



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 4 October 2024

Dear Families,

What a busy and exciting week we have had. October is going to be so much fun!

Walk to School Month is now underway so please do send any photographs of you being out and about, making the most of the beautiful autumn weather. October is also Black History Month. It has been lovely to walk around school and see the children immersed in their learning. We have a special visitor coming into school to support this, as well as a number of planned activities in class and during worship time. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook, Instagram and X accounts for updates!

Speaking of history, the children throughout school are loving our new enquiry-based approach to the curriculum. In each lesson our historians answer a question using artefacts and sources to help them. Year 1 were learning all about the very first locomotive, something hugely relevant to the North East, and were astonished that it could outrun the horses! This inspired some super drama in class. Year 4 were investigating the role of women in ancient Greek society and were outraged by their findings - which tied in wonderfully with our ongoing work on the Protected Characteristics and gender stereotypes. We have been so impressed by the children's questions and enthusiasm for the subject. More information on the whole curriculum can be found on the school website.

Can you believe that we even managed to find time to celebrate World Poetry Day? We all learnt class poems and performed these in worship. This is always such a special time together. The theme of this year's day was 'Numbers!', and the children astonished us with some funny poems and excellent counting. I hope some of these were shared at home, too.

Finally, I do have some lovely news to share with you. Mrs. Carruthers welcomed her baby boy into the world yesterday! Hector Flinn Carruthers arrived weighing 7lb 11oz. We are all queuing up for cuddles and just can't wait to meet him! Mum and Hector are both doing well.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

S Hart & E Florek

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week: 96.7%

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 with 98.5%	Year 2 with 97.7%	Year 3 with 96%



School Dinners

Week beginning Monday 7 October 2024 for Autumn Term, will be Week 2 of our [menu](#)

Additional Information:

- **Tynedale Hospice At Home Fundraiser - Letters from Santa**
Please see the attachment to the newsletter for more details on how to order a personalised Letter from Santa.
- **Rotary Christmas Toy Box Appeal**
Please see the attachment to the newsletter for more details on how to help families in crisis, who are placed in a refuge for Christmas.
- **Tynedale Junior Jockey Club**
Please see the attachment to the newsletter for more details on taster sessions for Year 3 and Year 4 children, and how to sign up.

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
October 2024		
1 - 31 October	Walk to School Month	Parentmail issued 2/10/24 & weekly reminders will follow
1 - 31 October	Black History Month	
Thursday 3	National Poetry Day	
Week of Monday 7	Walk to School Month - Keeping Active *Focusing on completing a daily mile of the track during the school day	
Thursday 10	Individual and sibling photographs	Change of date
Thursday 10	World Mental Health Day	
Friday 11	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church (1:30pm)	Parentmail issued.
Sunday 13	CFS Choir Singing at St Andrew's Church (10:30am)	
Week of Monday 14	Walk to School Month - Out & About *Children encouraged to ride their scooter or go on a bike ride, take a photo & send it into school	
Tuesday 15	KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Rugby at Corbridge Rugby Club (PM)	Parentmail issued.

Friday 18 October	Ninja Skipping Health Workshop	
Week of Monday 21	Parent Consultation Week	Parentmail Issued, plus paper copy sent home
Tuesday 22	Happy Shoesday *Children to come to school wearing shoes which make them happy. Voluntary donations accepted for the "Living Streets" road safety charity	
Thursday 24	Last day of Autumn Term 1: Break up for October half term	
Friday 25	Teacher Training Day *School Closed to Children	
<u>November 2024</u>		
Friday 1	Teacher Training Day *School Closed to Children	
Monday 4	School Re-Opens for Autumn Term 2	
Tuesday 5	Special Bonfire Lunch *menu to be chosen by Year 4	Parentmail form will be sent out to children on packed lunch
Friday 8	School Tour - for new Nursery/Reception 2025 intake (10am)	
Friday 22	Year 2 Visit to Newcastle Central Mosque	More information to follow
Friday 29 November - Tuesday 3 December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church	
Friday 29	School Choir Singing at St Andrew's Church - Christmas Tree Festival (1:30pm)	
<u>December 2024</u>		
Friday 29 November - Tuesday 3 December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church	
Thursday 12	School Trip - Queens Hall	More information to follow
Friday 20	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church (9:30am)	More information to follow
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	Year 3 Visit to Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Newcastle	More information to follow
<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	
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	KS1 - Federation Sports Event - Athletics @ BFS (PM)	More information to follow
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	Year 4: Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Tuesday 24	KS1 & KS2 - Federation Sports Event - Cricket @ Corbridge Cricket Club	More information to follow

<u>July 2025</u>		
Friday 18 Friday 18 July	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	