



WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yes I Can!



Our School

**February
2025**

We have had another great month here at West End.

It has been packed full of exciting trips and events and lots and lots of great learning.

The children have worked so hard and are definitely ready for a well-deserved week off. Staff are too!

We hope you have a lovely week and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3 March when we start our fabulous Dinosaur themed writing week.

*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 2, 9 & 5**
Attendance (the class with the best attendance that week): **Elm, Rowan &**

Chestnut.

Staff (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Ms Ryder, who has moved from pillar to post at a moments notice to cover absences and all with the usual smile on her face.**

Safeguarding

Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13 +	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)

Safeguarding message



Mrs Waters
DDSL



Mrs McLeod
DDSL



Mrs Dey
DSL



Miss Maddison
DDSL



Mr Chapman
Safeguarding
Governor

Child neglect is the most common form of child abuse in the UK and robs children of their childhood. As [Action for Children](#) note, “When an adult doesn’t support them it means they can be unsafe, unhealthy, unloved and uncared for.”

If you have concerns, contact one of the team above or Northumberland Social Services: 01670 536400.

Parental substance misuse Source: NSPCC

The NSPCC has published a news story on contacts to its helplines concerning parental substance misuse. Figures show: the NSPCC Helpline received an average of 31 contacts a day in 2023/24 by UK adults worried about the impact of a parent or carer’s substance misuse on a child; and Childline delivered 440 counselling sessions in 2023/24 with children and young people who were worried about their parent’s substance misuse. The news story also includes advice for children living with alcohol or substance misuse.

Read the news story: [Our Helpline is contacted more than 30 times a day about parental substance misuse](#)

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:

Parents evenings – 2nd & 9th April

Reception Stay and Play:

Thursday 10th April @ 9am

Thursday 22nd May @ 9am

Thursday 12th June @9am

Y6 Arithmetic stay and learn with your child:

Thursday 13 March 9 – 9:30

Wednesday 26 March 9 – 9:30

Thursday 10 April 9 – 9:30

Class assemblies:

Y2 – March 21st @ 9am

Y4 – April 10th @ 9am

Y3 – May 22nd @ 9am

Y5 – May 23rd @ 9am

Reception – June 26th @ 9am

Nursery – July 2nd @ 9am

Y1 – July 4th @ 9am

Y6 – July 16th @ 2pm

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.

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.



Opening hours

Friday 25 October – school closes for Autumn half term

Monday 4 November – school opens for all

Thursday 19 December – school closes for End of Autumn

Tuesday 7 January – school opens for children

Friday 21 February – school closes for Spring half term

Monday 3 March – school opens for all

Friday 11 April – school closes for Spring end of term

Monday 28 April – school opens for all

Monday 5 May – closed for bank holiday

Friday 23 May – school closes for Summer half term

Monday 2 June – school opens for all

Friday 6 June – school closed to children for teacher training

Friday 18 July – school closes for Summer end of term

Diary Dates

Monday 3 March – Writing week – Dinosaur theme

Wednesday 5 March – Y3/4 Gymnastics event

Friday 7 March – Parents in for writing week event

Wednesday 12 March – Y6 Lego League competition

Friday 21 March - Y2 class assembly @ 9am

Wednesday 26 March – Y4 residential to Robinwood

Wednesday 26 March – Y1 trip to Beamish

Wednesday 2 & 9 April – Parents evenings

Thursday 10 April – Y4 class assembly @ 9am

Monday 12 May – Y6 SATs week

Monday 19 May – Y1 Alnwick Castle trip

Wednesday 21 May – Y6 residential to Edinburgh

Thursday 22 May – Y3 class assembly @ 9am & Egyptian day

Friday 23 May – Y5 class assembly @ 9am

Friday 20 June – Whole school Big Gig – sounds of the 70s day

Monday 23 June – Wellbeing & 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

Wednesday 2 July – Nursery class assembly @ 9am

Friday 4 July – Y1 class assembly @ 9am

Wednesday 9 July – Y6 leavers' play to parents @5pm

Wednesday 16 July – Y6 leavers assembly to parents @2pm

Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed using puppets to tell stories, pencil control and other fine motor activities.



Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed making puppet theatres, a visit from the police and having parents in to support development of fine motor skills.



Sycamore class

Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed maths, jobs day and wearing a scarf to school for anti-bullying awareness week.



Hazel class

Y2

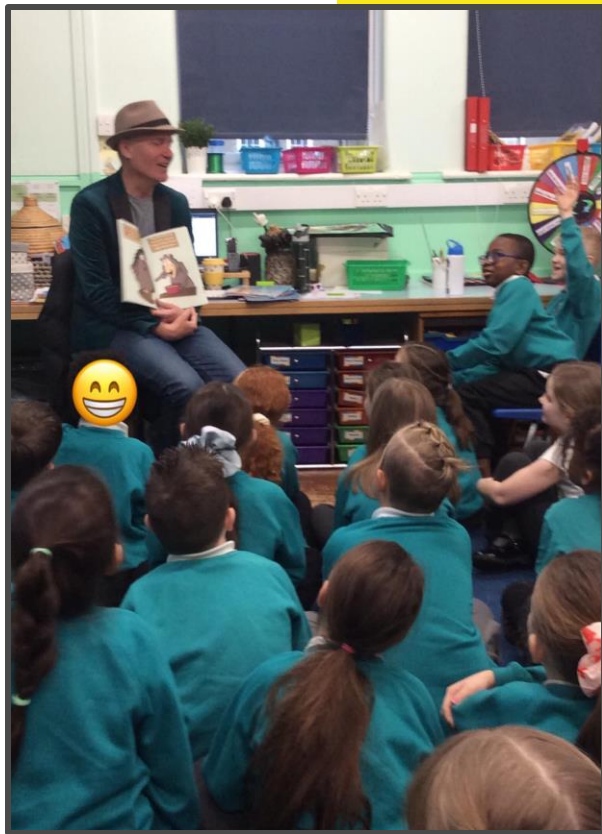


Year 2 children have enjoyed creating water colours, Beatrix Potter Day, and investigating with materials.



Oak class Y3

Year 3 have enjoyed
a visit from local
author Toby Glover.



Chestnut & Elm class

Y4

Chestnut and Elm class have enjoyed the wellbeing festival, going on a local walk, the Stephenson Railway Museum and printing in the style of William Morris.



Rowan class

Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed investigating the measurement of force and really enjoyed being allowed to 'safely' climb on tables to investigate parachutes.



Cedar class

Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed Maya day, being temples and they all got stuck in grinding and tasting chocolate.



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. The children loved this week's cooking club where they made chocolate fountain treats. The children love coming!

Open from 7:30am to 6pm.
Please book through the school office



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.

They recently organised a meeting with me to discuss lunchtimes and they had some great ideas on improvements which we have now implemented.

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. The recent Bake Sale was a great success and 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.

Thank you to all of our lovely family members who donated cakes for the Bake Sale. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated.
