



# Ellington Primary News

*Believe and Achieve*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last News Bulletin of the 2023-2024 academic year!

We have had another hugely successful year here at Ellington. It really is a privilege to be Headteacher at such an amazing school. We have had a year filled with success which is only possible when we work together. On behalf of the staff and governors, we hope that you and your children have a fantastic summer and thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

## UEFA Euro 2024

To mark England reaching the final of the European Championships, we will be having a non-uniform day on Monday. Children can wear an England top if they have one or simply just something white or red. Let's hope we are all celebrating!



## Ice Cream Sale

At breaktime on Monday, we will be selling ice lollies/ice creams left from our Summer Fair. All items are 50p and children should bring the correct money with them to school. Children can buy ONE item if they wish.

## Summer Fair

Thank you for joining us at our Summer Fair. Your support and generosity meant that the event was a huge success. We raised a fantastic £2500 which will go directly into resources for the children in school. We desperately need more support with our PTA (The Friends of Ellington) to help with events in school moving forward. We would like to say a huge thank you to Claire and Charlie Macleod for their help and support in organising the fair. Also, we would like to thank long serving members of the PTA who are stepping down this year as their children move on from Ellington. Particularly Dan Heron who has been our treasurer for many years.

*Thank you*

## Changes to Wraparound Provision

We are pleased to announce that from September we are extending our wraparound provision. **Breakfast Club will start at 7:30am. After school club will run until 5:30pm.** We will also be allowing Nursery children to attend. This is in line with the government guidance for expectations for all schools and following parent/carer feedback we have received. Further information will be shared before the summer holidays. Two members of staff will be present both at breakfast club and after school club and the children will be based in the studio room.

Just a reminder that there will be no afterschool club running on Wednesday (17th) or Friday (19th) next week. Breakfast club will still be running as normal.



## Attendance Winners!

Congratulations to Reception who are our attendance winners this academic year! They had the most weeks with the best attendance in school and as a reward, they have had a free trip to Lilidorei today! In the words of every single Reception pupil "This is the best day ever!"

## Transition Days

We have had excellent transition days in school for our pupils with their new class teachers. The children have enjoyed working in their new classrooms and making new art displays. In a previous letter, we invited you into school to view the artwork on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th July. However, the work will not quite be ready by then. Instead, you are invited in on Thursday 18th after school and also any night on the first week back to school in September.

Our Year 6 pupils have all had enjoyable experiences on their transition days to their new schools, it is a huge step for them but we know they will be brilliant!

## End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report today by email. If you have any questions or concerns when this is received, you are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

## Lockerbie Manor

Our Year 6 class visited Lockerbie Manor in Scotland on Friday 5th to Sunday 7th of July. They had an incredible time, taking part in a range of activities including paddle boarding, abseiling, climbing, canoeing, kayaking and also had a campfire and a disco. They food was delicious and the manor house and grounds were amazing. What a fantastic final adventure at Ellington.



## New PE Kit /Uniform Reminder

It has been great to see some children already wearing our new PE kit. After speaking with some parents, we would recommend that you visit Emblematic in Morpeth to try the uniform on before ordering to ensure the correct sizing. We would also advise ordering as soon as possible to ensure your new uniform arrives before September.

## School Books

Next week, your child will bring home their school books. We hope that you can spend time with your child/ren, looking through the work that they have done this year. We take great pride in the children's books and when working with other schools, we are frequently praised for the quality and presentation of work. We are very proud of hard work and effort that goes into every piece of work. Please note that in each class, we will keep three sets of books. In this is your child, we will keep their work until Easter 2025 and they will then take them home. However, you are welcome to come into school to view their work next week if you wish - just let the class teacher know and this can be arranged.

## Academic Year 2024/2025

We return to school on Wednesday 4th September for the new academic year. During the Summer holidays, you will receive a 'Welcome to Year \*' digital book to share with your child. We hope that all children will feel happy and safe to return to school and start their new chapter. However, if you feel that your child needs any support with transition, please don't hesitate to contact us. During the first weeks back in September, we will be holding parent/carer meetings where you will be invited in to meet your child's new class teacher and have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

# E-scooters, EAPCs, E-bikes, and Motorcycles

Information for parents & carers



Road safety law is there to protect riders and other road users. In the event of a collision, the physical consequences can be devastating, life-changing and can ultimately result in the loss of life. Make sure that when your children ride on the roads they are doing so legally and safely with protective equipment such as helmets. Visit [THINK! Road safety](#) and [Road safety - Police.uk](#) for more information.

## What does the law say?

### E-scooters

**NOT ROAD LEGAL**  
for ANYONE to use

It is illegal for ANYONE to ride a private e-scooter on public land – roads, pavements and cycle paths included. In law, they are treated as motor vehicles and, because they have no number plate, often don't have rear lights or signalling ability, **they cannot be used legally in public.**

[Read more here](#) about penalties and offences.

### EAPC

(electrically-assisted pedal cycle)

**ROAD LEGAL**  
for those aged 14 and over. Helmet use is advised but optional

An EAPC must have pedals meaning that the bike can be used with or without the motor, and the fitted motor must cut off at a top speed of 15.5mph (the speed of an average pedal cyclist)

[Read more here](#) and [here](#)

### Electronically powered motorcycle – "E-bike"

Whether or not these are road legal depends on certain conditions (see below)

To be road legal an E-bike must have:

- A number plate
- Brake lights
- Indicators

An E-bike without these is **NOT ROAD LEGAL**

Also, the rider is subject to the same licence requirements as those for a moped/scooter/motorcycle (see column to the right), and they must have insurance.

### Mopeds, scooters and motorcycles

**ROAD LEGAL**  
for those aged 16 and over with a motorcycle licence. Helmet use is mandatory

A provisional driving licence is required and compulsory basic training (CBT) must be completed. The age limit will depend on the type of motorcycle – [visit this link for details](#)

What's the difference between a moped and a scooter? Basically, it's all about engine size, but [read more about it here](#)

## Why are rented e-scooters road-legal?

- Renters must have at least a provisional driving licence which has [category Q or P/M entitlement](#)
- The rental company provides insurance for the rider as part of the rental agreement
- They must be ridden in approved areas and only on the road

## E-scooter schemes in the Northumbria Police area:

There is an e-scooter rental scheme available in Newcastle. Find out more here:

[Neuron Mobility e-scooter hire in Newcastle upon Tyne](#)

Read the following article for tips on how to [protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft](#)

## Nursery News

Nursery have had a fantastic few weeks watching our caterpillars turn into butterflies. The children were amazed at how fat the caterpillars got in such a short space of time. They were curious when they spun their cocoons and there has often been a viewing queue for them to see what they are up to. We were so excited when the butterflies started to emerge from their cocoons! Nursery offered good suggestions over what to put in the net to make sure our butterflies were well looked after.

Today, we released them into our wildlife garden. Some children were lucky enough for them to land on their hand before they flew off on their next adventures.

Nursery have had such a fantastic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support and wish you all a nice summer holiday.



## Reception News

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter of this year! What a year it has been, and we have had another fabulous two weeks to top it all off. The children have enjoyed reading and doing lots of work on our new story 'Clem and Crab' by Fiona Lumbers. We have described the beach that Clem visits using some wonderful adjectives. We have also used thought bubbles to express the characters thoughts when seeing the beach with so much litter and what they think once the beach is beautifully clean at the end of the story. This week we have been learning about the environmental impact of littering and have wrote letters to beachgoers, giving them reasons to think twice about leaving any of their rubbish behind. We have also been writing sentences about the litter we found in our classroom rockpool. Fantastic work from everyone!

In maths, we have been counting beyond 20 using numerical patterns to help us. We have also explored mass and enjoyed weighing classroom objects using cubes. We then compared the items using terms such as heaviest, heavier, lighter and lightest.



In our art lessons we have been looking at creating collages with mixed media. The children enjoyed tearing, cutting, gluing and sticking to create their artwork. Lots of great skills on display. We have also enjoyed learning about signs of summer and looking for them in our outdoor play.



We had a fantastic time at Lilidorei today, a well-earned treat for the children's excellent attendance this year, keep an eye out on Class Dojo for some more pictures of what we got up to!



The children have been working super hard on learning some songs and words for their graduation ceremony, we can't wait to see you all there (Thursday 18th July-2pm). Make sure you bring the tissues!

What a fantastic year we have had in Reception, thank you for all of your support. I hope you all have a great summer holiday, ready to work just as hard in year 1!

## Year 1 News

What another busy fortnight it has been! Thank you to everyone who supported and attended this year's sports day and summer fair. The children had a fantastic time, and despite the windy weather, we were grateful that it stayed dry. It was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to participate in sports and enjoy themselves.

Over the past two weeks, our students experienced two exciting transition mornings. They engaged in creating spectacular paintings inspired by the renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We look forward to showcasing their artworks during our upcoming viewing session.

In English, we delved into Beatrix Potter's classic tale, 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'. During this unit, the children wrote fabulous letters from the perspectives of Mr. McGregor and Peter Rabbit. It's been amazing to see their enthusiasm and creativity, particularly as they embraced the grumpy persona of Mr. McGregor.

In Maths, our focus has been on strengthening number bonds within 10 and 20, a crucial foundation for various mathematical concepts. We are now progressing to explore data representation through pictograms, tally charts, and counting towers.

The children continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication across all subjects, and I am incredibly proud of their resilience and determination as we approach the end of the school year.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. The progress our students have made has been phenomenal, and we recognise that this wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable support from our parents.

Just 5 more days to go, Year 1 - we can do this!

Mrs. Horsley and Mrs. Strachan



Scan this QR Code to see our gymnastics in action.

## Year 2 News

The final newsletter for Year 2, I can't believe it is nearly the summer holidays. Year 2 has had an AMAZING year, they have all worked hard, shown resilience and had a year full of fun. This year all the children have worked hard to make great progress and myself and Mrs Curtis are very proud of each and every student.

Sports day and the summer fair were both huge successes, thank you to everyone who came along to support us and cheer us on. All of the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork skills, and they were all fantastic competing in all the races!

Over the last two weeks we have created our own poems, based on 'The Sound Collector' by Rodger McGough. The children each designed their own stranger and decided what their stranger would steal from the world, there were lots of fantastic ideas and some great rhyming pieces.

In maths we have been looking at measuring mass, capacity and temperature and finished off this week looked at right angles, pictograms and bar charts.

- As we finish our geography topic we answer the big question 'What is it like to live by the coast?' during this topic we have looked at the Jurassic Coast, Weymouth and the children used data they collected to create their own bar charts.
- In PSHE the children have learnt all about Economic Wellbeing, we have looked at the importance of keeping money safe, how adults earn money, the difference between wants and needs and then to finish the topic we explored our skills and talents. During our final lesson we talked about the importance of inclusivity, during our 'Everyone is Welcome' activity the children all created their own jigsaw piece.

Year 2 had a fantastic morning with Mrs Richardson and Mrs Sayer on Thursday, they all showed off their super art skills when creating their own pieces of artwork based on Vincent van Gogh's creations. I am very excited to see their final pieces!

Well done Year 2 on another great few weeks. You have all impressed myself and Mrs Curtis and we have loved having fun with you all!

Miss Brooks

Continue to work hard, have fun and keep reading!

Remember...

*'The more that you read,  
The more things you will know,  
The more you learn,  
The more places you will go.'*





## Year 3 News

We can't believe that this is already the final newsletter from Year 3. The year has flown by and it has been packed with exciting activities and lots of learning. The final few weeks have been no exception!

Year 3 had a fabulous time on sports day and showed what a talented group they are. The summer fair was a fantastic way to conclude the day.

In English, the children have started to explore Shakespeare over the last two weeks, focusing on 'Macbeth'. They are really enjoying it and have produced some excellent drama focusing on the first few scenes of the play. We are nearly at the end of 'How to Train your Dragon' in reading lessons and we are all eager to find out what happens to the hero 'Hiccup' at the end.

Maths has focused on refining our knowledge of telling the time, trying to be precise and tell the time to the nearest minute. We are now working on problems involving measures of length.

The class have particularly enjoyed our history topic about Ancient Egypt. We have found out about the pyramids, the gods and the landscape. This week we learnt about mummification, and the children deepened their understanding of the process by mummifying tomatoes!



Last week we had a real treat with the visiting theatre group who performed their play 'Les Animaux Olympique' in French. Year 3 were particularly lucky to have a workshop with the theatre group before the play so that they could participate fully in the performance.



A group of Year 3 children have also had a wonderful experience participating in the Lego League this week.

What a fun packed year, well done Year 3! Enjoy a well-earned summer holiday.

## Year 4 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is it, the final newsletter of the academic year! The children were recently saying to me they felt like they had only just gotten started in Year 4 but already it is coming to an end. I guess time flies when you are having fun! I know I have said this before, but this group of children are absolutely brilliant. It has been a pleasure to teach them everyday, and I know they are going to go on and do amazingly well in Year 5. To help prepare, the children have had two transition mornings over the past fortnight, where they have had the opportunity to spend time with Miss Brooks before they start with her in September. Finally, I just want to say thanks again to all parents and carers who have been so supportive to myself and Mrs Mallaburn since September.

We had a lovely school trip to the Baltic Art Gallery on Wednesday. The trip gave the children the opportunity to visit a (relatively) local river. They got to go on the Millennium Bridge and we discussed many of the features that we had talked about in Geography including meander, lower course and source. We also got to take a guided tour of part of the Gallery with David from Baltic as well as getting a great view of the city from the viewing platform up on the 5th floor. In the afternoon, we spent time with artist Zoe Allan to look at different types of bridges that cross rivers before the children completed a Design Technology project of working in teams to design and build a bridge that could hold the weight of a toy truck. We were all very impressed with the structures the children managed to build. All of them managed to hold the weight and were incredibly stable.

I also want to thank our Lego League team of children who went to compete at the Lego League Explore contest in North Tyneside. The children put together a very engaging project where they designed a concert venue that included disability access and moving parts.

The children have kept on working in class. We have just completed a lovely unit of work on William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that the children really enjoyed. We have also been looking at shapes and position and direction in Maths. In Science we have been studying teeth and the digestive system.



## Year 5 News

Sports Day was a huge success again this year; thank you to everyone who spectated and cheered the children on, they all had a wonderful day!

We enjoyed exploring our new orienteering program that has been set up in school, where we combined our academic quiz knowledge with our map reading and teamwork skills! (We enjoyed our ice-pops the most!)

The children had an amazing time with Mrs Sanders for their 'move-up day' where they got a little insight into what life will be like in year 6 next year. They also explored Banksy's extravagant talents including spray painting graffiti.

In English, we are focusing on the book Yusra Swims by Julie Abery which explores the extraordinary story of a young refugee. We are writing to discuss where the children are preparing their balanced argument as to whether the Yusra Swimmers should use their platform to raise awareness of the refugee plight.

A special shout out this week to Travis Burt who got a special mention for his u11 side.

Thank you for a fantastic time together year 5, I will miss you all!

Mr Todd



## Year 6 News

Well, Year 6 have come to the end of their final year in primary school and what a way to end the year!

Rehearsals for the Leavers' Performance are well underway and the songs are sounding lovely - there are a few that are sure to be tear-jerkers so if you're coming to watch then bring a tissue! This year's performance is based around the children's own memories from their time at Ellington, the things they've learned

as well their ambitions in secondary school and for the future. We very much hope you enjoy it as the children have - as usual - been working incredibly hard on it.



You will also get to view the end product of our amazing day with Mr Bailey! We completed a "Just Press Play" experience about transitioning to secondary school and how to tackle any worries that the children may have had. The rest of the day was spent completing coding activities that introduced coding through text as well as using the "green screen" to create our end of year videos. There was dancing, there was posing and just an awful lot of fun after working so hard all year. Mr Bailey also showed the children how their videos and images would transfer onto new backgrounds to create the end result.

In the last couple of weeks, we've also had our sports day and summer fair, which the children enjoyed and they cheered each other on as well as other year groups. It was lovely to see such good sportsmanship.

Of course, this newsletter could not go out without mentioning the residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. The children had a brilliant time in Scotland trying out a range of activities: climbing, abseiling, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, zip lining, completing a blind trail, a camp fire and a disco! It was lovely to see all our pupils giving the activities a go and challenging themselves when trying new things. The accommodation was lovely and the food plentiful.

