



*Ellington Primary School  
Head teacher's Report  
Governing Body Meeting*

*18<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

## School Context

### Number on roll

<u>Class</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nursery – Mrs Cook	10	22	32
Reception – Mrs Horsley	18	10	28
Year 1 – Miss McNickle	11	8	19
Year 2 – Miss Nicholson	12	17	29
Year 3 – Mrs Morris/Mrs Richardson	13	12	25
Year 4 – Mr McConville	10	19	29
Year 5 – Miss Brooks	16	10	26
Year 6 – Miss Pink	11	7	18
Totals:	101	105	206

Pupil Premium: 17.2% – 30 children (16.5% / 34 children including Early Years PP)

Free School Meals: 13.8% – 24 children

SEND: 19.4% – 40 children. 3 EHCPs

Service Children: 1% – 2 children

Service Children Ever 6 measure: 1% – 2 children

Post Looked After: 1.9% – 4 children

### Attendance Whole School Attendance 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Total % Attendance	96.4%	96.5%	95.2%	96.4%	96.4%	96.5%	97.3%

Whole school attendance is 96.31% up from 95.97% at the end of Spring term, but still down from 96.8% at the end of Autumn Term. However, this is well above the national average of 94.8%. However, we have an unprecedented number of holidays this term which will significantly impact our whole year attendance.

Our number of persistent absentees has continued to fall but this will rise with children being away on holiday. Our current PA percentage for Spring 2025 is 4% compared to 10.3% in Summer 2024 and 18.1% in Summer 2023.

We have continued with a weekly focus on attendance in assembly with class prizes and we will be having our termly prizes also. The class with the best attendance over the whole year will win a free trip and children with 100% for the whole year will also win prizes.

### Current Staffing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>Upper Pay scale/ additional leadership responsibilities</u>	<u>Main scale coordinator role</u>
<b>Kevin Hodgson</b> Head Teacher	Achievement/Attainment of pupils  Assessment and Pupil Progress  Teacher performance management	Child protection lead  Teaching and Learning	Pupil Voice  History Lead
<b>Dan McConville</b> Assistant Headteacher	Year 4 Class Teacher  Pupil Premium Lead  Child Protection Designated Person	Maths Lead  Science Lead	
<b>Claire Sanders</b> Assistant Headteacher	Maternity Leave		
<b>Elizabeth Pink</b> Assistant Headteacher (Secondment)	Year 6 teacher	English Lead	TA Professional Development
<b>Samantha Horsley</b>	Acting EYFS Lead  Reception teacher Child Protection Designated Person		PSHE Lead PE Lead

Julia Morris	Year 3 teacher	SENCO	Mental Health Lead
Amy Milne	Maternity Leave		
Rachel Richardson	Year 3 teacher		Music Lead French Lead
Eilish Nicholson	Year 2 teacher		Geography Lead
Jade Cook	Nursery teacher		Art Lead
Ella Brooks	Year 5 teacher		RE Lead
Jessica McNickle	Year 1 teacher		
Martin Bailey	Digital Enrichment Teacher		
Dawn Redpath	PPA teacher		Design and Technology Lead
Steve Everett	Higher Level teaching assistant		
Karen Sayers	LKS2 teaching assistant		
Annette Mallaburn	LKS2 teaching assistant		
Cathryn Strachan	KS1 teaching assistant		
Tracy Goodhall	EYFS teaching assistant		
Steph Patrick	EYFS/KS1 teaching assistant		
Glenn Liddle (P/T)	UKS2 teaching assistant		
Rachel Hays (P/T)	EYFS teaching assistant		
Laura Henderson (P/T)	EYFS/KS1/KS2 teaching assistant		
Jenny Dyer	Office Manager		
Phillipa Levey	Admin Officer		
Ed Robinson	Site Manager		
Julie Emery	Catering Manager		
Alysson Grant	Catering Assistant		
Pauline Millis	Lunchtime Supervisor		

Claire Gray	Lunchtime Supervisor / After School Club Supervisor		
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### Staffing Update

Amy Milne returns from her maternity leave on 30<sup>th</sup> June, she will teach in Year One for the remainder of the term replacing Jessica McNickle. Claire Sanders returns to work on 7<sup>th</sup> July and Elizabeth Pink will end her secondment on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Laura Henderson has qualified as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant and will work in Reception next year. Steph Patrick has been offered a permanent contract and will cover PPA for some staff from September 2025. New class arrangements for September 2025 have been shared with parents and are as follows:

- ❖ Nursery – Mrs Cook + Mrs Goodhall
- ❖ Reception – Mrs Milne + Miss Henderson
- ❖ Year 1 – Mrs Horsley + Mrs Hays
- ❖ Year 2 – Miss Nicholson + Mr Liddle
- ❖ Year 3 – Mrs Morris/Mrs Richardson + Mrs Strachan
- ❖ Year 4 – Mr McConville + Miss Patrick
- ❖ Year 5 – Miss Brooks + Mrs Mallaburn
- ❖ Year 6 – Mrs Sanders + Mrs Sayer

### School Improvement Plan

A new school improvement plan was written for 2024 – 2026. As a staff team, we have met termly to review our progress. Please see attached School Improvement Plan for the progress update.

### Exclusions

There have been no exclusions.

### Racist/Homophobic Incidents

There have been no racist or homophobic incidents.

### Bullying

There have been no cases of bullying.

### Safeguarding

Staff continue to have frequent training, this year we have had the following training:

- Whole School Refresher – KCSIE 2024
- Bullying
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Emotional and Mental Health
- County Lines
- Trauma
- Child Sexual Exploitation

Currently in school:

- We are supporting two families working alongside Early Help.
- We have four previously looked after children
- All safeguarding is logged on CPOMS.
- We continue to use SENSO to monitor all online activity. SENSO is being upgraded in Autumn term.
- A safeguarding element is included in every newsletter.

Lockdown System: We have had a new school bell and lockdown system installed in school. This replaces the previous bell system which worked through the fire alarms. We have developed a new lockdown policy and staff have worked together to identify how best to keep children safe in the event of a lockdown. I have informed parents that we will be having termly lockdown drills, just as we do with fire drills, and I have spoken to the children in assembly to explain why and how this will work.

### After school clubs

TT Rockstars – KS2

Football – Years 3 – 6

Summer Field Games – KS1/KS2

Sports Leaders Games – KS1/KS2

Make It – R & KS1

Homework – Years 4 – 6

Art – R, Y1 & Y2

Golf – Years 3 – 6

### Premises

Ian Redford carried out a health and safety walk around school in March. He identified a number of aspects for improvement. These have all now been addressed by Ed Robinson.

### Governor Monitoring

Louise Welsh – Pupil Premium Review with Dan McConville

Danielle Towers – Safeguarding Review with Kevin Hodgson

Ian Redford – Science with Dan McConville

Claire Macleod – Science with Dan McConville

Danielle Towers – Science with Dan McConville

Ian Redford – SEND with Julia Morris

Claire Macleod – SEND with Julia Morris

Ian Redford – SEND learning walk

Danielle Towers – SEND learning walk

Danielle Towers – Attendance

Ian Redford – Health and Safety

Chris Roberts – SEND

Chris Roberts – Early Reading

### Summer Term Events:

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Road Safety Workshop – Year 3
8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 80th Anniversary Family Picnic
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 – Ancient Greeks visit from Durham University
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Police & Fire Service visit Reception
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wear Something Yellow – Supporting Cystic Fibrosis
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Athletics Competition
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Athletics Competition
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 visit to Discovery Museum
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 visit to Great North Museum
18 <sup>th</sup> June/19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Parents We Are Special performance
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Make Active Memories @ Alnwick Gardens
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential @ Lockerbie Manor
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Welcome to Reception Stay and Play (New Starters)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Welcome to Nursery Stay and Play

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Move Up Day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 breakdancing and football fesival
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Northumbria Police Marine unit water safety campaign Y5/6
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Paddle Boarding at Druridge Bay
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Summer Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Visit to Great North Museum
18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term