



# WEST END PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Yes I Can!*



## Our School

**December  
2024**

We have had a fabulous month filled with lots of festivities and laughter. Here at West End we provide a positive environment where talents are nurtured and celebrated. The performances this year have been outstanding and we are so proud of each and every one of the children who took part.

We are already looking forward to the New Year and all the exciting things we have planned for your children.

Have a fabulous time and we will see you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Miss Ward  
Headteacher



Have a wonderful  
Christmas and a very  
Happy New Year!

***Enjoy family time!***

## Shout outs!

### *Celebrating excellence across school*

**Top table** (children showing lovely manners at lunchtime): **tables 10 and 3**

























**Attendance** (the class with the best attendance that week): **Elm & Sycamore.**

**Staff** (the staff member who deserves recognition): **Mrs Madgwick & Mrs Smith**  
**for giving up weekend time with their families to support the children**  
**sing at the Bedlington Christmas Lights switch on.**



# 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			
	 ask.fm			
		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
92.7%	93.6%	96.1%	92.4%
Chestnut	Elm	Rowan	Cedar
95.6%	94.8%	96.9%	93.5%
Whole school			
94.4%			

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:

School closed: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

School opens to children: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Safety Works Trip – Y6

Wellbeing week

## 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 6 January – school closed for training day

Tuesday 7 January – school opens to children

Thursday 9 January – Y6 Safety Works Trip

Monday 10 February – wellbeing week

Friday 14 February – Y4 trip to Stephenson Steam Railway

Monday 3 March – Writing week

Friday 7 March – Parents in for writing week event

Wednesday 12 March – Y6 Lego League competition

Wednesday 26 March – Y4 residential to Robinwood

Monday 12 May – Y6 SATs week

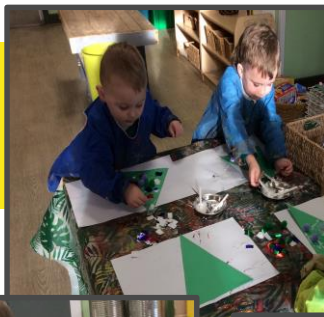
Wednesday 21 May – Y6 residential to Edinburgh

Friday 20 June – Y6 Royal Navy workshop

Monday 23 June – wellbeing week

# Apple class Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed making Christmas trees, fairy lights, wrapping presents and had lots of fun with the Tiddlywinks visit.



# Beech class Reception

Reception have enjoyed a Winter Wonderland visit from Tiddlywinks. They loved Christmas jumper and dinner day, outdoor learning exploring winter, working with the tools and a marble jar treat for making good choices.





# Sycamore class

## Y1

Year 1 children have enjoyed the festivities, making calendars, receiving a visit from Santa and performing in It's a Baby! They were marvellous!



# Hazel class

## Y2

Year 2 children have enjoyed making Christmas stockings in DT, Christmas party and performing in It's a baby. They were excellent!



# Oak class Y3

Year 3 have enjoyed Northumberland Day, a visit from Santa and performing in the Inn Crowd; they were amazing!



# Chestnut & Elm class

## Y4

Chestnut and Elm class have enjoyed making pan pipes for their science topic of sound. They were excellent at Chester Court where they sang carols to the residents and made Christmas cards. They loved their visit from Santa, singing at Birkinshaw Manor and were excellent in their Inn Crowd performance.



# Rowan class

## Y5

Rowan class have enjoyed learning through spelling shed and Christmas jumper and dinner day. They were fantastic during the Carols by Candlelight at Trinity Church.



# Cedar class Y6



Year 6 have enjoyed making savoury egg muffins, Christmas jumper and dinner day, a visit from Santa, a party and the Lego League. They were fabulous at the Carols by Candlelight at Trinity Church



# 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 continue to work 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 volunteer to support the PTFA as well as the PTFA members. Because of you and the kind donations from our lovely parents our whole school attended pantomimes this month. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.*

*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!*

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