



# Ellingham CE Primary School **Friday Flyer**

**14.11.25**

## **Executive Headteacher's Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Key Stage 2 pupils led a thoughtful and moving Worship this week to mark Remembrance Day. They shared reflections about the importance of remembering those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

The children explained the different colours of poppies people choose to wear — including red for remembrance of the armed forces, white for peace, purple to honour animals who served, and black to remember the contributions of Black, African, and Caribbean communities.

Pupils also led readings and prayers, inviting everyone to take part in a one-minute silence to remember and give thanks.

Well done to everyone for supporting Children in Need: we always love to see you in your spotty gear!

It is always good to have feedback, so please let us know what you think of our new school menus; we hope your children are enjoying the meals, and if you are finding the online safety guides, in the Friday Flyers, useful.

Thank you for so many of you signing-up for Parent Consultation appointments: we look forward to seeing you then.

Warm regards,

Mrs Diane Lakey



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### Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	72	95
Space Base	95	96
Earth Works	94	92
Time Zone	90	91

**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?

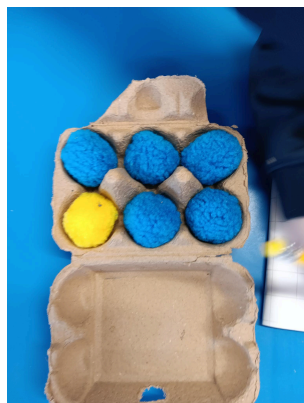
'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams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



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## Splash Class

In Splash, we have been making lots of magic this week, with magic potions and magic wands. We wrote recipes for our potions, and made them fizz with our wands (and some bicarb and vinegar). We also kept working on number bonds and used our classroom clock to tell the time. Our forest day was very wet and we found some amazing puddles to jump in, including a whole swamp in the field. It was a great morning, and we warmed up with hot chocolate back at school. Another busy week, with nativity play plans running right through it. Get well soon to all our children who have chicken pox. We miss you x







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### Space Base Class

Space Base has had yet another busy and exciting week!

The children led a beautiful Remembrance Service, showing incredible maturity and respect throughout.

In our building challenges, the children have been working both individually and collaboratively to bring their creative ideas to life. It has been wonderful to watch their designs evolve as they reflect on their models and recognise that making changes is a valuable part of the creative process.

During after-school club, the children had great fun creating their very own den. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork and communication skills, carefully selecting equipment to ensure their structure was safe and sturdy.

In Design and Technology, our focus has been on learning how to use a running stitch. Space Base showed amazing resilience and perseverance. Each child took time and care with their work, and the results were fantastic.

Well done, Space Base — what an incredible week of learning, teamwork, and creativity!



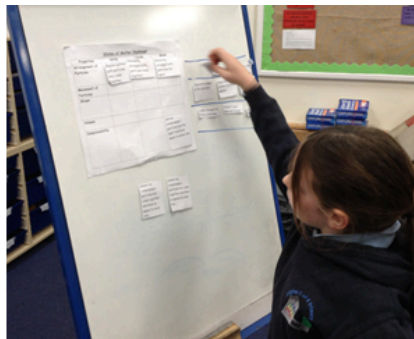
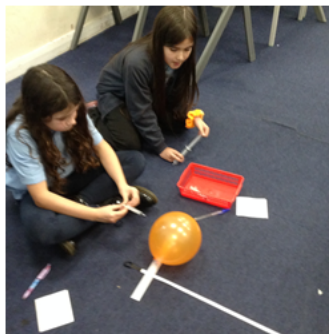




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## Earth Works Class

This week has been full of colour, reflection, and creativity. We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week by proudly wearing our odd socks on Monday, celebrating the importance of kindness and individuality. On Tuesday, we came together to honour the fallen soldiers during our Remembrance Day commemoration. Throughout the week, we worked hard on creating persuasive leaflets all about Northumberland, showcasing our fantastic writing skills. We ended the week by wearing our spots on Friday to support Children in Need, rounding off a meaningful and memorable few days.





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## Time Zone Class

Our class has had a vibrant and reflective week. We launched into Anti-Bullying Week on Monday by wearing our odd socks, celebrating the importance of kindness and individuality. On Tuesday, we marked Remembrance Day by paying tribute to the fallen soldiers. As geographers, we also spent time thinking about our local village of Ellingham, exploring what makes our community special and how it connects to the wider area. Alongside this, we created persuasive leaflets all about Northumberland, putting our knowledge and creativity to good use. We rounded off the week by wearing our spots on Friday to support Children in Need, bringing a cheerful end to a busy few days.







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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

POW!

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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### Dates for your Diary

<b>Wednesday 26th November</b>	Whole school 'RAVN Clay' Workshops
<b>Thursday 27th November 15:30-17.30</b>	Parent Consultation Meetings - there are still appointments available.
<b>Tuesday 9th December 10:00</b>	Nativity Play
<b>Wednesday 10th December 17:00</b>	Nativity Play
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	KS2 Christmas in the Forest
<b>Monday 15th December</b>	Nursery - KS1 Christmas visit
<b>Tuesday 16th December</b>	Professor Chris Done Astrophysicist visit KS2
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	Christmas lunch
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	Christmas Carol Service at Ellingham Church 9.15am Everyone is welcome
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	PTA Christmas Disco - Ellingham Village Hall 4.30pm-6.00pm
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day and party buffet

If anyone who usually brings a packed lunch, would like a Christmas lunch or party buffet please book them with Kathy by Monday December 8th. The cost of each is £2.50

Please remember, Breakfast club is available from 8.15am if anyone needs to drop off a child earlier. Please book in advance if possible. £2.50 includes cereal or toast.



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### Stars of the Week

#### Names:

**Splash:** Wilf for being brave and coming back to school after being poorly; Jack for having a go at some of the learning activities with an adult.

**Space Base:** Otto for increasing the amount of writing he is completing and understanding that it is ok to make a mistake.

**Earth Works:** Rose for showing excellent understanding throughout a range of curriculum subjects; Gwen for superb explanations in her Science work.

**Time Zone:** Avie for excellent work with times tables and fractions; Serena for having a positive attitude all day, every day!

We raised the astonishing amount of £161.00 for Pudsey Bear. Thank you so much for your support.





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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE P.T.A.

# CHRISTMAS DISCO

AT 4.30 PM - 6:00 PM

## 18TH DECEMBER

ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

**CHILDRENS TICKETS INCLUDE A HOTDOG  
AND A DRINK.**

**£3.00**

**IF PURCHASED FROM SCHOOL  
PLEASE BRING SOME CASH ON THE NIGHT  
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