



Thursday 12th February 2026 (5 Pages)

ANOTHER HALF TERM OVER!

I think we can say that weather wise this has been the wettest and dreariest half term so far...however the children have remained enthusiastic and happy to learn and are always a joy to work with. We have had visitors to school including the 'Be You' team and a rather intimidating Viking called Olaf. We have visited the Sikh Gurudwara and Year 3 and 4 skipped their hearts out at the Wentworth! We hope that you have a relaxing half term and we hope that the weather begins to improve so we can get out on the field and have some restorative sunshine. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 23rd February. Breakfast Club and all after school clubs will resume from this date.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone in the **green**. **The red is very disappointing!**

YEAR	ATTENDANCE %
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	78%
YEAR 3	83%
YEAR 4	97%

Unfortunately, attendance has been particularly poor over the last term. We understand that children are sometimes ill and have to be absent from school, however there is an ever-increasing number of Leave of Absence requests for term time holidays and Unauthorised Absences resulting in very poor attendance for some children. There are a number of children whose attendance is **at or below 90%**. If attendance does not improve, then fines will be issued for taking term time holidays and a referral will be made to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please ensure your child/ren are in school every day.

LATECOMERS

There has been an increase in pupils arriving late to school recently. **School starts at 8.45am** and learning begins immediately. If a child is persistently late then they are missing vital parts of their learning and important instructions and information for the day. Mrs Clark is not always in the office to let latecomers in so please do your very best to ensure that your child/ren are in school on time. We do provide a daily Breakfast Club between 8.00-8.45am. If lateness is due to logistics with older children attending different schools then please consider using our Breakfast Club.

ZIG ZAG LINES

Please **DO NOT** park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school, even to drop off or pick up. 'Stopping' and 'Parking' are both prohibited and could lead to fines and penalty points on your driver's license.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child/ren, please park away from the zig zag lines and join either the queue at the front door for Y1-4 or the back door for Nursery and Reception.



READING BEARS

Tuffy and Elvis are going on their holidays over half term but are looking forward to going home with some enthusiastic readers very soon! Tuffy and Bridie had a super weekend reading together.



CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please let Mrs Long know if your child/ren take part in extra-curricular clubs and activities and achieve awards or prizes. We love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.

PE KITS

The children are doing Football after half term so please ensure Y1-4 have their outdoor PE kits on **Monday 23rd February**. The children in Class 1 have their PE session on a Friday.

Children **do not** need football boots for PE.

'BE YOU' PADLET

This link takes you to the 'Be You' Family zone which has some really interesting and useful resources for parents and families.

<https://padlet.com/nies1/be-you-family-zone-8jbhdyus7shqhd2>

UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME OR INITIALS

BE YOU-SELF-ESTEEM (WHOLE SCHOOL)



SKIPPING FESTIVAL-Y3/4





YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO ROBINWOOD (13th-15th May)

A reminder to all Year 4 parents about payment for Robinwood. Instalments have been set up on ParentPay with the aim to ensure that the full amount is paid by **Friday 1st May**.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson

email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

email: karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

email: jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

For queries regarding Parent Pay, Nursery funding or sessions, Clubs, Milk, Breakfast Club, Wraparound Club and School Lunches, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Thursday 12 th February:	Last day of Spring 1
Friday 13 th February:	Teacher Day
Monday 23 rd February:	Spring 2 starts (All clubs and swimming resume)
Thursday 5 th March:	World Book Day -Friends from the Village – Class 3
W/C Monday 23 rd March:	Parent meetings -letter will be sent out after half term
Thursday 2 nd April:	Last day of Spring 2-break up for Easter holidays
Friday 3 rd April:	Good Friday (School closed)
Monday 20 th April:	Summer 1 starts
Thursday 23 rd April:	Be You (Friendship)-whole school
Tuesday 28 th April:	Y3/4 Roman Army Museum/Vindolanda (more info to follow)
Monday 4 th May:	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 13 th -Friday 15th May:	Robinwood Residential -Year 4
Friday 22 nd May:	Last day of Summer
Monday 1 st June:	Summer 2 starts
Thursday 11 th June:	Y3 HMS Taster visit (more info to follow)
Tuesday 23 rd June:	Y4 Diocesan Leaver Service-Hexham Abbey (more info to follow)
Tuesday 30 th June:	Be You Transition Part I (Y4 only)
Tuesday 7 th July:	Transfer Day
Thursday 9 th July:	Be You Transition Part II (Y4 only)
Friday 17 th July:	Last day of Summer 2 (Break up for the Summer)

Part-Time Job Opportunity

Role: Sessional Worker (Youth Club) approx 3-9hrs/week

Pay: £13.45/hr + 12.07% annual leave entitlement



Hours: our sessional workers will usually work pre-agreed routine hours on weekday evenings through term time only.

Place of work: sessional workers will be based at one or more of our village hubs, to be agreed at appointment. We hold youth clubs at Otterburn, Bellingham, Humshaugh & Kirkwhelpington.

Working with us: we are a small and mighty team of youth workers and volunteers, overseen by a brilliant voluntary board of trustees. We support the personal and social development of young people aged eight to eighteen by delivering recreational and educational opportunities. We work directly with young people in community buildings like village halls, sports centres and schools across our area of reach. Our young people are at the heart of what we do.

Purpose of the Role : we are recruiting for sessional workers who can help us deliver our regular term time youth clubs in Otterburn, Bellingham, Humshaugh and Kirkwhelpington.

Our sessional workers will report directly to the Youth Worker / Youth Support Worker or Youth Development Worker.

Main responsibilities

- Help to plan and supervise activities, set up and tidy up equipment, sign young people in and out of the club, and evaluate sessions to help improve our service.
- Follow North Tyne Youth's policies and procedures, including for Health & Safety and Safeguarding.
- Communicate effectively with staff, volunteers and young people's families.
- Undergo training and personal development as agreed with the Youth Development Worker.
- Complete formal and informal supervision and appraisal as agreed with the Youth Development Worker.

For more information or an informal conversation about the sessional worker role, please contact Catherine our Youth Development Worker on 07470 246361 or catherine.coats@northtyneyouth.co.uk

Closing date: 15th March 2026