



# Ellingham CE Primary School Friday Flyer

**19.06.26**

## Head of School Update

The good weather this week has been fabulous, and we have enjoyed lots of outdoor time. We have been practising for our sports day and enjoying the big forest. I have seen a lot of exciting practical learning going on around school, from making model blood at Keystage 2 to creating fun play structures from giant cardboard boxes in EYFS. We know these activities really embed learning and make it memorable, and most of all, make school a fun place to be.

Please could you make sure your child is wearing suncream every day to school. When the sun makes an appearance it is very strong, and we want our children to enjoy the outdoors safely. We are happy to reapply it when necessary if they have some in school.





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### Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	97.3	94.2
Space Base	96.9	94.8
Earth Works	100	90
Time Zone	97.1	93

**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

Splash have got rid of all their boxes of plastic toys this week, and have swapped them for giant cardboard boxes and bubble wrap. We have made a shed, a space rocket, lots of holes and mess and had a fabulous time. Jumping on bubble wrap is a wonderful sensory experience and we have made the most of it. In the big forest we dodged the midges and had a great time exploring, climbing and playing. What a lovely week!

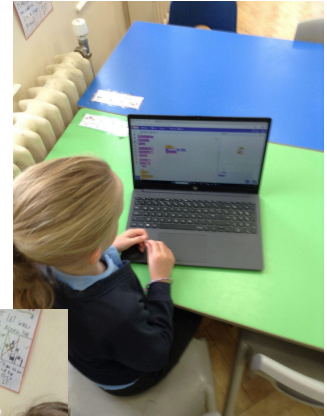




### Space Base class

This week, Space Base have been learning about Neil Armstrong and his great achievements. The children loved watching the video of him going to the moon, and some even wished they could do this themselves someday!

We have also been making Father's Day cards and thinking about the things we are grateful for, as well as how our families help us every day. The children cannot wait to show their families the cards they have made!





## Key Stage Two: Time Zone and Earth Works

Earth Works had an exciting day out in Edinburgh last Friday. We enjoyed the train journey and the open-top bus ride round the city. In the Dynamic Earth, we explored the formation of the Earth, the world's different biomes, and learned about the impacts of climate change on our beautiful planet. The ice wall in the Polar Regions exhibit was a particular hit!



In Earth Works' Science, we set up an investigation into the effect of different liquids on eggshells, to model tooth decay. We also looked at how the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores differ and acted as teeth detectives, trying to guess which animal real teeth and jawbones belonged to, and whether the teeth were from a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.



In Time Zone, we explored the functions of our different blood vessels. We made a model of the blood, labelling it with its different components.





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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 26th June, 1.30pm - this is a different date</b>	KS2 Summer Fair and tree planting in memory of Guy Brown
<b>Wednesday 24th June this has been cancelled</b>	Open the Book Y6 transition at DCHS - school organising transport
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	Nursery & Reception to Embleton Beach School
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	Y6 DCHS transition day - parents organising transport
<b>Friday 3rd July</b>	Y5 Camping - a letter has been sent home
<b>Tuesday 7th July</b>	Sports Day 1.00pm
<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	Leavers Service Ellingham Church tbc.

### After School Clubs

Karate continues on a Monday **No Karate Monday 22nd June and Monday 6th July**

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)

**As we get closer to the end of term please could you check your Parentmail accounts and make sure you are fully paid up. Lunches will continue to roll over weekly.**

**The criteria for benefit related Free School Lunches is changing from September 26 to include anyone on Universal Credit. If this applies to you, please speak to Kathy. R, Y1 and Y2 children continue to receive Universal Free School meals from the government.**

**We will shortly be sending out the sign up for next year's After School clubs - this will be sent to anyone who has attended clubs this school year. If your child hasn't attended before and you would like it, please speak to Kathy.**



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## **Stars of the week**

### **Names:**

**Splash:** Charlotte for coming into school with a big smile!

**Space Base:** Camilla- Camilla has shown significant improvement in her writing skills recently. She is demonstrating a fantastic ability to write independently and is beginning to establish a clear, natural flow to her sentences. We are very proud of her progress.

**Earth Works:** India for completing her reading comprehension to a very high standard.

**Time Zone:** Ella for showing kindness to the youngest members of our school.

A special star of the week to Jessie for sorting out all our wellies back into pairs.

A letter has been sent to your Parentmail accounts regarding the flu immunisation next term. Please can you respond as per the instructions. Even if you don't want your child to have it please could you click on the link as it saves us chasing this up next term.

Next week we will be sending out tickets for you to sell for our annual Super Summer Raffle. Please send back any money or unsold tickets in time for us to sell them at sports day.

Oakley in Y5 has decided to walk to school to raise money for Great North Children's Hospital. This is an extraordinary challenge - he lives 16 miles away.

His epic walk will take him from home to school over 3 days, covering approximately 5.5 miles each day.

This is a charity close to our hearts and if you would like to sponsor Oakley please use this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakleywalkstoschool>