



Ellingham CE Primary School

Friday Flyer

09.10.2026

Executive Headteacher's Update

It has been another really positive week at Ellingham, with plenty going on across school. The children have continued to work hard and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their learning and getting involved in all the opportunities we have on offer.

This week we have also had a safeguarding review as part of our ongoing work across Pele Trust. It was a really useful opportunity to look carefully at the ways in which we keep our children safe and importantly, to hear from the children themselves about their understanding of online safety, friendships and keeping themselves safe within their community. Safeguarding is something we can never become complacent about and it is great to see how seriously this is taken across the school.

A reminder too that we are collecting donations for the Alnwick Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. If you are able to make a donation, please bring it into school before next Thursday and leave it on the round table. Every contribution, no matter how small, will be very gratefully received and will help support families within our local community.

We also have some exciting sporting events coming up, with touch rugby and skipping events on the horizon. We are really looking forward to getting together with our friends at Embleton for these events. It is always great for the children to have the chance to meet up, compete, make new friends and enjoy experiences together.

We were also treated to a very exciting FaceTime call from the Hawkstone Farmers Choir this week! The children were absolutely delighted to see and speak to them and there were certainly plenty of excited faces around school. It was a lovely surprise and another great experience for the children to enjoy.

We finished the week with our Celebration Assembly, which is always such a lovely opportunity to come together and recognise the fantastic things happening across our school. A huge well done to all of our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and the way they continue to represent Ellingham so positively. There is so much to be proud of and it is wonderful to see the children celebrating each other's successes.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Shaw

Next week I am planning to be in school on Thursday.



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Safeguarding

Ellingham 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. Remember our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in school are **Mrs Senior and Mr Shaw**.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.

TWO DOSES: 0.15 mg OR 0.3 mg

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY

Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.

BREATHING

Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.

CIRCULATION

Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.

In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS:

(However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)

CELERY	FISH	CRUSTACEANS	EGGS	MILK
SOYA	LUPIN	CEREALS	TREE NUTS	SESAME
MUSTARD	MOLLUSCS	PEANUTS	SULPHITES	

NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:

POLLEN	PET HAIR/DANDER	INSECT VENOM	MEDICATION/DRUGS
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LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more

	AllergyWise®		EpiPen		Jext		ADRENALINE AND AADs
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Attendance

As parents and carers we want to share our attendance figures because it is you who can make the big difference. Our children are entitled to a full and balanced education and at Ellingham we feel we provide one of the best experiences possible.

Current Whole School attendance is 97.8% Our target for Whole School Attendance is 98%

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Splash	100	99.5
Space Base	97.8	96
Earth Works	100	96.4
Time Zone	100	98.5

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?

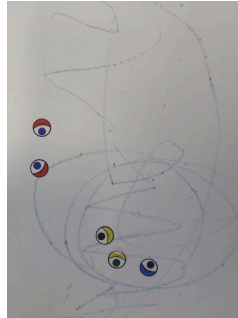
'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams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



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Wellies & Wonder



We've had a wonderful week full of creativity, imagination and exciting adventures! We started the week by playing music and drawing dinosaurs, giving the children lots of opportunities to express themselves and get creative.

Just look at Albie's fabulous dinosaur drawing!



We've also been enjoying the story of '*The Three Little Pigs*', using our imaginations to explore the characters' adventures and creating our own maps to follow their journey.

Alongside all of this, we've been practising our cutting and sticking skills, helping to develop our fine motor control and coordination.



We have loved spending lots of time outside, exploring our surroundings, playing together and making the most of the fresh air.

It's been a lovely week filled with stories, creativity, practical activities and outdoor adventures, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and have fun together!



Today is Fire Friday and we are cooking pancakes!



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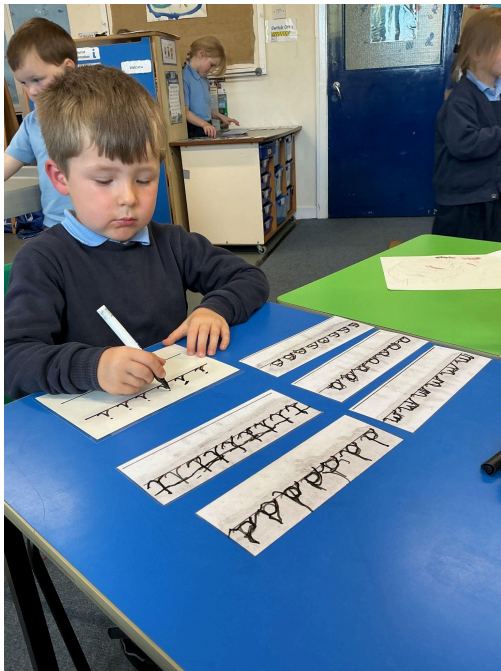
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Splash and Space Base

This week we have been celebrating birthdays in Space Base and Splash! It was George and Etta's birthday, and we marked the special occasion with cake.

Splash have added a tourist information desk to their continuous provision. The children have loved pretending to sell tickets to other children, who have been buying passes to various destinations. We have also added soil and vegetables to our messy play, where the children's task has been to dig out the vegetables and compare their different sizes.

In Space Base, the children have been exploring number bonds to 10 and 20 using ten-frames and counters. We have also been discussing where our food comes from and why farming is so important. The children had lots to say about this topic and really enjoyed sharing their own experiences of visiting farms.





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Earth Zone

In Art, we used the leaf and seed designs we created last time, inspired by the repeated patterns of William Morris, to create wax resist paintings.



We planted the conkers we used in our Art lesson. Hopefully they will germinate and we will be able to see the development of the saplings in our Science unit on Plants in the Summer Term, before planting the mini trees when they are tall enough.

In UKS2 Science, we discussed geocentric and heliocentric theories of how the planets move in our solar system. We identified ideas which supported each theory and tracked the development of these scientific ideas over the centuries. We then modelled the heliocentric theory on the yard, demonstrating how the planets orbit the Sun and how they are held in their orbits by gravity.





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In Geography, we learned about the regions and counties of England, and then used atlases to map physical and human geographical features of Northumberland.

In LKS2 Science, we investigated how to make loud and quiet sounds on instruments and discovered that louder sounds are produced by greater energy and larger vibrations. Larger vibrations can also be produced if there is a larger area vibrating, as with larger drums or bigger sound boxes.





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15th October	Harvest Festival 9.00am
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening - please make an appointment.
Wednesday 21st October	Touch Rugby Festival in Alnwick Y3 and 4
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening- please make an appointment.
Thursday 22nd October	Whole school flu immunisation. If you haven't already registered your child, please speak to Kathy.
Friday 23rd October	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Monday 26th October - 30th October	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Friday 13th November	Pudsey Bear Day! Wear your spots and bring a donation
Weds 9th December	Morning Nativity performance for Grandparents and younger siblings
Thursday 10th December	Evening Nativity performance for parents
Tuesday 15th December	Whole school N-Y6 to Alnwick Playhouse
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas at 1pm

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 Club Fees and Nursery payments are now in your Parentmail accounts.

If you are paying these through your HMRC Tax Free Childcare account please let us have the code so that we can trace the payment.



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Stars of the Week



Splash: Wilf, for having a great attitude to phonics and making a great improvement.



Space Base: Camilla, for having a great attitude in all her lessons and becoming more independent.



Earth Zone: Serena, for an excellent set of assessment results and a fantastic piece of narrative writing based on the book 'Varmints'.