Friday 25th September (8 Pages)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to everyone who is in the **green!**

YEAR	ATTENDANCE %
RECEPTION	93%
YEAR 1	100%
YEAR 2	98%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	94%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Charlie J and Ella; our Handwriting Heroes Eilidh and Violet. Congratulations also to Eliza for the Helping Hand Award, Rory for the Kindness Award and Robert, Charlotte and Ada for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Monty and Florrie. Congratulations also to our PE stars Artie and Hugo H and Logan for receiving the Art award. 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 Hamish and Charlie H this weekend!

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!

GREAT NORTH MUSEUM

The children in Class 3 had fantastic trip the The Great North Museum on Tuesday. They developed their knowledge and understanding of life in Ancient Greece and took part in a Time Odyssey quest that took them around the different galleries completing activities to help a historical character get back to their own era. The children were impeccably behaved and full of enthusiasm. We even managed to have our lunch outside!

CLASS 3 LEADERS

The children in Class 3 have chosen which leadership role they would like to take on for this term. After Christmas we may have a swap around to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to experience different leadership roles. Badges were given out in today's Collective Worship.

Buddy	Digital	Librarian	Sport
Spencer	Hugo H	Mollie	Hugo A
Florrie	Eliza	Belle	Charlie H
Violet	Joey	Charlotte	Alice
Layla	Laurie	Ella	Ada

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 15th 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-we hope to see you there!

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.

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.**

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.

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 and school dinner, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.
email: 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.**

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 would love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 1st October:	Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4)
W/C Monday 5th October:	Parent meetings (times were sent out this week)
Thursday 8th October:	Open morning for prospective parents September 2027
Thursday 15th October:	Friends from the Village-Class 3
Friday 16th October:	Harvest Festival (in school-staff and pupils)
	Open afternoon for prospective parents September 2027
Tuesday 20th October:	Be You-Emotional Regulation (Sessions for all classes)
Thursday 22nd October:	Last day of Autumn 1
Friday 23rd October:	Teacher Day
Monday 2nd November:	Autumn 2 starts
Tuesday 17th November:	Be You-Friendship (Sessions for all classes)
Thursday 3rd December:	Friends from the Village-Class 2
Monday 14th December:	Y1-4 Theatre Trip-A Christmas Carol-Queens Hall 1.00pm
Thursday 17th December:	N/R Theatre Trip-The Snow Globe-Queens Hall 10.30am
	Christmas Party-afternoon (children to wear home clothes)
Friday 18th December:	Last day of Autumn 2 -school closes at 1.00pm

Monday 4th January 2027:	Spring 1 starts
Tuesday 19th January:	Be You-Self Esteem (Sessions for all classes)
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
Monday 19th April:	Be You-Resilience (Sessions for all classes)
Monday 3rd May:	Bank Holiday-school closed
Friday 28th May:	Last day of Summer 1
Monday 7th June:	Summer 2 starts
Monday 28th June:	Be You-Transition -Session1 (Y4 only)
Thursday 8th July:	Be You-Transition – Session 2 (Y4 only)
Friday 16th July:	Last day of Summer 1-break up for the summer holidays

HUMSHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

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EXTENDED UNTIL 1/11/26

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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT WHAT KIND OF HOUSING YOU WOULD LIKE IN OUR VILLAGE

– MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

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TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY GO TO:

www.humshaugh2026hns.co.uk

OR CALL FREEPHONE 0800 612 9133

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY

Northumberland Family Hubs

September - October 2026

FREE

peep – supporting parents and children to learn together

BEST START IN LIFE

UK Government

Family Hubs – Here for everyone

Northumberland County Council

What's on at Hexham Family Hub

MONDAY

Bumps to Babies Drop In
09:30–11:30
7th September & 5th October

Brilliant Babies 0-6 Months
13:00-14:00
Book Your Place

SEND Family Chill Out
15:15-16:30
Fortnightly Starting 7th September

Family Chill Out
Fortnightly Starting 14th September
15:15-16:30

TUESDAY

Stay & Play 0-5 Years
10:00-11:00
1st 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
10th September
Book Your Place

Understanding Behaviour Workshop
13:30-14:30
1st October
Book Your Place

Fussy Eating Workshop
14:00-15:00
24th September
Book Your Place

Build a Brain Workshop
13:30-14:30
15th 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
16th 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

SCAN ME – Sign up for a group or session

SCAN ME – 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** 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

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

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

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.