

# WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Yes I Can!*



We have had a great month at West End!

Children and staff have worked so hard and they all deserve a very relaxing week off.

It has been amazing to see so many of you in our classrooms in maths lessons. The children have loved you being in. We hope to give you more opportunities to come and share in your child's learning soon.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you on Monday 4 November when the crazy half term begins!

Miss Ward  
Headteacher

## Our School

**October  
2024**



***This week we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Blaikie who has been a great asset to our school for many years.***

***We wish her all the best for the future in her new job.***

























## **Shout outs!**

### ***Celebrating excellence across school***

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 2, 6 and 11**  
**Attendance** (the class with the best attendance that week): **Rowan, Chestnut & Hazel**  
**Staff** (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs Claire Cheesman for all the extra work she does for the school with the PTFA.**

# Safeguarding

## Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13 +	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)
 GoBubble	 Facebook	 WhatsApp	 Meow Chat	 flickr
 PopJam	 Instagram	 Telegram	 Meet Me	 YouTube
 GRAM SOCIAL	 Tumbler		 Tinder	 Spotify
	 Twitter			
	 skype			
	 iTunes			
	 Pinterest			
	 MyLOL			
	 Wink			
	 Snapchat			
	 TikTok			
	 reddit			
	 ASKfm			
		17+		

## Safeguarding message



Mrs Waters  
DSL



Mrs McLeod  
DSL



Miss Ward  
DSL



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.

### Domestic Abuse

Every day, children and young people experience domestic abuse at home and can suffer a wide range of severe and long-lasting effects. Witnessing domestic violence can have a profound direct and/or indirect impact on children and young people. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result.

What is your child witnessing?

# Attendance Target 96% +

Beech	Sycamore	Hazel	Oak
93.7%	92.1%	95.8%	91.4%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
96.3%	94.8%	97%	92.6%
Whole school			
94.1%			

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.

# Important Upcoming Events to Note:

Nursery and Reception stay and learn sessions – a great chance to see the Curiosity Approach in practice and learn with your child.

Remembrance Parade – Our Y2 children always do us proud when they walk the parade and lay the wreath. Please join us if you can.

Wellbeing Week – We really enjoy these weeks in school and children enjoy not having homework to complete and all of the wellbeing activities in school.

Reception vision screening

## 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

Tuesday 5 to Friday 15 November – Reception stay and play sessions

Sunday 10 November – Y2 Remembrance Parade

Monday 11 November – Wellbeing Week

Tuesday 12 November – Reception vision screening

Monday 2 December – EYFS Winter Wonderland visit

Monday 9 December – Walking Nativity visiting school

Wednesday 11 December– Y1 & 2 Nativity @ 9am /11am

Wednesday 11 December– Y5 & 6 Carols by Candlelight @ 4pm

Tuesday 19 November – School Book Fair

Thursday 12 December– Y1 & 2 Nativity @ 9am

Thursday 12 December– Christmas Jumper and dinner day

Friday 13 December Y1 & 2 Panto

Tuesday 17 December– Reception Nativity @ 9:30/ 2pm

Tuesday 17 December– Y5 & 6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18 December– Y3, 4 & 5 Panto

Wednesday 18 December– Nursey Nativity @ 9:15

Wednesday 18 December - Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18 December– Y6 Panto

Thursday 19 December– Y3 Christmas party

Monday 6 January – school closed for training day

Monday 3 March – Writing week

Wednesday 26 March – Y4 residential to Robinwood

Monday 31 March – wellbeing week

Wednesday 21 May – Y6 residential to Edinburgh

# Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed having parents in during maths week and stay and play sessions, lunchtime in the big hall and mixing colours.



# Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed having parents in during maths week and for stay and play sessions, learning outdoors, working on fine motor skills, listening to stories read by year 6, creating patterns and being independent.

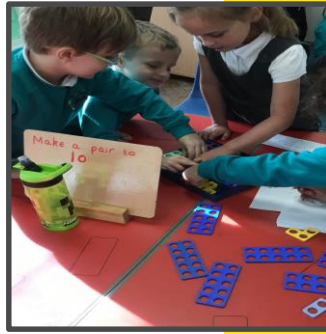




# Sycamore class

## Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed having parents in during maths week, carving pumpkins, the local walk and having lots of fun learning maths.



# Hazel class

## Y2

Year 2 children have enjoyed having parents in during maths week, their visit to the RNLI to learn about water safety, the trip to Washington Wildfowl and so much learning about Grace Darling.



# Oak class Y3

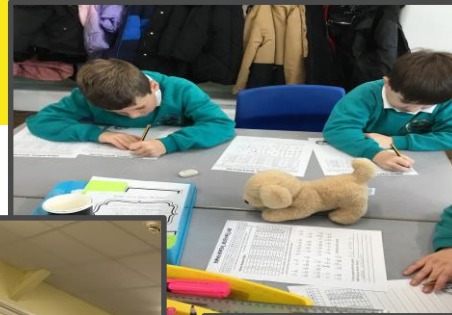
Year 3 have enjoyed having parents in for maths lessons and to talk about their jobs during maths week, one footed balances in PE and saying no to racism.



# Chestnut & Elm class

## Y4

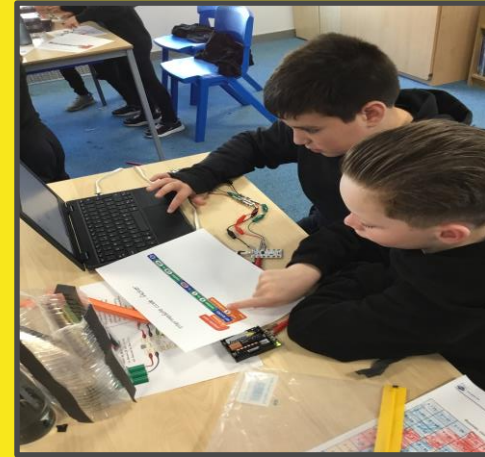
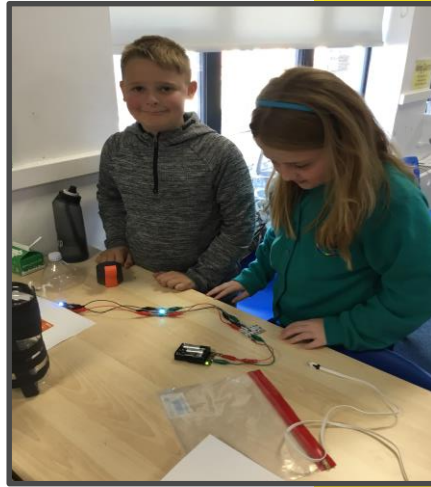
Chestnut and Elm class have enjoyed having parents in during maths week, saying no to racism, rugby sessions with the Newcastle Falcons, learning about privacy on social media and making Roman mosaics.



# Rowan class

## Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed having parents in during maths week. Saying no to racism and measuring, sawing and glueing in preparation for making Anderson Shelters as part of the World War 2 topic.



# Cedar class

## Y6

Year 6 have enjoyed having parents in during maths week, saying no to racism and experimenting with yeast. They have found the Lego League challenge quite tricky but they didn't give up!



# 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 the fabulous Spa night and they always enjoy the weekly cooking and craft club. The children love coming!

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



# Voice of the School Council

*The school council have been working on organising playground games and equipment for playtimes.*

*They have decided on which equipment will be used which day and have made posters to inform the whole school.*

*They have also been looking at creating a questions and suggestions book for each class so the they really can get the whole class views to take to meetings.*

*What a great start!*

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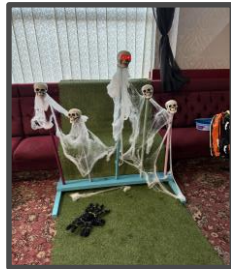


# All things PTFA

*A very big thank you to the parents who volunteered to work the Halloween Disco. It was a wonderful event and the costumes were amazing!*

*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 for all your kind donations – every bit helps!*