BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parent Consultation meetings. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and to have the opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students together. These meetings are always a valuable time for us to reflect on achievements, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support.

Alongside recognising the progress and hard work of our young people, these meetings also serve as an important opportunity to set clear expectations around behaviour and attitudes to learning. We believe that by working together—school, students and families—we can continue to foster a positive and focused learning environment for all.

Please remember that our Halloween Roller Disco is coming up on Sunday 1st November - 2-4pm at Wentworth Leisure Centre. This is such a fantastic event, full of energy, creativity and community spirit. Thank you, in advance, to the staff, students and parents who help make it such a memorable afternoon, and for the brilliant costumes I know will be on display. We love every minute of roller skating and are so proud of the children's resilience when it comes to learning to skate. I will see you there!

Walk to School Month concluded this week with the Broomhaugh Bright Bus and the children coming to school in fluorescent and reflective accessories, fitting in with the message of, "Be Bright, Be Seen!" This is so important as the clocks go back this weekend and the darker nights begin to draw in. Thank you for all of the wonderful photos you have shared throughout the month of your adventures out and about!

It has been such a wonderful half term - full of learning, fun, adventures and discoveries. Everyone is ready for a good rest and some family fun.

Have a lovely break! Stay safe and enjoy any Halloween and/or bonfire night celebrations.

S Hart & N Burton
Executive Head Teacher / Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance :

1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1 & Year 4 99%	Reception 96.4%	Year 3 96.1%

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Forest School Update

The Red Squirrels (Reception), Moles (Year 1) and Badgers (Year 2) have all been enjoying lots of autumnal activities in Forest School this half term. There has been lots of discussions about what changes we see outside as autumn progresses, and we've enjoyed spotting the signs of autumn in our forest area. As always, we've had lots of visits from my friend the robin, but we have a new friend in the woods - Cyril the Squirrel is now a regular visitor, most likely attracted by the huge number of beech nuts we have this year.

All the children have had the chance to do berry painting with mashed up blackberries and elderberries; I suspect the best part of this activity is the actual berry mashing and mixing as this definitely goes on longer than the actual painting! Everyone has been given their very own unopened conker case, and enjoyed the thrill of opening them and being the first person in the world to see that particular conker. We all marvelled at the smoothness of the interior of the cases and the shininess of the brand new conkers. We were super excited to find some cases contained two conkers, and we even had one with four conkers inside! We have all made conker comets and loved taking them onto the field to see how far and how high we could throw them. Both classes have cooked toffee apple slices and s'mores on the campfire, and as always, cooking is one of the children's favourite activities. We've also enjoyed lots of games of Spot, Scatter and Foxy, Foxy, Can We Cross Your Field. Everyone had a chance this week to learn how to use a hammer safely. We hammered nails into a pumpkin, making sure we had a work glove on the hand holding the nail (we could also use a clothes peg to hold the nail in place), and then used the claw on the hammer to remove the nail afterwards.

The Red Squirrels group have also learned our Forest School Code and generally spent lots of time becoming familiar with the Forest School area and practicing getting in and out of the hammock without falling out! We have also pretended to be real squirrels and had an acorn hunt, and have played the Name Game and a wildlife matching picture game.

The Moles and Badgers have created lovely jewellery with elder beads (using palm drills to hollow out short lengths of elder sticks). We also used the palm drills to make holes through conkers, and made bracelets, necklaces and decorative hangings with them, using yarn and pipe cleaners too. They also impressed me with their observation and memory skills when we played the Photographic Memory Game. Last week they instigated their own jumping game when a few Year 2 boys built an enormous pile of leaves and branches. Everyone lined up to take turns to jump over it. Moments like this always give us a good opportunity to discuss the process of dynamic risk assessment. An important part of Forest School is learning to assess risk for ourselves so that we can try new things, whilst considering any potential dangers and working out ways to mitigate them.

I hope everyone has a super half term break,

Sarah Curtis (Forest School Leader)

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will still be available in school after the half term if you would like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion, we also have the following items in school if your child would like to buy:

Snapband - £1.00 / Zip pull - 50p / Reflector - 50p

The children can bring in money and will be able to choose an item in school.

Free School Meals
If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the Northumberland County Council website.
To apply, please complete this form via Northumberland County Council.

The Broomhaugh Bookshelf: Reading for Pleasure
Each Friday, a book for each Key Stage will be shared for reading recommendations, to inspire reading for pleasure across our school.

This week…… Wild Adventures

EYFS We're Going on a Bear Hunt — Michael Rosen

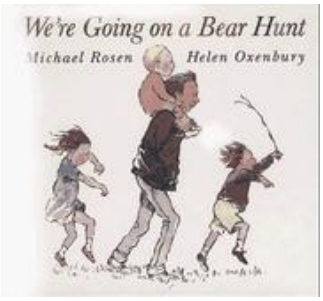
Join a family on an exciting bear hunt through grass, mud and snow. A wonderful story to join in with!

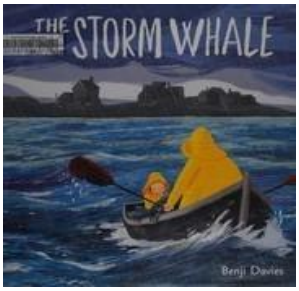
KS1 The Storm Whale — Benji Davies

Noi discovers a baby whale washed up on the beach. A beautiful story about friendship, family and caring for animals.

KS2 The Explorer — Katherine Rundell

Four children are stranded in the Amazon rainforest. Can they work together to survive and find their way home?







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Reminders for Music Equipment
Music Mondays **All Tuition will take place on Mondays commencing Monday 14 September.** **Guitar (am)/Violin & Trumpet (pm)** **Mr Reed will also be taking Reception and Year 3 & 4 for Singing** **Mr Vallance will be taking Year 1 & 2 for Pocket Trumpet lessons and tuition will be pm**
Reminders for Forest School Kit
Mondays Reception Class **Tuesdays Year 1 & 2** **Pupils please come to school in your forest school clothes on these days**
Reminder for Swimming Kit
Wednesdays for Year 3 & 4
Reminders for PE Kit
Thursdays Reception and Year 1 & 2 with Mr Thompson **Friday mornings Year 3 & 4 with Mr Thompson** **Pupils please come to school in your PE kit on these days**

Dates for your Diary

New dates have been added in red:

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 23	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
Saturday 24	School Star Photographer Photos to be ordered by today	Deadline Today! Information sent out
November		
Sunday 1	Halloween Roller Disco @ Wentworth 2-4pm	Information sent out
Monday 2	School Reopens	
Tuesday 3	Year 1 & 2 Visit to Discovery Museum, Newcastle	Information sent out
Wednesday 4	NHS Flu Nasal Spray	To those who have given consent
Thursday 5	Bonfire Themed Lunch Open Evening for Prospective Reception Pupils 2027	 5:00 – 5:30pm
Friday 6	Year 3 & 4 Bikeability Training Remember to bring in your Bikes and Helmets!	Information sent out and consent returned thank you!
Monday 9th	Open Morning for Prospective Reception Pupils 2027	09:00 – 09:30
Wednesday 11	Year 3 Family Lunch Worship for pupils at St James' Church Year 4 attending Hexham Abbey for Remembrance Service at 2pm – 2:45	11:30am Information to follow Information sent out

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Wednesday 18	Year 4 Family Lunch	11:30 am Information to follow
Wednesday 25	Worship for pupils at St James' Church	
Sunday 29	Adult Roller Skating Session 10am @ Wentworth	Information sent out
December		
Wednesday 9	Worship for pupils at St James' Church	
Thursday 17	Christmas Dinner Themed Lunch Nativity Service	 More Information to follow
Friday 18	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	School Closes from 1:30
January 2027		
Monday 4	School Reopens	
Thursday 14	Parent Workshop @ CFS – Emotional Regulation	2:30 – 3:30 Held at Corbridge First School
Friday 29	Rainbow Day Themed Lunch	
February		
Friday 12	Valentines Themed Lunch School Closes for Half Term	
Monday 22	School Reopens	
March		
Thursday 4	Parent Workshop @ CFS - Anxiety	2:30pm – 3:30pm Held at Corbridge First School
Thursday 25	Easter Themed Lunch School Closes for Easter Holidays	
April		
Monday 12	School Reopens	
Monday 26	Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle	
Tuesday 27	Year 4 Residential return	
May		
Monday 3	Bank Holiday	
Friday 28	School Closes for Half Term	
June		
Monday 7	School Reopens	
Friday 18	Teddy Bears Picnic Themed Lunch	
July		
Wednesday 14	Leavers Themed Lunch	
Friday 16	School Closes for Summer Holidays	School Closes 1:30
	School Reopens Thursday 7 September 2027	