



# FEBRUARY 2026

## NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end, the children have worked incredibly hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest!

Some highlights from this half term have been taking part in a National Storytelling Week event organised by Northumberland Libraries. The children enjoyed working with author and musician, Beth Guiver



This week we have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week and thought about belonging and 'places to be' where we feel safe. We enjoyed a 'dress to make you feel happy' day and ate some delicious cakes. Thank you for all of your kind donations. We have raised £65.70 which will go towards buying resources for the children linked to mental health. Our mental health competition was also a great success. Nearly all our children entered. It was so difficult choosing winners.

### MENTAL HEALTH COMPETITION WINNERS



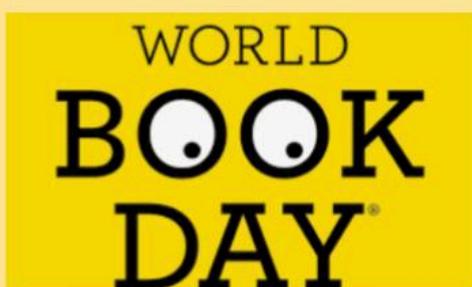
We have celebrated Safer Internet Day this half term and explored ways in which we can stay safe online. We have also completed another of our 'celebrate a religion' days and have been learning about the festival of Lohri.

We had a fun day with Dare2B Different on the 23rd January organised by the PTA. There were some amazing outfits and fabulous hair.

### DARE 2B DIFFERENT



### WORLD BOOK DAY



#### World Book Day 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026 with.....

##### **A Book for Bedtime**

The children can come into school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite book to share with a friend.

##### **The Character on a plate competition.**

Turn an ordinary paper plate into your favourite book character. One winner will be chosen from each year group to win a prize.

##### **Surprise guest readers**

Any willing volunteers available on 5th March, please let us know.

### PTA NEWS (A message from Leanne Macpherson)

“Thank you for your continued support, it’s always much appreciated. We would really like some feedback back from children and parents on how you’d like donations to be spent. This can be done via the PTA social media page or via the email address - [rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com](mailto:rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com)”

Thanks, Leanne, Jen and Grace

### NEW ARRIVALS

We are very pleased to welcome Noah, Nell, Ashton, Evie Mai, Scarlett , April, Emily, Charlie and Lucas. They have joined classes in Nursery, Y1 or Y2. We hope they are enjoying their time with us.

Mrs Evans, our EY teacher, has settled in well and the Nursery and Reception children are thoroughly enjoying themselves as you can see from some of the photos below.



### DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Class	Event
5th March	All classes	World Book Day
12th March	Year 2	Alliance multi skills at Longhorsley First School. Details tbc.
17th March	Reception	Heights and weights
17th March	All classes	Parents evening
30th March	N/R	Easter Stay and Play 2- 3pm
w/c 30th March	All classes	PTA Easter egg hunt Details tbc.
2nd April	All Classes	School Closes for Easter Holiday

### WINTER ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by winter illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting and influenza. In order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

### **FOREST SCHOOL/PE**

Y3 children will continue with Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the half term holiday. Please can the children have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days.

N/R will have PE on a Thursday and forest school on a Tuesday

Y1/2 will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

Y3/4 will be having PE on Friday

### **SWIMMING**

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin again in the summer term for Y1/2.

### **TRIDENT**

There will be no Trident this half term

### **LEGO CLUB**

Lego brick club will begin on Monday 23rd February 3.15 - 4.15. Please make sure you have signed up for this club before starting.

### **SENSORY VOICES CLUB**

Starting date to be confirmed

### **WRAPAROUND**

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Friday 20th February between 9-12am**

### **WINTER WEATHER:**

Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

**WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES:** If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 23rd February at 8.45am.**

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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