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EWD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025



A message from Leadership

Welcome back everyone - we hope you have all had a restful half-term week and are ready for the second half of the Autumn term. We only have 30 school days left until Christmas holidays, and those 6 weeks will go over very quickly!! This week, there has been a big focus around preparing for Remembrance Day, which is next Tuesday, where we will come together as a school to lay a wreath and for a minutes silence to reflect and think of all those who lost their lives during conflict and fought for our country and freedom. Our classes here at EWD are named after men who served in the Northumberland Fusiliers and were awarded the Victoria Cross.

Diary Dates

- 11th December - Home Partnership Day
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Attendance

This week, our top three attending tutor groups were:

Davison	100%
Johnson	90%
McHale	88%



Reminders

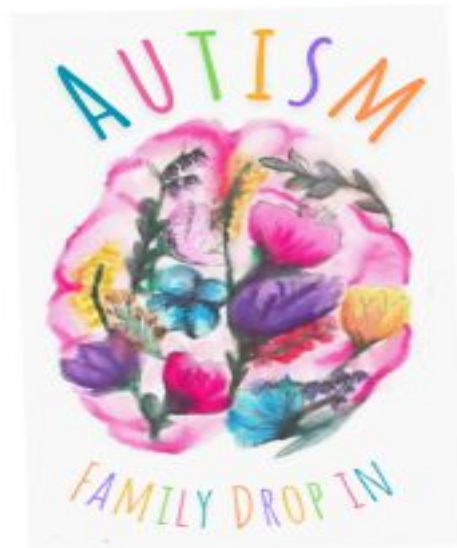
Students need cash or a bank card for shopping in the community - NOT their phone.

We are a nut and sesame free school

Medication must be sent into school in the box with prescription label, via taxi escort.



Important Messages



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:

Tuesday 11th November 2025 10am-12 at The Lindisfarne Centre

In the Community Room – 30 Lindisfarne Rd, Alnwick NE66 1AU

Wednesday 19th November 2025 1-3pm at Berwick Family Hub

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

Thursday 13th November 2025 10am-12 at Hexham Family Hub

On Hexham First School Site, Beaufront Avenue, NE46 1JD

Wednesday 5th November 2025 10am-12 at The Community Hub at Cramlington

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

EVENING SESSION:

Tuesday 18th November 5.00-6.30 pm at Morpeth Golf Club

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

If you have any questions, please contact your local Family Hub or email us at:

adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk



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Needs & Disabilities



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Important Messages



Points are mentioned frequently in our newsletters as well as daily with our students.

However, if a student displays one of our RICH-T values they can be eligible for a **Golden Ticket**.



Our Golden Ticket tree has had an autumnal makeover - it has lost all of its leaves from the previous year and is looking forward to all of the Golden Tickets that will grow on its branches!

Important Messages



Exciting Taster Days for Students – Book Now for 2026!

We're delighted to announce that our Taster Days will be returning in 2026, offering students a unique opportunity to explore future pathways, experience hands-on activities, and engage with inspiring professionals across a range of subjects.


These events are designed to help learners:

Discover new interests and career options

Gain insight into post-16 opportunities

Build confidence through interactive sessions

Meet staff and students in a welcoming environment

 Booking: Places must be booked in advance :Events |
Northumberland Skills

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with your learners and encourage them to take part. Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss tailored sessions for your school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

What's been happening this week in Key Stage 3



This week, class Bryan has had their very first Forest School lesson! They have explored their local area, including Northumberlandia!



Bryan



For Remembrance Day, McManus have put together a lovely poppy display to remember all those who have served and sacrificed. Every poppy was made by the children, showing their care and respect for this important day.

McManus

What's been happening this week in Key Stage 4



Sykes class enjoyed a photography trip to St Mary's Lighthouse.



Sykes



Cain student Dylan has been enjoying working in the construction shed with Alan. They are working on creating a fireplace!

Cain

What's been happening this week in Base



This week in Allen Class, we began our study of Shakespeare's "*Macbeth*", looking at how language has changed over time. In Maths, we began the very difficult task of Algebra! The class have grasped it very well and impressed themselves with their ability!

In Humanities we are studying the greatest Empires the world has ever seen. From battles to rulers, the class are beginning their journey throughout time.

They have also started their Food Tech module "*Me & My Tastes*", so be prepared to see some fantastic dishes appearing at home soon!

Allen

Student Report



Grant



In Grant class this week we remembered soldiers who have died in wars in the past and the people who are being affected by wars today. We talked about what we would say to them and what is important. We put these reflections inside our remembrance poppy wreath.

Curriculum



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Teaching and Learning



This week, our school community has come together to mark Remembrance Day with thoughtfulness and creativity. McManus Class has created a beautiful poppy display to honour those who have served and sacrificed. Every poppy was handmade by the children, reflecting their care, respect, and understanding of the significance of this day. Across school, all classes have been learning about Remembrance in tutor time and creating their own wreaths as a symbol of reflection and gratitude.

Learning has been thriving across the curriculum! Sykes Class enjoyed a fantastic photography trip to St Mary's Lighthouse, capturing landscapes and experimenting with perspective and composition. Over in Allen Class, students began their study of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, exploring how language has evolved over time. In Maths, the class have bravely tackled the tricky world of Algebra - approaching it with determination, confidence, and clear success! Humanities lessons have sparked lively discussions as students dive into some of the greatest Empires in world history, exploring influential leaders, famous battles, and fascinating cultures.

Hands-on learning has also been inspiring our pupils this week. In Food Technology, students have begun their new module, "*Me & My Tastes*", which will encourage them to explore flavours, ingredients, and dishes they enjoy - so don't be surprised if you see some exciting creations appearing at home soon! Cain students have also been working closely with Alan in the construction shed, where they have begun an impressive fireplace project. This practical learning opportunity has supported confidence, creativity, and real-world skills.

Staff Shout Outs



A huge shout out to **Josh** for the exceptional support he has been providing in the KS3 Foundation area. He consistently goes above and beyond to make sure students feel safe, supported, and understood, while also being a reassuring presence for staff. His calm approach and commitment to positive relationships are truly valued.

We would like to celebrate **Alan**, our brilliant caretaker, for his exceptional contribution to teaching and learning. While his primary role is as caretaker, Alan goes above and beyond by running hands-on construction sessions for some of our more hard-to-reach learners. His patience, kindness, and skill create a safe, calm space where students can develop practical skills, problem-solving abilities, and confidence through learning by doing.



Alan's impact is particularly remarkable for pupils who have previously struggled to engage in classroom learning. His approachable, encouraging nature helps students build independence, resilience, and pride in their work. Many learners who were once disengaged now embrace responsibility and challenge - direct results of the trust and support Alan provides. He is a valued mentor and role model, and we are proud to recognise his transformative impact on our pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Message



I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to students and staff for your thoughtfulness and respect as we observe and prepare for Remembrance Day. The way our school community has come together to reflect, honor, and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country is a testament to the respect and dignity we share for the freedoms we enjoy. Each class wreath was made with compassion and honor. Shout out to Dylan who described what a poppy represented during a conversation in class he did this with maturity and kindness. Thank you.

Whether through quiet reflection, participation in ceremonies, or simply taking the time to understand the significance of the day, your efforts have truly made this occasion meaningful. Your respect for the memory of those who have fought for peace and freedom is deeply appreciated, and it shows the strength of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to learning, understanding, and showing respect, not only on Remembrance Day, but every day. Together, we continue to make our school a place of kindness, reflection, and learning.

Debs



Taxi Information



As a rule taxi driver and escorts are not required to knock on your door so please keep an eye out for your taxi arriving.

Your taxi will wait to your address for 3 minutes, if you do not acknowledge the taxi they will leave without the student.

All taxis have trackers on them and can be traced to ensure they are collecting students daily.

If a student does not get onto the allocated taxi, parents/carers are then responsible for transporting the student to school.

Here are some useful numbers should you have taxi concerns:

Northumberland Council Transport - 01670 624839

sen.transport@northumberland.gov.uk

Phoenix 01670 540222

schools@phoenixtaxisbl.co.uk

Darras Hall - 01661 610184

darrashallprivate@hotmail.co.uk

Borderline - 0191 2501476

borderlinetaxis@hotmail.co.uk

Luna - 07878175998

tracybow22@virginmedia.com

S&A Travel - 01670 851320

sandatransport@hotmail.co.uk

Diamond - 01670 353535

joanburt27@gmail.com

Magpie - 07598852226

magpieprivatehire@gmail.com

If you have any other questions or queries, please get in touch

Pastoral Message



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Important Update – Administration of Non-Prescription Medication in School

We are writing to inform you of our policy regarding the administration of non-prescription medication during the school day.

- Our school does not supply any non-prescription medication, including paracetamol, Calpol, antihistamines, or similar products.
- If you would like your child to receive paracetamol during the school day, you must provide a **new, sealed box along with a written note explaining the reason it may need to be administered. Please provide the students name and date of birth on this note.**
- Please ensure you have read the safety information on the packaging, and note **we cannot accept paracetamol capsules** in school as they are for over 16's only.
- Ibuprofen will only be accepted if it has been prescribed by a doctor specifically for your child in accordance with the DFE recommendations.
- In line with our medication policy, we will continue to contact you by phone before administering any non-prescription medication that you have provided and approved.
- You must contact the school office or the Medication Managers if you are sending any non-prescription medication into school.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Yours sincerely,

Chloe Stait

Pastoral and medication manager

Emily Wilding Davison School

Chloe

Information from our Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Elizabeth Airey

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Behaviour

Grief

Grief is a natural response to loss. It's the emotional suffering you feel when something or someone you love is taken away. Often, the pain of loss can feel overwhelming. You may experience all kinds of difficult and unexpected emotions, from shock or anger to disbelief, guilt, and profound sadness.

We can feel all, none or some of these things. There is no right or wrong way to feel following a loss. Some people seek help immediately by showing their emotions and talking to people, others prefer to deal with things slowly, quietly or by themselves.

- [Mind's helplines](#) provide information and support by phone and email. 0300 123 3393

Grief can be difficult and stressful and nearly everybody goes through it at some point in their lives. Despite this, it can be very difficult to predict how we might react to a loss, as it is a very individual process. After a loss you may experience any of the following:

- **Sadness or depression.** This can be brought on at the realisation of the loss and may cause you to isolate yourself whilst reflecting on things you did with your loved one or focusing on memories from the past.
- **Shock, denial or disbelief.** It is natural for our minds to try to protect us from pain, so following a loss some people may find that they feel quite numb about what has happened. Shock provides emotional protection from becoming overwhelmed, especially during the early stages of grief, and it can last a long time.
- **Numbness and denial.** You may find that you feel numb after a loss. This is natural and helps us to process what has happened at a pace that we can manage, and not before we are ready. It is natural and can be a helpful stage - the only problem being if numbness is the only thing we feel, and none of the other feelings associated with grief, as this can cause us to feel 'stuck' or 'frozen'.

Safeguarding A-Z

What are the PANTS rules?



Privates are Privates!

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

Your body belongs to you!

Your body belongs to you. No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see, or tries to touch you, underneath your underwear, say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.

No means No!

No means no and you always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'no', it's your choice.

Talk about secrets that upset you!

There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should always talk to a safe adult who you trust about a bad secret or anything that doesn't feel right.

We are here to help!

Speak to a member of staff

We're here to help!

