 28TH FEBRUARY WEEK OF SPORTS

WITH MR THOMPSON

FOOTBALL | DODGEBALL | CRICKET  
ROUNDERS | TAG | WATER FIGHTS  
COMPETITIONS & MORE



NEW  
VENTURE

9AM TO 3PM | £50 FOR THE WEEK  
@CORBRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL  
ALL PUPILS WELCOME (REC- YR 6)  
PACKED LUNCH/ DRINKS REQUIRED  
TO BOOK, CONTACT MR. THOMPSON 07801821112

## Music Partnership North (MPN) - Musical Opportunities

Our Hub partner, Newcastle Music Service has a number of opportunities that are open to schools within Northumberland. Please take a moment to read through the three events below and if you have any further queries please email [georgina.biddle@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:georgina.biddle@newcastle.gov.uk)

- **Primary Music Day at the Glasshouse - 31st January 2025**

Last few remaining places available on this **inspiring training day** designed towards building confidence in non-specialist classroom teachers. Our keynote speaker and facilitator is Jimmy Rotherham from Feversham Primary School, and we'll also be joined by other practitioners to support and upskill you throughout the day with workshops, round table discussions and ideas to integrate music technology into the classroom.

Places are **£65 per person** and include lunch and refreshments, supported and subsidised by North and South of Tyne and Darlington Music Education Hub members (Newcastle, North Tyneside and Sunderland)

For more information or to book follow the link: [Primary Music: Confidence in the Classroom Tickets, Fri 31 Jan 2025 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

- **North East Festival of Languages (FREE) - Deadline for registration 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

This year's Festival song is **What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong** and has been translated into over 24 different languages! The festival is a wonderful celebration of all the different languages in Newcastle and once again we'll be aiming to collate together a **virtual performance** from schools all across the North East.

Register for resources before 14<sup>th</sup> February and film's submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> March.

More information about getting involved follow the link: <https://expressyourselfne.com/song/>. To register your interest and to receive resources, [complete the form linked here](#).

- **Big Gig 2025: Sounds of the Seventies! Friday 20th June 2025 (FREE)**

We are thrilled to announce that registration for next year's Big Gig is now open! Our theme this year is **Sounds of the Seventies** and we have ten popular songs capturing the decade of disco, funk and revolutionary music. We're able to accommodate up to two classes in the Vertu Motors Arena (eg. 60 pupils or one year group depending on school numbers) but we'll also be livestreaming the event on our YouTube channel.

To receive instrumental parts, lyrics and song arrangements, register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PEbzZhvhuf>.

**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
<b><u>January 2025</u></b>		
Friday 24	Football Festival with Mr Thompson 3:45pm at QEHS	Information will be passed on to parents of those children attending
Friday 31	Rainbow Day	More information to follow
<b><u>February 2025</u></b>		
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 10th - Thursday 20th	STEM Fortnight	
Tuesday 11th	Safer Internet Day	
Thursday 13th	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Basketball @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Monday 17th	Professor Brainstorm Workshop	More information to follow
Thursday 20th	STEM Open Day (Years 1-4) at 2.30pm (Nursery & Reception) at 3.00pm	More information to follow
Thursday 20th	Last Day of Spring Term 1 Break up for February half term	
Friday 21st	Teacher Training Day <i>*school closed to children</i>	
Saturday 22nd	Silent Disco	£15 per ticket 7pm at Corbridge Parish Hall.
<b><u>March 2025</u></b>		
Monday 3rd	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 5th	Year 4 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Thursday 6th	World Book Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 12th	Year 3 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow

Wednesday 19th March	Year 2 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Tuesday 25th	KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Football @ CFS (PM)	More information to follow
Wednesday 26th	Year 1 - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
<b><u>April 2025</u></b>		
Tuesday 1st	Spring Music Concert at 1.30pm (choir and musicians)	More information to follow
Wednesday 2nd	Reception - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Monday 7th	Year 3: Presentation from Peter Nutsford	More information to follow
Wednesday 9th	Nursery - Bring a Parent to Lunch	More information to follow
Friday 11th	Easter Service at St Andrew's Church at 1.30pm.	More information to follow
Friday 11th	Last Day of Spring Term 2 Break up for Easter holidays	
Monday 28th	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 1	
<b><u>May 2025</u></b>		
Monday 5th	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 22nd	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Athletics @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
Thursday 22nd May - Friday 23rd May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	Consent and deposit issued.
Friday 23rd	Last Day of Summer Term 1 Break up for May half term	
<b><u>June 2025</u></b>		
Monday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Summer Term 2	
Wednesday 18th June	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	More information to follow
Tuesday 24th June	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow

<b><u>July 2025</u></b>		
Tuesday 8th	Transfer day	
Friday 18th	Last Day of Summer Term 2 Break up for Summer holidays <b>School Closes at 1:30pm</b>	
<b>September 2025</b>		
Tuesday 2nd	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 1	