



Ellingham CE Primary School

Friday Flyer

10.10.25

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,,

In-line with our Pele Trust partnership of schools, we are excited to introduce our new weekly **Friday Flyer**—a newsletter designed to keep you informed and connected with everything happening at our school.

Each Friday, the *Friday Flyer* will be posted on our website. It will include:

- Important announcements and upcoming events
- Classroom highlights and pupil achievements
- Reminders and updates from staff
- Helpful resources and community information

By linking this to our website, our goal is to share what we do in our fantastic school with a wider audience. Please take a few moments to read the *Friday Flyer* each week and stay up to date with all that's going on at Ellingham School.

Wellies&Wonder@Ellingham will keep updating you via their Facebook page and 'Tapestry' will continue to be used for some individual pupil updates in W&W and EYFS. We will continue to use the closed-group PTA Facebook page for important updates and reminders, as we do now.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to keeping you informed and celebrating our pupils' successes together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Mrs Diane Lakey



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Safeguarding

Ellingham CE Primary School is committed to keeping all children safe. Our staff regularly participate in safeguarding training and are fully aware of how to keep our pupils safe and what signs to look out for. Our pupils know they can share any concerns and we have robust policies and procedures in place which underpin safeguarding. It is our paramount priority to keep all children healthy and safe.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



Mrs Karen Swinbank
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Head of School/EYFS Lead



Mrs Diane Lakey
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Executive Headteacher/SENCo

If you have any concerns, please just get in-touch, via any of the usual communication channels or in-person.

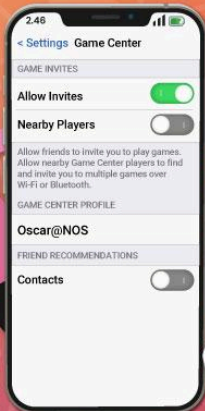


Safeguarding Update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)





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Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100%	100%
Space Base	87.5%	96.3%
Earth Works	100%	93.1%
Time Zone	90%	91.7%

Did you know? Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.55am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities which take place immediately after registration, such as phonics.

What are the risks of missing a day of school?

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education



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Splash Class

This week we have been watching the seasons change and enjoying the start of Autumn. We found colourful leaves, made homes for hibernating creatures and harvested our potatoes from our raised beds. It was a really fun time and the lovely weather helped. Our harvest of crab apples, conkers, acorns and leaves has provided us with so many natural resources for our play and we have used our imaginations and our creativity both indoors and outside. Maybe you can find something to go on our nature table on an Autumn walk this weekend and bring it in on Monday. What a fun week enjoying the wonderful outdoors!!





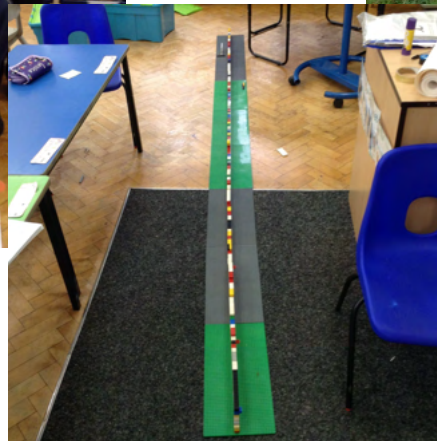
Space Base Class

Space Base children have been working incredibly hard since the start of term! Over the past few weeks, we've been exploring Northumberland's rich local history — including building our very own version of Hadrian's Wall.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about human and physical features in Geography. We've been comparing the geography around our school with that of Newcastle and Northumberland, helping us make real-world connections to our learning.

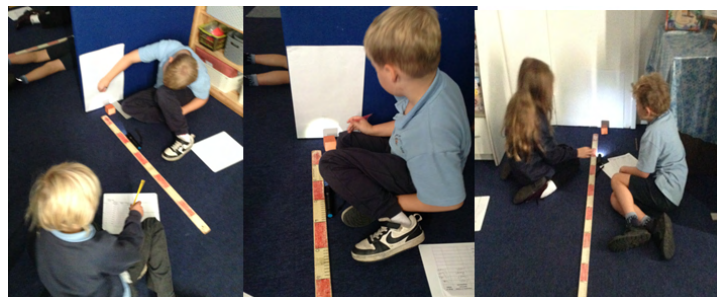
In English, the children have written some fantastic stories, retelling *The Gingerbread Man* with their own characters and endings — the creativity has been brilliant to see!

We have been learning about the importance of teamwork and how everyone learns in different ways. In Music, they've been working together, using instruments in groups to follow the pulse. Their communication has been fantastic, using language that is appropriate and supportive to their partners.





Earth Works have had a fantastic start to the school year! The children have been learning all about Ernest Shackleton and his incredible expedition to Antarctica, investigating shadows in science, and even learning how to play the keyboard. They've also been collaborating with Time Zone, producing some excellent, high-quality work together.





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Time Zone Class

The children have been having a wonderful time learning all about their local area. They've been exploring how Northumberland has changed over time, using Digimaps to identify human and physical features across the North East. Alongside this, they've been developing their keyboarding skills and even spent some time with our youngest learners at Forest School — where there was plenty of mud, tractors, and lots of fun!





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th October 10:00-11:00	KS2 Author Visit: Terry Deary
Tuesday 14th October	Pele Trust Team Visit
Thursday 16th October pm	KS2 Cross-Country Competition
Monday 20th October	Open the Book Collective Worship
Thursday 23rd October 09:00	Harvest Festival in school - all welcome
Friday 24th October	KS2 Cragside Visit
24.10.25 to 04.11.25	Half Term Break
Monday 3rd November	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 26th November	Whole school 'RAVN Clay' Workshops
Thursday 27th November 15:30-17.30	Parent Consultation Meetings - appointment sign-up to follow.
Tuesday 9th December 10:00	Nativity Play
Wednesday 10th December 17:00	Nativity Play



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2025
AT 9.00 AM
ELLINGHAM CE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

PLEASE BRING A TIN, JAR, OR PACKET
TO DONATE TO THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.





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More News: Terry Deary Visit

On Thursday, the children in Key Stage Two were thrilled to welcome **Terry Deary**, the author of the much-loved *Horrible Histories* series. He entertained everyone with fascinating stories about the past, shared his experiences as a butcher, an actor, also a writer, and he even revealed some of the strange and gruesome facts that made his books so popular. The pupils were captivated by his humour and enthusiasm, and many left feeling inspired to read, write, and discover more about history themselves.





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Stars of the Week!



Splash: Kitty for working hard all week and completing some beautiful artwork and writing.



Space Base: Otto for giving things a go, maintaining a positive attitude and working independently.



Earth Works: Gwen for having excellent resilience in Maths, tackling challenging problems with determination and full focus. India for creating an outstanding piece of homework.



Time Zone: Ralph for constantly showing a real flair for writing, producing imaginative and well-crafted pieces of work consistently. Lydia for showing excellent determination and perseverance with her keyboard skills.