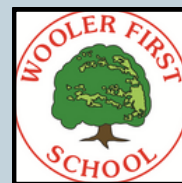




Wooler First School - Spring Newsletter 2025



Music lessons

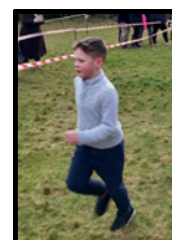
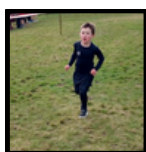
Cedar class are singing '10 green bottles' and playing a descending glissando after the bottles fall with a single 'crash' from drums and tambourines. All at the same time!

Oak class have been adding musical instruments to our singing - different instruments for each verse to match the story of the song. And what lovely singing too!



Bikeability

The children in Nursery, Oak class and Cherry class enjoyed having some lessons on how to ride balance bikes



Longridge Towers Cross Country

On Wednesday 12 March a group of Wooler First School athletes attended the annual First Schools Cross Country Event held at Longridge Towers School. We competed against schools from across the region and all of our children were fantastic, giving their all in their races and supporting each other brilliantly. It was a chilly (and in places muddy course) around the grounds at Longridge and we had several top 10 places and even two bronze medals for Ella and Alicia - well done girls! We finished the afternoon with drinks and goodies supplied by the kitchen staff at Longridge before the medal presentations. Special thanks to Rob Parson for accompanying us on this trip and to the family members who came along to support the children.



World Book Day

We all had a great day on World Book Day. The characters the children came dressed as were fantastic. Thankyou for making such a great effort!!

The best dressed children and the child who read in the most unusual place all received a book in assembly.



Chatton Fishery

Trout in the Classroom – Ben from the Tweed Foundation visited Maple Class and taught the students about trout in the River Tweed. The class had a tank with trout eggs, and the children did an excellent job caring for them. When the trout hatched into fry, we took a trip to Chatton Fishery to release them.



Girls Football Festival

The girls from year 3 and 4 went to Berwick to take part in a football festival with nearly 100 other girls. We had a great time and even won the crossbar challenge competition. We won a new football and 2 tickets to see Newcastle Ladies play Sunderland Ladies at St James' Park. We had to have a draw as everyone wanted the tickets and Abi from year 4 won. Well done girls!!



The children enjoyed cupcakes for Valentines Day and Comic Relief Day and biscuits on World Book Day



Spring at The Hirsle – Oak Class

Oak Class visited The Hirsle in Coldstream to learn all about Spring on the farm and to make pizzas. They saw tractors planting crops, found signs of spring on a wildlife walk and were lucky enough to see the calves born this spring to the highland cows.

They also made some delicious pizzas using healthy ingredients.



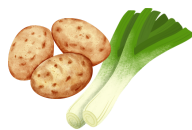
The Hirsle – Cedar Class

Cedar class enjoyed a day learning to map read and making leek soup at the Hirsle. The soup was yummy!



The Hirsle – Willow Class

Cedar Class had a great time at The Hirsle finding out where our food comes from. We made leek and potato soup and oat cakes



Animal Workshop

We welcomed Hannah from Andy Howey's Birds of Prey Centre. She brought lots of animals for us to look at and hold including tarantulas and snakes!



Easter egg competition

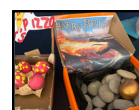
Thank you to all the children who entered the competition.

The winners are:

Nursery 1st- Ava 2nd- Daisy and Emmie
Oak class 1st- Noah 2nd - Reign
Cherry 1st - Lucas 2nd- Lydia 3rd - Harrison
Cedar class 1st - Philippa 2nd - Frankie
Willow class 1st- Alex 2nd - Honor 3rd- Jude
Maple Class 1st -Abi 2nd - Finley

Well done!

Here are the winners of the Easter egg competition. Judging was very difficult as they were all brilliant. Well done to everyone who entered.



Kypie Farm – Maple Class
 were fortunate to visit Kypie Farm at the start of lambing season. Anne taught us all about the lambing process. We had the chance to meet Texel sheep and their lambs. In the afternoon, we explored Kirknewton and learned how to light fires using fire steel.



That History Bloke – Cedar Class

Cedar class enjoyed an afternoon learning all about Florence Nightingale. She even came back from the past and paid the children a visit!



That History Bloke – Cherry Class

Cherry class enjoyed an afternoon learning all about Victorian children and the toys they played with. We all had lots of fun playing with the toys and learning about life in the past.



That History Bloke – Willow Class

Willow class had a great time when The History Bloke came in. He brought in lots of artefacts for us to look at and we learnt a lot more about the Romans.



That History Bloke – Maple Class

The History Bloke came in and taught us lots about Anglo-Saxons – the children had a fabulous time!



Science Life Centre –

Maple Class enjoyed their trip to the Science Life Centre. They had the chance to explore the center, and the planetarium was our favourite part! We also took part in a hands-on 'Lighting Up the Future' workshop, which was great fun



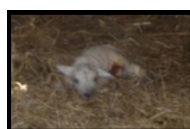
Forest School Canopy

This is the canopy that we bought from the COOP Community Fund. Thank you for all your support and choosing Wooler First School as your cause.



Mindrum Farm

Willow class had a great time at Mindrum Farm. We met different animals and even saw a lamb being born! We learnt a lot about organic farming.



Breakdancing

We all had a great day when Jaron came into school to teach us some breakdancing!!



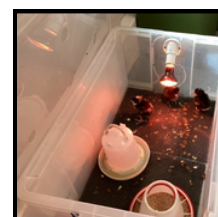
Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day this year the school council organised a non-uniform day and a bake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised £194.38 in total from both schools for non-uniform and £53.20 from cakes for the Red Nose Day appeal.



Chicks

Oak Class had an incubator with six eggs in, in their classroom. After 21 days of waiting they hatched and we now have 6 healthy chicks. The children have been so excited to see them hatch and grow. We have learnt all about the lifecycle of hens, drawn the chicks and given them names! The chicks will go to their new home with Mrs Cockcroft when the Easter holidays come.



British Science Week

This half term it was British Science Week. We celebrated with each class doing extra science investigations throughout the week. The staff and children enjoyed spending more time doing practical science and found out lots of new things.

Year 1 completed an investigation to find out which type of paper would be the best material to make a boat. We chose different types of paper to test out our predictions. We were all really surprised that the sugar paper boats did not work well and they sank first!



Spring Activity Day

We had a great Spring activity day. All of the children had great fun!!





Little Acorns Nursery

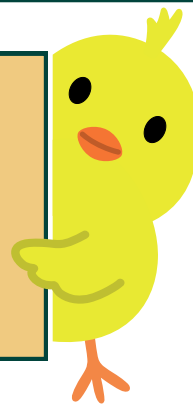
Here are some activities and events that the Nursery children have taken part in over the Spring term:

- Learning to ride balance bikes
- World Book Day- dressing as book characters
- World Sleep Day- Coming to Nursery in their pyjamas and making dream catchers
- Red Nose Day
- Forest School



Easter Assembly

Fantastic Easter assembly, thank you for coming. The children were excellent.





Safeguarding

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are committed to safeguarding and have a culture of 'it could happen here' in all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. **Any of our staff can listen and act appropriately on your concerns.** We have specially trained safeguarding leads in our schools - these are our safeguarding team.

Our safeguarding team



Mike Deane-Hall
Headteacher &
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Victoria Dent
WFS Deputy
Headteacher &
Deputy DSL



Geoff Tong
GMS Deputy
Headteacher &
Deputy DSL



Jennie Durn
GMS SENDCo &
Deputy DSL



Rachel Mascoff
WFS SENDCo &
Deputy DSL

If you are worried about a child you can:

- Contact our safeguarding team via the usual school contact channels including our main phone number 01668 281 470
- Talk to the local safeguarding team 01670 622 720 or One Call, the Local Authority's single point of access on 01670 536400
- If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should call 999 and report your concern immediately to the police.

More information and our policy on safeguarding and child protection can be found on our website.

The following organisations websites can also provide information and their helplines can listen if you have concerns:

- NSPCC 0800 800 500
- CEOP
- Childline 0800 1111

Academic Calendar



2024 to 2025

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School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

Training Day



ADELLE HICKS & ROBYN ROBINSON

We are Autism Family Support Workers that are a part of the Autism Support Team within HINT at Northumberland County Council.

We run our Autism Family Drop in sessions across all of Northumberland. Each session is free, two hours long and is a chance to come along to meet us and other parents for an informal chat over a cuppa. There is no set agenda for the drop ins. It is a chance to seek support and advice from us and other parents, however there is no expectation to talk about your child if you don't want to.

Any parent/carer or family members are welcome to attend any session, you do not need to attend the session in the area that you live in. The sessions are not for professionals.

FAQ

Do I need to book?

No, just turn up on the day.

Do I need to stay for the two hours?

No, you can drop in at any time that is convenient for you.

Can I bring my child with me?

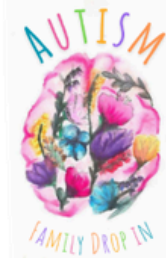
We normally advise parents/carers not to bring their children if they can, as this allows you to speak freely. However, if childcare is preventing you from attending then please bring them along. Please be aware that other parents may want to discuss sensitive topics.

What happens if I can't attend?

We try and alternate days and times of the drop ins at each location so hopefully the next session will be more convenient for you. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer advice via email or telephone due to our capacity. However, please bring any questions or queries along to the drop in session. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please contact your local Family Hub or email us at: robyn.robinson@northumberland.gov.uk or adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk

Inclusive Education Services



Do you have a child aged 0-19 years? Come along for a cuppa and chat and to meet other parents. No diagnosis needed!

JOIN US ON:

Thursday 1st May 2025 10am-12 at Alnwick Family Hub

On St Michaels School Site, Howling Lane, NE66 1DJ

Thursday 22nd May 2025 1-3pm at Berwick Family Hub

Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AE

Tuesday 29th April 2025 10am-12 at Hexham Family Hub

On Hexham First School Site, Beaufort Avenue, NE46 1UD

Tuesday 13th May 10am-12 at Morpeth Golf Club

Morpeth Golf Club, Loarsedean, NE61 2BT

Wednesday 14th May 2025 1-3pm at Ashington Family Hub

Alexandra Road, NE63 9EF

Tuesday 6th May 2025 10am-12 at Cramlington

Forum Way, Manor Walls Shopping Centre, NE23 6YB (Next to Concordia)

If you have any questions, please contact your local Family Hub or email us at: adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk

Inclusive Education Services



BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Monday 28th April



Congratulations to Amy
Moore in our Nursery
for successfully
completing her Level 2
in Childcare.
Well done Amy!

Reminder to apply
suncream to your
child before they
come to school over
the Summer term
and please make
sure they have a hat.
Thank you

