



Ellingham CE Primary School Friday Flyer

03.07.26

Executive Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to our brilliant KS2 pupils, who did a superb job of arranging and running their summer fair in aid of CHIPS, and to our amazing 'walk to school' Great North Children's Hospital fundraiser- what stars!

Thank you all for coming and sharing this with our children.



The memorial tree planting and bench dedication, for Guy Brown, took place following the fair. We love our beautiful bench and plaque and look forward to watching Guy's silver birch grow and thrive.



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Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100	94.5
Space Base	100	95.1
Earth Works	100	90.8
Time Zone	88.6	93.1

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

Please find below our updated school behaviour policy. Due to changes in government and DfE legislation, we have added a section on physical interventions, as well as an appendix of our reporting format for incidents, which has been adopted across all of Pele schools. This means we will no longer need a separate positive handling policy. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions. [Behaviour Policy](#)



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Splash Class

We have had a great week in splash. We enjoyed lots of practice for sports day, and have enjoyed having fun in Wellies&Wonder. We found amazing bugs in the long grass, including grasshoppers, centipedes and millipedes. We also made ice lollies as a special treat to keep us cool. We have written thank you cards for Starfish class at Embleton this week, and made cards for Mr Dowman who is moving on to his new school.





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Space Base Class

Space Base class has had a very exciting week! With a special birthday in the class this week, everyone has been enjoying lots of cake.

In maths, the Year 1s have been counting to 100 and learning a fun song to help them remember.

On Thursday, the class headed out to the forest. They always love their forest trips and had an amazing time, especially during the bug hunt! Everyone was shocked by just how many different insects they managed to find.

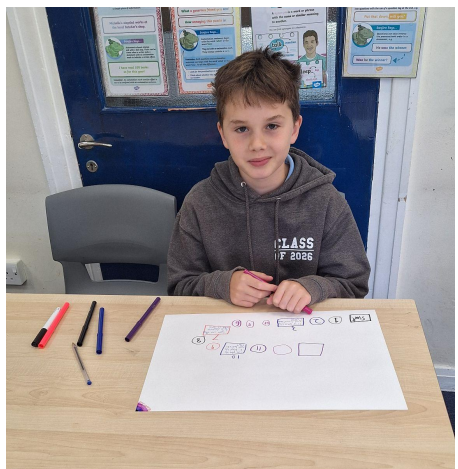
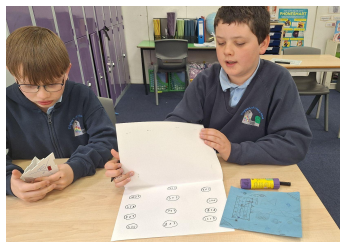




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Key Stage Two: Time Zone and Earth Works

Time Zone class has been making maths games so they get a chance to review and practise all the maths they have learned this year. There were a lot of very diverse ideas, including times tables battleships, a shop game, a throwing game and some board games.



Our summer fair was a great success, but did you know that it was all organised by Time Zone and Earth Works (with a bit of help from Mrs Dodds). Here you can see some of the work that went into creating such an amazing event.



We have also been making presentations about biodiversity as part of our oracy programme. Our class worked as teams to prepare group talks. They showed that they had thought deeply about the issues involved, and they were able to relate them to farming and the wider environment.



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The epic walk to school is now completed - all 16 miles of it over three days. It has raised an amazing £2,422 pounds for the Great North Children's Hospital. We all cheered him into school, and then celebrated his achievement with a special breakfast. Well done to our amazing Year 5.





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Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd July	Y5 Camping - a letter has been sent home
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day 1.00pm (school transport is cancelled)
Thursday 16th July	Leavers Service in school at 9.15.
Wednesday 2nd September	Return to school

After School Clubs

A pink form has gone out for clubs from September 2026. Please return it as soon as possible.

If you haven't got a form and would like one, please ask Kathy.

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.

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.

Super Summer Raffle.

Please send back any money or unsold tickets on Monday at the latest.



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Stars of the week

Names:

Splash: Harry for super behaviour all week. Well done!

Space Base: Rupert—for putting great effort into his work across all subjects.

Earth Works: Rose for great navigational skills during our Street View treasure hunt.

Time Zone: Oakley for achieving a brilliant score on his maths test.

