



JULY 2026

NEWSLETTER

Here we are again at the end of another very busy year.

Thank you so much for supporting us with all of our different activities this term.

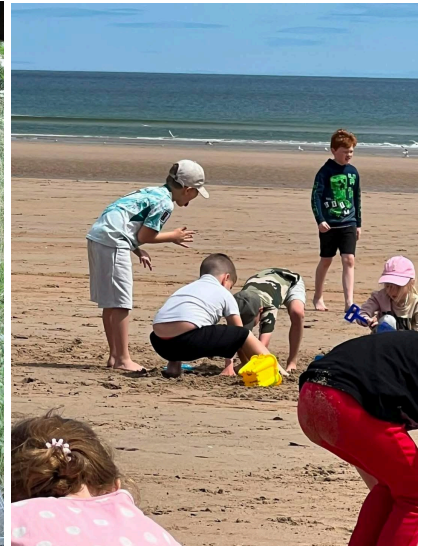
A special thank you goes out to all our volunteers who have given up their time to help with reading, swimming and so much more. We really do appreciate every bit of help.

The Y4s enjoyed their visit to Lifepath this term and had an amazing time at Newby Wiske .





Years 1 - 3 had a fabulous day at Druridge Bay Country Park and the beach. We enjoyed bird watching, a nature trail and fun building sandcastles and playing games on the beach topped off with an ice lolly.



The choir performed brilliantly at the Rothbury music festival coming joint third! Well done to all of our children who were involved.



Thank you to those of you who came along to a meeting for Reception children starting in September. It was an opportunity to meet the EY teacher Mrs Evans., We hope you found the meeting informative.

Our end of year concert was another fabulous event. Thank you to all our staff, pupils and volunteers who helped to make it a great success. As usual many tears were shed but there were many funny moments too. The children really excelled and we were very proud of them. We have had some really positive comments from parents which have been very much appreciated thank you.



Alliance - This half term our Y4s have attended the Alliance games at Ponteland County Primary School

The girls football event at Stanington First School was very successful.

Last week we had a wonderful teddy bears picnic with around 170 Reception children from the Alliance schools joining in with us. The morning was filled with activities and ended with the arrival of the ice cream van.



Future dates of activities will be confirmed next term

PTA - A message from Leanne Macpherson

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,
As another fantastic school year comes to an end, the Friends of Rothbury First School PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all of our children, parents, families, friends and members of staff for your continued support and fundraising throughout the year.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we have been able to provide a range of wonderful experiences and resources for the children, including:

- A Christmas pantomime - a huge success that all the children loved!
- School leavers' hoodies
- Halloween and Sports Day treats
- Competition prizes
- A donation of £2,000 towards the school's fantastic new play equipment

A very special thank you goes to Jen, whose dedication and hard work in organising our hugely successful bingo night helped raise over £1,000 this year. Your commitment has made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful.

We are also pleased to introduce your PTA committee for the coming year:

Chair: Leanne Macpherson

Secretary: Anna Sturrock

Treasurer: Grace Singleton

While we are excited for another year of fundraising and creating memorable experiences for our children, we are always looking for more volunteers to join us. Whether you can spare a little time at events, help with planning, or simply share new ideas, every contribution makes a difference. The more people we have involved, the more we can achieve for our school community.

Looking ahead to next year, we hope to fund a special National Trust visitors' pass to support class trips, as well as a new school sports kit so our children can look smart and feel proud as they represent Rothbury First School at Alliance events.

Finally, thank you once again for making this our most successful year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to working together to make next year even bigger and better.

Best wishes,

Leanne, Grace, Anna & Jen

The Friends of Rothbury First School PTA

GOODBYES

Today we are saying a fond farewell to all our Year 4 children. In the last few weeks they have all been able to take part in transition activities, so they hopefully feel ready and confident to move on to the next stage of their education. They have really enjoyed their leavers lunch at La Mensa today and they have shared some very happy memories in class and through their leaver's concert. We are always sad when our Year 4s leave but we know they are ready and excited about moving on.

We have also said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Kular. Since joining Rothbury First she has taught in most year groups but she has now decided to move on. We hope she has a lovely summer with her young family. We are also saying goodbye to Ms Holding, she will also be greatly missed but she is moving on with her TA career and we are so pleased for her, we wish her well.

And it is now time to say goodbye to Evie Mai and Ashton who are moving on. We hope they have many happy adventures in their new school.

HELLOS

We look forward to welcoming Mr Reilly back in September. He will be working in Y3/4 supporting Mrs Maylia.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

All the children have had time in their new classrooms with their new teachers and they are already looking forward to moving up. Just a reminder that Y3 and Y4 parents line up with their children at the main door and Y1 and Y2 at the lower school door. Nursery and Reception will line up at the Nursery door as usual. At the end of the day children will leave from the same door.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has followed our request to use the safer cycle route around the playground and dismount from bikes and scooters at the stop sign. This is a safeguarding issue and dismounting has certainly made a difference.

On arrival at school all children should stay with their parents, please do not allow your children onto the tyres or the field or even behind the kitchen. These are unsupervised areas.

A reminder that **all** children need to be dropped off at the school doors in the mornings - this includes Y3 and Y4. Only Y4s can walk home after school and only **after signing** a parental permission letter. The letter will be sent out to be signed at the beginning of next term.

PARKING

Please note the arrangements for parking as stated in previous emails:

Only staff, visitors, school transport, deliveries, Blue Badge disabled registration and those who have an arrangement with the Headteachers, will be permitted to bring vehicles into the car park at the following times:

8.15 – 9.15am

2.30 – 3.30pm

KIDS WITH BRICKS CLUB

Mrs Newman will be running Lego Club for Y1 - Y4 starting on Monday 7th September from 3.15 - 4.15pm. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK. As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

BOOK ONLINE! - The club costs £3.99 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

Any problems, please contact us on bookings@kidswithbricks.com

PE/SWIMMING/FOREST SCHOOL

All children from Reception to Year 4 should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. (navy or black shorts, red T shirt and PE shoes or trainers, red hoodies are also available)

Rec - Tuesday Forest School (they may need warm layers and wellies for outdoors)
Thursday PE

Y1/2 - Wednesday Forest School (they may need warm layers and wellies for outdoors)
Monday PE

Y3/4 - Swimming on Wednesday starting on 9th September
Friday PE

CLUBS

TRIDENT FOOTBALL Club

Football will begin on Wednesday 9th September 3.15 - 4.15

RUNNING CLUB

Mrs Auld will be organising a running club which will take place on a Tuesday after school during the first half of the autumn term. This will be open to children in Y1-4. The first session will be on Tuesday 8th September and will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we please remind you that it is an expectation that children wear the school uniform. Please check the uniform policy which is on the school website if you are unsure.

If you require uniform or school bags with logos then, items can be ordered through the website below, but plain red jumpers or red cardigans can also be worn.

<https://www.cloud9leisure.co.uk/rothbury-first-school>

If you are thinking of having your children's ears pierced can we also remind you that jewellery including earrings should not be worn in school so have them pierced at the beginning of the holidays so that the earrings can be removed before returning to school.

WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please book your sessions using the MCAS app or text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday - term time and the Friday of the last week of the holidays. 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 Tuesday 1st September**

WATER BOTTLES

Please can you ensure that water bottles contain water only, no juices or smoothies.

We wish all of our children and their families a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September**.

If you need to contact school urgently for any reason before then, please use our email addresses as these are still monitored during the holidays:



School Office: **admin@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk**

Headteachers: **cheryl.auld@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk**
helen.duffield@rothburyfirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Thank you so much for your kind words and generosity and best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine!

Mrs Auld and Mrs Duffield (Headteachers)

