



Ellingham CE Primary School **Friday Flyer**

24.04.26

Executive Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. It is wonderful to see the children returning with such energy and enthusiasm. We have a packed term ahead!

We are thrilled to welcome Callum Lawn back to our team this term. Callum will be delivering cricket to Reception to Y6 this half-term, along with a Multi-Sports after-school club every Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm. Please let Kathy know if you want a place for your child/children.

There are many more visits and events currently in the works, so please keep a close eye on future updates and further details. It's going to be a busy and rewarding term!

We know many families are keen to plan for the next academic year. The Teacher Training (INSET) days for 2026-2027 are currently being finalised by the Pele Trust. We will share these dates with you as soon as they are confirmed.

Best wishes,

Diane Lakey



Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100	93.9
Space Base	100	94.6
Earth Works	100	89
Time Zone	95	92.1

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



Splash Class

What a great start to the Spring term. We have been busy making the most of the wonderful sunshine and enjoying being all together again. This term our topic is Wet and Wild and we have had water play and done lots of watery painting. We had an amazing morning in the forest, with lots of climbing and building dens. Reception have been counting to 100 this week, with their 100 square and we have all done some writing and pictures about our holiday.





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Space Base Class

Space Base have been exploring information texts about how to make a sandwich. The children have been writing their own instructions on how to make either a cheese or ham sandwich, and next week they will follow their instructions to see if they can successfully make them.

In computing, the children have been using *Dance Mat Typing*. This programme has helped them become more familiar with using different keys. They have really enjoyed this and were very proud of themselves when completing the different levels.

In maths, we have been learning about volume, mass, length and height. The Year 2 children have been using rulers and metre sticks to measure different objects around the classroom. Year 1 children have been using a variety of objects and scales to compare which items are heavier and which have the greatest capacity.





Key Stage Two Time Zone and Earth Works

In Earth Works' Science, we explored the relationship between food groups and nutrients and looked at food labels. We learned about nutritional 'traffic lights' and examined a variety of food packaging to identify which foods were higher in salt, sugar and saturated fats, and which were the more 'healthy' options



In computing, Earth Works have begun to learn a whole new computer language: Logo. They are learning to type commands for the first time, and have been able to generate pictures based on written instructions.

2. A budget is a plan for how much it will cost to complete a plan.
Create a budget for the plan you have created.

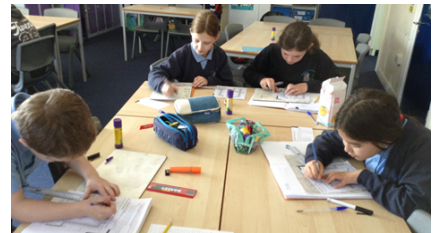
Costs

- Every centimetre of pipe drawn costs £3,000.
- Every time a pipe crosses under a road it costs an extra £10,000.
- Every time a pipe crosses under a train track it costs an extra £15,000.

How many centimetres of pipe did you draw?	97	x £3,000	= £ 291,000
How many times did a pipe cross under a road?	6	x £10,000	= £ 60,000
How many times did a pipe cross under a train track?	1	x £15,000	= £ 15,000
Total cost			= £ 366,000

3. Try to draw a different plan that reduces the cost of the heat network.

In our *Powering the Future* Science unit in Time Zone, we learned about heat networks and took on the role of planners, designing a heat network for a village. We then learned about the costs involved, and having calculated the cost of our proposed projects, replanned our networks to design more efficient and cost-effective solutions.



In English, Earth Works and Time Zone have begun studying diary entries. Everyone wrote a diary entry based on their own experiences, and we also wrote some based on our class book, *Journey* by Aaron Becker.





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th April	KS1 visit to RAF Boulmer
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday -school is closed
Monday 11th - 14th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	KS2 visit to Newcastle City Mosque with Embleton
Thursday 4th June	KS2 Countryside Day
Wednesday 10th June	Time Zone visit to Life Science Centre Newcastle with Embleton.
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day (to be confirmed closer to the time)

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.

After School Clubs

Karate continues on a Monday until half term.

Multi Sports with Callum on a Tuesday.

Art club continues on a Wednesday

Forest School continues on a Thursday

Fun Club on a Friday (if required - currently no takers)



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Stars of the week

Names:

**Splash: Florence and Charlotte - For making such a good start to the term.
Freddie - For lambing 7 sheep over the holidays.**

Space Base: Rupert- For using great adverbs in his writing.

Earth Works: Aimee - For writing great diary entries that really show her personality.

Time Zone: Harley - For making a super effort in arithmetic and

Well done to everyone who took part in the PTA Easter Energy Challenge.

The challenges ranged from cycling, walking the dog, prolonged jumping and lambing.

**Thank you so much for your support we have so far raised £504.00.
If anyone else has sponsor money to send in please send it next week.**