



## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September (8 Pages)

### ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, the dreaded sickness bug is still doing the rounds. We wish everyone a speedy recovery! Well done to everyone who is in the **green!**

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE %</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| RECEPTION   | 100%                |
| YEAR 1      | 100%                |
| YEAR 2      | 90%                 |
| YEAR 3      | 100%                |
| YEAR 4      | 91%                 |



### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Bridie and Spencer; our Handwriting Heroes Freddie, Thomas, Hugo H and Mollie. Congratulations also to Charlotte and Logan for the Helping Hand Award, Eilidh for the Kindness Award and both Charlie J and Violet for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Rory and Layla. Congratulations also to our PE stars Willow and Eliza. The children were given a special sticker and a duck to sit on their desk for the week.



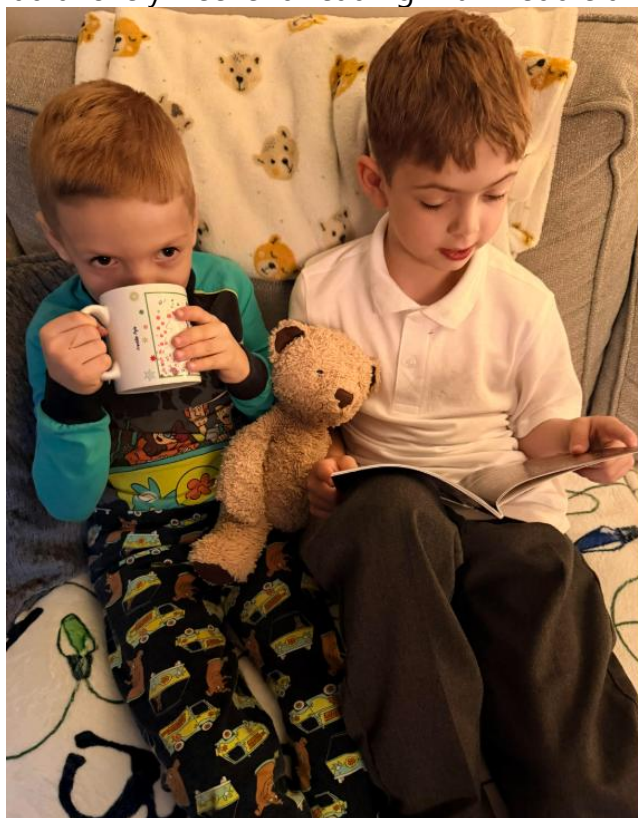


## **READING BEARS**

Tuffy and Elvis are really looking forward to going home with Alice and Artie this weekend!



Tuffy had a lovely weekend reading with Freddie and Alfie.



You are very welcome to send Mrs Long a photograph of your child reading with Tuffy or Elvis but please do not feel under any obligation!



### **CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Well done to Spencer who ran the GNR on Saturday-what an achievement.  
Congratulations to Eilidh for completing her Stage 4 award at swimming-fantastic!



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



### **FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE**

For a number of years, we have provided inter-generational sessions for local pensioners which take place every half term. The sessions are usually on a Thursday morning between 9.00-10.30am. The children in Class 2 and 3 take it in turns to be hosts for our guests. They play board games, enjoy drawing and colouring together and always finish with a fast-paced game of Bingo.

Without doubt, the sessions are easily one of the highlights of school life and both the children and adults benefit hugely from the conversations and interactions that take place.

We would really love to invite grandparents of our pupils to join us for these sessions.

The first one is on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am**, refreshments are provided.

If you are able to attend, please let either Mrs Long know via email or email Liz Campbell, our co-ordinator at [lizeac@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizeac@hotmail.co.uk)-we hope to see you there!



## **FOREST SCHOOL-CHANGE OF PLAN FOR CLASS 2**

Instead of going to Forest School on Friday afternoons, the children in Class 2 will visit the woods on some allocated Tuesday mornings as part of their Science topics Seasonal Changes and Animals. These sessions will be extended and run between 9.30am and lunchtime and parents will be informed which days children need to wear practical clothes, wellies and a waterproof coat.

## **SCHOOL DAY REMINDERS**

**BREAKFAST CLUB** - every day between 8.00-8.45am.

**IF YOUR CHILD/REN REQUIRE BREAKFAST, PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARRIVE BY 8.20am AT THE LATEST.**

**WRAPAROUND CLUB** -Monday to Thursday only between 3.15-6.00pm

We have tight ratios and capacity for Wraparound club. We try to be as flexible as possible.

**IF YOU REQUEST A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD BUT NO LONGER REQUIRE IT PLEASE INFORM MRS CLARK SO WE CAN OFFER THE PLACE TO SOMEONE ELSE IF THEY NEED IT.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB,  
PLEASE PROVIDE A HEALTHY SNACK FOR THEM TO EAT AT 3.15pm.**

Sports club: Monday-3.15pm-4.30pm (PE Kit) **PLACES AVAILABLE**

Dance club: Tuesday-3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers) **PLACES AVAILABLE**

Zumba club: Thursday-3.15pm-4.30pm (Trainers) **FULL-WAITING LIST**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN PROMPTLY AT THE FRONT DOOR at 4.30pm**

## **SWIMMING**

Please provide a pair of goggles for your child/ren.

Please remember to provide a healthy snack for children as they are often very hungry after their lesson and lunch is early.

**SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FRUIT FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT BRING A SNACK.  
THE FREE FRUIT SCHEME IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR  
1 AND 2 – we do not receive enough fruit for morning play and after swimming.**

## **PARENTPAY**

Please keep up to date with payments on ParentPay. We would rather not have to issue reminders asking parents to clear their outstanding debt.

### **Debt**

Any debt that has built up over the half term **should be cleared before the start of the following term**. General reminders are sent by email to parents if debts exceed £20 per payment item.

**\*\*We will reserve the right to remove children from clubs or request packed lunches are provided if parents consistently run up large debts on ParentPay\*\***

## **ILLNESS**

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2026/08/28/a-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year-for-parents-and-carers/>

In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence. We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. If staff are concerned that a child is unwell in school, parents will be contacted for the child to be collected. **Please note the guidelines for children with diarrhoea and vomiting state that they should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).**

## **GENERAL**

### **HEALTHY SNACK**

The School Free Fruit Scheme is only available for children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2**. If you are able, please provide a **healthy snack** for your child to eat during morning playtime **if they are in Year 3 or 4**.

### **UNIFORM**

All children are expected to wear full school uniform as outlined in the school brochure (see website). Uniform with the logo is available at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). **Logos are not compulsory and plain red sweatshirts / cardigans are available at local supermarkets.**

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

### **NATIONAL COLLEGE PARENT GUIDES**

<https://nationalcollege.com/pages/wake-up-wednesday>

The National College website has an amazing selection of Parent Guides for Online Safety, Mental Health and more. It is free to sign up and contains some very useful information.

## **HEADTEACHER UPDATE/COMMUNICATION**

Mrs Long sends a weekly newsletter to parents with regular updates, news, diary dates and photographs.

We will hold Parent Consultations towards the end of the first half term. Letters will be sent out next week. 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](mailto:melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

### **Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe**

email: [karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

### **Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long**

email: [jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

**For queries regarding Parent pay, Nursery funding or sessions, clubs, milk, Breakfast club and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.**

email: [admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk)

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MRS CLARK IS NOT IN THE OFFICE ON A FRIDAY SO PLEASE ONLY EMAIL THE ADMIN ADDRESS SO THAT MRS LONG CAN ACCESS MESSAGES.**

## **DIARY DATES**

|                                     |                                                        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 22nd September:             | Y3/4 Great North Museum (PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED)        |
| Thursday 1st October:               | Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4)                 |
| Thursday 22nd October:              | Last day of Autumn 1                                   |
| Friday 23rd October:                | Teacher Day                                            |
| Monday 2nd November:                | Autumn 2 starts                                        |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December:   | Y1-4 Theatre Trip-A Christmas Carol-Queens Hall 1.00pm |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December: | Christmas Party                                        |
| Friday 18th December:               | Last day of Autumn 2 -school closes at 1.00pm          |
| Monday 4th January 2027:            | Spring 1 starts                                        |
| Friday 12th February:               | Last day of Spring 1                                   |
| Monday 22nd February:               | Spring 2 starts                                        |
| Thursday 25th March:                | Last day of Spring 2                                   |
| Friday 26th March:                  | Good Friday-Bank Holiday-school closed                 |
| Monday 12th April:                  | Summer 1 starts                                        |
| Friday 23rd April:                  | Bikeability (Y3/4)                                     |
| Monday 3rd May:                     | Bank Holiday-school closed                             |
| Friday 28th May:                    | Last day of Summer 1                                   |
| Monday 7th June:                    | Summer 2 starts                                        |
| Friday 16th July:                   | Last day of Summer 1-break up for the summer holidays  |

## WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY



The poster for the Sunshine Panners Steel Band features a vibrant tropical theme with palm trees and a bright sun. At the top, there are three small photographs: the band's logo, a group of members in red and white uniforms, and a scene of a steel pan performance. A red banner at the top right announces a 'Free Taster Session: Sunday 20th September 2026'. The main title 'SUNSHINE PANNERS STEEL BAND' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below this, the text 'SPACES AVAILABLE IN OUR DEVELOPMENT BAND COME JOIN US! LEARN HOW TO PLAY STEEL PAN' is displayed. The session details are listed as 'SUNDAYS 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM' at 'THE BACKYARD, HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'. At the bottom, the Facebook page is mentioned as 'Facebook: Sunshine Panners Steel Band'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a row of small photos showing the band performing and members in their uniforms.

**Free Taster Session:**  
Sunday 20th September 2026

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LEARN HOW TO PLAY STEEL PAN

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HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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The poster for Tynedale Hockey Club Junior Hockey has a blue and yellow color scheme. It features the club's crest at the top left, which includes a shield with a cross and the text 'TYNEDALE H.C.'. The club name 'Tynedale Hockey Club' is written in a large, stylized white font with a yellow outline. Below this, 'JUNIOR HOCKEY' is written in bold yellow letters. A yellow banner with the text 'PLAY ★ LEARN ★ MAKE FRIENDS ★ BE PART OF IT' is placed below the title. A large yellow starburst graphic on the left side contains the text '£5 PER SESSION'. To the right, a quote states 'Everyone of all abilities welcomed at Queen Elizabeth High School'. The session schedule is listed in a white box with yellow highlights for the days of the week. At the bottom, there are two photos of young players in blue and white uniforms, one holding a hockey stick and the other a ball. The contact information 'please email: maggiecoombe@gmail.com to book a space!' is written in a white, handwritten-style font, accompanied by a small heart icon.

# Tynedale Hockey Club

## JUNIOR HOCKEY

PLAY ★ LEARN ★ MAKE FRIENDS ★ BE PART OF IT

**£5 PER SESSION**

Everyone of all abilities welcomed at Queen Elizabeth High School

### SUNDAYS

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9.00 – 10.15am  | Year 6                              |
| 10.15 – 11.30am | U16/U18 (years 10, 11, 12 & 13)     |
| 11.30 – 12.45pm | U14 (years 8 & 9)                   |
| 12.45 – 2.00pm  | U10s (year 4 & 5) and U8s (year 3s) |

### FRIDAYS

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| 5.45 – 7.00pm | Year 7 |
|---------------|--------|

please email:  
maggiecoombe@gmail.com  
to book a space!



# Northumberland Family Hubs

September - October 2026



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Supporting parents and  
children to learn together

BEST  
START  
IN LIFE  
Family Hubs  
Here for everyone

UK Government  
Northumberland  
County Council

## What's on at Hexham Family Hub

### MONDAY

Bumps to Babies Drop In  
09:30-11:30  
7<sup>th</sup> September & 5<sup>th</sup> October

Brilliant Babies 0-6 Months  
13:00-14:00  
[Book Your Place](#)

SEND Family Chill Out  
15:15-16:30  
Fortnightly Starting 7<sup>th</sup> September

Family Chill Out  
Fortnightly Starting 14<sup>th</sup> September  
15:15-16:30

### TUESDAY

Stay & Play 0-5 Years  
10:00-11:00  
1<sup>st</sup> September (One-off session)

Brilliant Babies 6-12 Months  
13:00-14:00  
[Book Your Place](#)



### WEDNESDAY

Stay & Play 0-5 Years  
09:30-11:00



### THURSDAY

Baby Stay & Play 0-12 Months  
10:00-11:00

Weaning Workshop  
13:00-14:30  
10<sup>th</sup> September  
[Book Your Place](#)

Understanding Behaviour Workshop  
13:30-14:30  
1<sup>st</sup> October  
[Book Your Place](#)

Fussy Eating Workshop  
14:00-15:00  
24<sup>th</sup> September  
[Book Your Place](#)

Build a Brain Workshop  
13:30-14:30  
15<sup>th</sup> October  
[Book Your Place](#)

### FRIDAY

Stay & Play 0-5 Years  
09:30-10:30

Calm Stay & Play  
13:00-14:00

Emergency First Aid for Babies & Children  
10:00-12:00  
16<sup>th</sup> October  
[Book Your Place](#)



### What is a Family Hub?

Family Hubs are welcoming places where families can access information, support, activities and services for children, young people and parents all in one place



### Community & Outreach Sessions



Tuesdays  
Allendale Stay & Play  
10:00-11:00



Hexham Family Hub  
Beaufront Ave, Hexham  
NE46 1JD



01434601698



Find us on Facebook & Instagram  
@WestFamilyHubs



We are looking for volunteers and family panel members. Please contact us for more information

Please get in touch for more information about our groups, sessions & digital offer



Sign up for a group or session



Online What's On Guide

### Parent Support & Skills

Workshops and discussions helping parents and carers strengthen relationships and support their children's wellbeing.

#### Togetherness

Free digital programme providing tools to support parents/carers & young people at each developmental stage  
[togetherness.co.uk](https://togetherness.co.uk) access code - HADRIAN

#### Sleep Workshop

Support & guidance available from trained sleep awareness practitioners

#### Dad Pad

The essential guide for new dads developed with the NHS

#### Dad Talk

Online workshop for dads, during pregnancy and beyond

### Young Peoples offer

Sessions for young people at the family hub

#### Family Chill Out

An after school drop in for all of the family to come along, get homework completed, stay and play for a while and enjoy fun activities and games. For children aged 5-11 and their families. Younger siblings welcome

### Additional Needs &/or Disabilities

Supportive sessions for children and young people with additional needs, and their families, to connect, relax, and share experiences.

#### Empowering Parents & Carers Programme

Supportive wellbeing course for parents/carers of children with additional needs and/or disabilities

#### SEND Family Chill Out

Regular relaxed after school sessions for all of the family. Parents/Carers are required to stay for the session

#### Calm Stay & Play

Quieter sessions, with no booking required

### Early Learning & Play

Fun and engaging sessions helping you support your children's learning and development through everyday activities.

#### Brilliant Babies

Specially designed supportive groups for families with young babies

#### Terrific Toddlers

Meet other families with toddlers at these social sessions with topical themes

#### Early Communicators

For children between 15-36 months who are experiencing some difficulties with their understanding and/or use of language

#### Stay & Play

Regular fun sessions, with no booking required

### Baby Support & Early Parenting

Friendly sessions for new and expectant parents to connect, learn, and explore their baby's growth and development together.

#### Building a Brain

A bitesize online workshop exploring brain development

#### Bumps to Babies

Antenatal workshops to prepare for babies arrival, mums, dads, partners and grandparents are welcomed.

#### Feeding Friends

NHS partner support with breastfeeding and more

#### Understanding Childrens Behaviour Workshop

Advice on how a child's developmental stage influences behaviour and to recognise how adults can help children regulate their own behaviour

#### Weaning Workshop

A guide to starting solid foods with your little one

#### Toilet Training Workshop

Practical advice for parents and carers beginning the toilet training journey

#### Wellbeing Service

Tailored support for Mums or Dads living in Northumberland who are expecting a baby or have a child under 2 years of age.