



Friday 22nd May 2026 (6 Pages)

ATTENDANCE

The attendance isn't great this week with a number of Leave of Absences and Unauthorised Absences. Hopefully the expected high level of attendance will resume after the half term holiday.

Another fun packed half term has flown by! The children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Everyone who visits our school is always incredibly complimentary and comment on what a lovely, positive environment we have. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you after half term.

Y4 RESIDENTIAL-ROBINWOOD

The Year 4s had a tremendous time at Robinwood last week. They braved the Cumbrian weather, canoeing in a hail storm and climbing to great heights on the wall and trapeze. They showed courage, determination and resilience throughout and we are very proud of them. They were presented with a certificate, photograph and Robinwood pencil this week-well done Year 4s!





READING BEARS

Tuffy and Elvis are looking forward to a mini holiday during half term. After their rest, they will be very excited to come home with some more children!



HEXHAM LIBRARY-SUMMER READING CHALLENGE-MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

PE KITS

The children in Class 2 and 3 doing KWIK CRICKET after half term. Please ensure your child/ren have their outdoor PE kits on **Monday 1st June.** The children in Class 1 have their PE session on a Friday and will be doing a unit about Sports Day.

A FEW REMINDERS

EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL

Please ensure that your child brings in a book bag and a refillable water bottle **every day**. Please also provide appropriate clothing for the weather e.g. a waterproof coat, sun cream and sun hat/cap.

PARKING

Please try to avoid parking opposite the zig zag lines. Even though cars are parked slightly on the verge or pavement, it seems to be causing increased traffic issues as cars are struggling to pass safely.

Please could we also ask that parents join the queue at the front door behind the fence so when children exit the school building they are accompanied by you through the gate and onto the pavement.

LATECOMERS

There has been an increase in children arriving late for school. Learning starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child/ren are on time for school every day or they miss their reading session and vital instructions for the day's activities.

LONG HAIR

If your child/ren has long hair (reaching to the shoulder or longer), please ensure their hair is tied back every day. Loose hair gets in the way of work, lunch and also increases the risk of head lice outbreaks.

SWIMMING KITS

Swimming is every Wednesday. **Please ensure you provide a swimming kit with goggles.**

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

A reminder that if your child/ren have a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours from the last bout. Please do not send them in before the 48 hours as the germs are still contagious and can be passed quickly and easily to other children.

ABSENCE

Parents must contact school by 9.30am on the day of every absence either by phone or email.

PARENTPAY

Please check that any outstanding debt is cleared ready for the new half term.

FOREST SCHOOL-UPDATED

SUMMER 2 FOREST SCHOOL PLAN

Friday afternoon	Forest School	School
Week 1	Y3/4	Y1/2 DT
Week 2	Y1/2	Y3/4 Rehearsal
Week 3	Y1/2	Y3/4 Rehearsal
Week 4	Y1/2	Y3/4 Rehearsal
Week 5	Y3/4	Y1/2 DT
Week 6	Y3/4	Y1/2 DT

If children are due to go to Forest School, they can come to school in practical leggings or trousers but still wearing their white t-shirt and red jumper.

If the weather forecast is poor, please ensure you provide wellies and a coat.

If forecast to be sunny, please provide sun cream and a hat/cap.

If weather is extreme for example too windy, then children will stay at school.

FUNDRAISING-MONDAY 15th JUNE











On Monday 15th June we will be collecting unwanted clothing and accessories to raise money for school. If you are having a sort out in the next few weeks please keep us in mind and spread the word to family and friends. Bags will be collected at 9.00am on Monday 15th June and weighed before being loaded onto the van. We will then receive a donation depending on the weight collected.

Please see the charts below for items which are permitted and those not collected.










In a bid to reduce plastic waste the blue bags are no longer provided by bags2school and we ask you to bring your donations in bin bags or any other charity bags.

BAGS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL EITHER ON THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY 12TH JUNE OR THE MORNING OF MONDAY 15TH JUNE-PLEASE DO NOT DROP BAGS OFF BEFORE THESE DATES AS WE DO NOT HAVE THE SPACE TO STORE THEM!

Below is a list of everything that **we collect**. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.

			
Clothes	Paired shoes	Handbags	Hats
			
Bags	Scarves and ties	Bras	Jewellery
			
Socks	Belts		

A list of things that **we don't collect**, sorry! If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.

		
Duvets and blankets	Pillows and cushions	Carpets, rugs and mats
		
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing	School uniforms with and without logo	Corporate clothing and workwear
		
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material	Furniture and large items	Batteries

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: abby.clark@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Friday 22 nd May:	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 1 st June:	Summer 2 starts
Tuesday 9 th June:	Class 2 and 3 trip to Kirkley Hall Zoo (more info to follow)
Thursday 11 th June:	Y3 HMS Taster visit (more info to follow)
Monday 15 th June:	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 16 th June:	Shutterbugz Class Photos
Thursday 18 th June:	Friends from the Village
Tuesday 23 rd June:	Y4 Diocesan Leaver Service-Hexham Abbey (more info to follow)
Thursday 25 th June:	Class 1 trip to Whitehouse Farm (more info to follow)
Tuesday 30 th June:	Be You Transition Part I (Y4 only)
Friday 3 rd July:	Sports Day-whole school-1.30pm - field
Tuesday 7 th July:	Transfer Day (Y4s spend day at Middle School-parent transport)
Thursday 9 th July:	Be You Transition Part II (Y4 only)
Tuesday 14 th July:	Y1-4 Summer Production-Peter Pan 9.15am and 5.30pm
Thursday 16 th July:	Fun Day
Friday 17 th July:	Last day of Summer 2 (Break up for the Summer) Y4 Leaver Service 9.15am-everyone welcome

WHAT'S ON

[A message from Lizzie at Stony Pasture...](#)



Remember to book your spaces for **Thursday the 28th of May**

Young Farmer drop off 09:30-12:00, £17.50, recommended ages 4-11

**Older Farmer drop off 14:00-16:30, £17.50, recommended ages 12-16
(may also suit mature 10- or 11-year olds)**

Also, for half term, we will have goat yoga offerings for children and adults. This will most likely be with one of our associates so keep an eye on the Facebook page.

Change 1. Toddler sessions will become family sessions

Since 2022 our summers have always been toddlers on a Monday morning in a 1.5hr session.

In 2026 this will change. It will become a 2hr session for all the family.

As in previous years, this will be animal-themed with a free-play collection of craft activities and a chance to see the animals.

The increase to 2 hours will see a price from £8 to £9. There will still be a discount for block bookings.

There is also an option to book a packed lunch for an additional £5 (this is in line with the Government's push towards healthy eating options).

As always, you are welcome to bring your own food and snacks. Breast-feeding is welcome and arms to hold babies will be available.

Everyone will have access to hot and cold drinks, as usual. Recommended age 0-10yrs.

Donation of £1 per adult towards drinks suggested but not compulsory.

Change 2. Older farmer will move to a Monday afternoon

Our older farmer sessions will be moving to Monday afternoon. I hope our regular older farmers can make this date.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page as we have activities all over the region this summer.

