



Coxhoe Communicator

Summer 2026



Dear parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to thank our entire school community for the incredible support, kindness and commitment shown throughout the year. It really has been a fantastic year and I'm sure you will agree that there is so much for us all to be proud of.

One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly our wonderful Ofsted report, which reflects the hard work, dedication and care shown by our staff, children, governors and families every single day. It captures the strength of our fabulous school and everything that makes our community so special. If you have not yet had the opportunity to read it, you can find it here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/114080>.



It has certainly been another busy year! From exciting curriculum experiences and sporting successes to performances, visits and special events, our children have achieved so much. A particular highlight was our new Year 6 residential visit to London. The children were an absolute credit to the school throughout the trip. They demonstrated growing independence, resilience and maturity, managing themselves brilliantly in a busy city environment. Experiences like these help prepare our children for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and we were all incredibly proud of them.

As always at this time of year, we also say farewell to some valued staff who are moving on to new adventures. We thank them for everything they have contributed to our school and wish them every success for the future. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming new members of staff to our school family in September.

Our extension project continues to make excellent progress and we are excited about the additional learning spaces it will provide for our children. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and support with the temporary entry and exit arrangements. We know it has required everyone to adapt but the way our school community has pulled together has been greatly appreciated. Building work is expected to continue until the beginning of October and we will provide an update at the end of August regarding arrangements for the start of the new school year.

Over the summer, we have shared a few optional challenges and, of course, we would encourage all children to keep reading regularly. However, most importantly, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. Summer is a valuable time to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe, make special memories and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Coxhoe Primary School.

Kind regards
Mrs Bartle
Head Teacher



Staffing Update

We say farewell to Mr Ayres who has been with us in varying roles this year, Miss Rodgers and Miss Phelan – we wish them every success on their new adventure.

We welcome Miss Bartle and Miss Forth as new teachers in Year 4 and Year 2 respectively.

Reminder – Miss Armstrong will go on maternity leave over the summer holidays and return in May next year. Her roles will be covered as below:

- Miss Turner – Attendance
- SLT – Pastoral /safeguarding

Y1 Church Visit

Year 1 enjoyed walking to the church to learn more about Christian baptisms. They got to re-enact a baptism and took home the special gifts that the baby would usually receive including a certificate and candle.

Mini Police Litter Pick

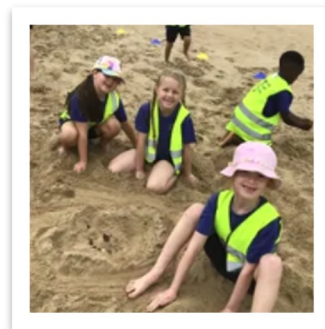
Our Mini Police recently headed out into the village for another community litter pick, continuing their work to help keep the local area clean and cared for.

The children were delighted to discover that they collected around one third less litter than during their previous litter pick earlier in the year. This encouraging reduction suggests that our community is becoming cleaner and that more people are helping to look after the environment by disposing of their litter responsibly.

The Mini Police showed excellent teamwork, responsibility and commitment throughout the litter pick. We are incredibly proud of the positive contribution they continue to make to our local community and thank them for being such fantastic role models over the past year.

Y2 South Shields Visit

Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring the coast at South Shields as part of our geography learning. Our visit focused on why people choose to visit the coast for their holidays and what makes it such a popular destination. The children carried out fieldwork, carefully observing and identifying a range of human and physical features, including the beach, sea, sand dunes and local buildings. Back in the classroom, we will use the information we collected to write our own informative texts about South Shields. As well as working hard, the children had lots of fun playing in the park, on the beach and enjoying delicious ice cream. It was a wonderful day of learning and making special memories!



OFSTED CONGRATULATIONS

Ofsted 2026 - what an achievement!

As Chair of Governors, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to everyone at Coxhoe Primary on the outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. This achievement is a true reflection of the consistently high standards that have been built and sustained over time, particularly in securing strong outcomes for pupils and a culture where they can achieve and thrive. It is clear that this success has been driven by the unwavering commitment, professionalism and dedication of all staff, supported by strong leadership and a shared vision for excellence. The Governing Body is immensely proud of what has been accomplished and recognises the collective effort of the whole school community in reaching this milestone.

Congratulations to the staff and the children - we are so very proud of you.

Mrs Hill
Chair of Governors

Summer Challenges

- Send us a postcard – we would love to hear about any of your adventures over the summer. Please write us a postcard from your holiday or day trips and post or hand deliver them to the yellow letter box that will be left outside the main office doors over the holiday and each class will share them with their new classmates in September. 10 Dojos will be awarded for any postcard sent.
- Children across County Durham are being encouraged to dive into library books over the summer as part of a Summer Reading Challenge. Durham County Council has launched a Summer Reading Challenge, which invites young readers to set a personal reading goal and earn rewards for the books they complete during the school holidays. Running at all 39 libraries across the county, the challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11.
- Delivered in partnership with The Reading Agency, this year's theme is 'Read to the Beat', inspiring children to explore the connection between stories and songs. Throughout the summer, children can take part in musical story sessions, poetry performances, drawing workshops and even Viking-themed activities. Hands-on sessions with insects and reptiles are also on offer.



Any child participating will get 5 Dojos and any children completing the challenge will get 10.

Assembly Spotlight

In this half term we have explored current affairs inspired by Newsround in our class assemblies and learnt more about many different themes and topics in our wider school assemblies:

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- Self-Care Techniques
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- Transition (feelings and emotions linked to change)
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Find out more on our Assembly page <https://coxhoe.sites.schooljotter2.com/curriculum-1/our-wider-coxhoe-curriculum/assembly-resources>

Dropping off Children from Reception to Year 4

To help ensure the safety of all our children, please do not drop your child off at the roundabout and allow them to walk to school unaccompanied.

We understand that mornings can be busy and that many parents are trying to get to work on time.

However, this practice presents a safety risk and we ask for your support in ensuring children arrive at school safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Colour Run

One of the highlights of our year, the Colour Run was launched by our amazing Year 6 pupils and then enjoyed by all. We had so much fun working together and created a rainbow of smiles across our whole Coxhoe family.

Tea Dance

Our Year 6 children had a wonderful time attending a Tea Dance at the Village Hall. They enjoyed spending time with members of the local community, chatting, dancing and sharing refreshments together. The children demonstrated excellent manners, confidence and respect throughout the event, making a fantastic impression on everyone they met. It was lovely to see different generations coming together and enjoying each other's company.

Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Our trip to the farm was a fantastic experience and one the children will remember for a long time! We enjoyed bottle-feeding hungry lambs, gently stroking guinea pigs and even holding fluffy baby chicks, showing great care and confidence with all of the animals.

There were plenty of giggles as we met some of the farm's funniest residents too! We all enjoyed saying hello to Henry the grumpy turkey, who responded with a very loud gobble every time we called his name.

One of the highlights of the day was our exciting tractor ride, where we spotted beautiful Highland cows with their adorable calves. To top it all off, a group of curious llamas decided to chase after us, leaving everyone laughing with excitement!

The children were exceptionally well behaved throughout the visit and represented our school brilliantly. We are so proud of the kindness, curiosity and enthusiasm they showed during such a wonderful day of learning and adventure.



Bowburn Care Home

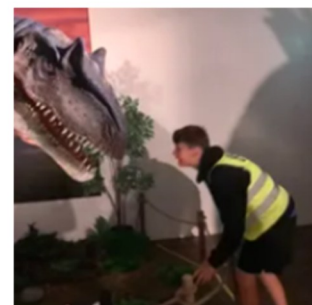
Some of our Year 3 children had a fabulous time travelling on the service bus to Bowburn Care Home. They enjoyed taking part in arts and crafts activities, followed by refreshments and a chance to chat with the residents. Parents and carers should be incredibly proud of their children – they were a real credit to the school. Their excellent manners, kindness and enthusiasm made a wonderful impression on everyone they met.

Year 5 Ferryhill Transition

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting transition taster day at Ferryhill School. Throughout the day, we experienced a range of secondary school lessons and had lots of fun while learning new skills. In Maths, we worked on buying and selling T-shirts, using our money and problem-solving skills to make sensible financial decisions. During Geography, we discovered interesting facts about Poland, while in History we tested our knowledge by taking part in a fun game of History Bingo, learning about important events through time. We also enjoyed an energetic PE lesson, where everyone enthusiastically joined in with games of rounders. To complete the experience, we had lunch in the Ferryhill School canteen, giving us a real taste of secondary school life. We were incredibly proud of all the Year 5 children, whose excellent behaviour and beautiful manners were praised by the Deputy Headteacher. They represented our school brilliantly and were a credit to themselves throughout the day.

Y6 Newcastle Visit

Year 6 had the best time at the Centre of Life exploring all of the exhibitions and consolidating the science knowledge they have gained during their time at Coxhoe Primary School. We explored fossils, light, the solar system and our senses. During the visit, we entered the planetarium and travelled to different planets to learn many amazing facts! Here are some quotes from the children about the visit. "I loved the planetarium because it felt like you were actually in space. It was very immersive. I loved exploring the different senses and parts of our brain, we even drank out of a toilet. There were so many interactive stations and fun science activities to physically do".



Y6 Take on London

What an incredible few days our Year 6 pupils enjoyed in London! We could not be prouder of the way they represented Coxhoe Primary School and demonstrated what it means to be a true Coxhoe Citizen.

Throughout the trip, the children showed tremendous bravery, independence and resilience, embracing every opportunity that came their way. They were kind and supportive of one another, wonderfully polite throughout, and a real credit to their families and our school community.

The children threw themselves into a host of new experiences, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Highlights included soaring above the city on the London Eye, enjoying a river cruise along the Thames, watching the spectacular Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre and exploring some of London's fascinating museums. Of course, there was also plenty of delicious food along the way!

To make the very most of their visit, the children walked an amazing 28 miles over the course of the trip. Despite some tired feet, their enthusiasm never faded and they approached every day with energy, positivity and a sense of adventure.

Well done, Year 6. You truly embodied our school values and made us incredibly proud. We hope you cherish these special memories for many years to come.



Y6 Leavers Performance and Leavers Assembly

Year 6 have blown us away with their singing, acting and dancing skills. The Greatest Show truly was the greatest show. From circus leaders, to performing clowns, to evil inventors, they embodied their characters like true professionals and we couldn't be prouder of the show they put together! Thank you so much for your help, with learning lines to making props and costumes for us. It has created memories of a lifetime and I can't wait to see some of our Year 6s on the stage in the future. In addition to our wonderful performance, the Leavers Assembly left us all with tears in our eyes. We couldn't be prouder of all that our Year 6's have achieved across this year and the many that came before it and listening to their memories, celebrating their achievements and hearing their final song was the perfect way to round off their fantastic journey. Good luck for the future Year 6 – continue to be shining stars!

Y2 Late Night Stay

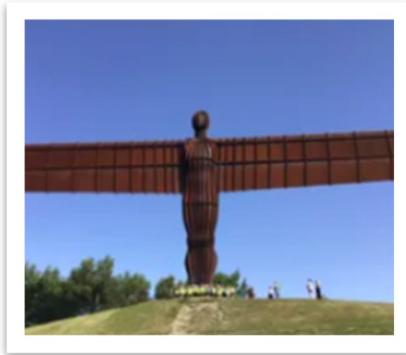
What an absolutely fantastic evening Year 2 had on Friday at our late night stay! The children enjoyed a forest school session where they got to explore the outdoors in the sunshine and played lots of fun games on the yard! We had some delicious pizza and even toasted our own marshmallows and had s'mores by the fire. The children also enjoyed getting into their pyjamas and watching a film on the big screens in the hall, making loom bands and bookmarks and finishing off a wonderful evening decorating biscuits! We cannot thank the children enough for how incredible they all were and we hope they enjoyed themselves!

Medical Appointments During the School Day

To help us keep accurate attendance records, we request that medical evidence is provided for any medical appointments that take place during the school day. An appointment letter or a print out from the GP surgery or Dentist etc. can be emailed to the school office via coxhoe@durhamlearning.net or we can take a photocopy of the original. Please ensure that the school office is notified of the appointment in advance. Thank you for your continued support.

Y1 Angel of the North and Winter Gardens Visit

Year 1 had a brilliant day visiting the Angel of the North as part of our topic on 3D sculptures in art and learning about the history of ships at the Winter Gardens Museum as part of our history learning. At the Winter Gardens Museum, the children explored the different exhibition spaces, discovering a range of fascinating displays, including historic model ships and exhibits showcasing Sunderland's maritime past. They also took part in an engaging workshop, where they investigated historical artefacts that were once used by passengers aboard ships. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience and the children were curious and fantastic Coxhoe Citizens throughout the day.



Jewellery

If you do plan on getting your child's ears pierced over the 6 weeks, we recommend you do this at the start of the holidays so that they are healed in time to return to school. Children are not permitted to wear earrings for school. This is due to Health and Safety guidelines and the active nature of school life for children. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they may wear clear soft plastic piercing retainers and these should be put in before coming in to school. School has purchased some for emergency use only.

Y3 Late Night Stay

The Year 3 children that went to Moor House last Friday had a truly fantastic day. They overcame a number of challenges and showed outstanding resilience, teamwork and determination from start to finish. They built and climbed crate towers, made flapjacks and jam in bush craft, did a toboggan run and used slingshots to hit targets. We finished off our adventure day with a hilariously brilliant sing along around the campfire. Throughout the day it was wonderful to see the children not only work as a team to overcome the set challenges, but also witness their unwavering dedication to supporting and encouraging each other through every activity. We are so proud of our fantastic children. Well done Year 3!

Y6 Graffiti Walk

Year 6 went out into the village to look at graffiti in the local area. We found some areas in the community where this vandalism is occurring and discussed the impact of this. We also discussed ways that we could contribute positively to the community and what we would do if we saw vandalism like this happening. They had some wonderful ideas and were great community citizens.

Residentials

After a successful year of residentials, our residential programme has been rolled out for next year. Please check your emails and register interest ASAP. Details of residentials are below:

- **Y2 – late night stay on school grounds, Summer term**
- **Y3 – The Outdoors People, camping on school grounds, Summer term**
- **Y4 – Beamish, date confirmed for 18-19th March 2027**
- **Y5 – Weardale adventure, date confirmed for 4-6th November 2026**
- **Y6 – London, Summer term**

More information to follow.

Safer Parking around our school



As a driver you have a responsibility to park
in a safe and considerate manner.

Park with care and help make the area near and
around our school a safer place for everyone.



Year 5 visit to Newcastle

Year 5's Dickens and Tolkien classes had an exciting educational trip to the Life Science Centre in Newcastle. We explored the Dino Den, where we discovered fascinating facts about dinosaurs, before taking part in a hands-on science workshop. Using a robotic hand, we worked together to repair space shelters, just like real space engineers! We also enjoyed an amazing journey through the planetarium, travelling from Newcastle up into space to explore the constellations and visit incredible places such as the Sun, Jupiter and Saturn. During a fantastic dinosaur show, we learned how dinosaurs pumped blood around their bodies and how this helped them survive. After our visit to the Life Science Centre, we explored Newcastle, spotting famous landmarks including Grey's Monument, residential housing and Leazes Park, before finishing at the Quayside to admire the iconic bridges. We compared the city's features with those of São Paulo, helping us make links with our geography learning. It was a memorable day full of science, geography and discovery!

County Durham Family Hubs

Don't forget County Durham Family Hubs offer parenting advice, activities, health services and practical help for children and young people of all ages. Pop in, connect and discover what's on your local hub. They have so much on over the Summer holidays. For further information follow the link: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/FamilyHubs>

Year 5 Ferryhill Dragons

Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to work alongside students from Ferryhill Secondary School on an exciting enterprise challenge. Working in teams, the children designed their own breakfast cereal bar before creating a persuasive pitch to present to the Ferryhill Dragons – just like on *Dragons' Den*! They carefully considered the packaging, production costs, health and nutritional benefits and any possible challenges their product might face. Each team confidently presented their ideas, demonstrating excellent teamwork, creativity and communication skills. The winning team, **Golden Goose**, impressed the judges with their innovative product and convincing presentation. Congratulations to Golden Goose on their well-deserved success, and well done to everyone who took part in this fantastic learning experience!

CAPT: Supporting Home Safety for Children Under Five Years Online Training – FREE

There is a multi-agency training programme aimed at raising awareness of the risks/hazards within the home to reduce accidents in the home for children up to 5 years. The training is for frontline practitioners and aims to reduce the accident and emergency (A&E) attendances and hospital admissions.

For more information and to book a place, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-home-safety-for-children-under-five-years-in-durham-tickets-753853926387>

Attendance

We kindly remind you of the importance of notifying the school if your child is going to be absent. To ensure the safety and well-being of all students, please call the school office before 9:00 AM on the day of the absence. This is part of our school policy; if we are unable to contact you, we may need to conduct a home visit.

Early notification allows us to accurately record attendance and promptly follow up on any unexplained absences. If we do not hear from you, we will need to contact you to confirm your child's whereabouts. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe and informed.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please get in touch with Miss Turner from September via the school office who will be happy to discuss this further with you.

Y4 Hardwick Park Visit

Our Year 4 pupils had an absolutely fantastic time at Hardwick Park recently as they took part in an action-packed Water Warrior Workshop! The children dove headfirst into investigating the park's diverse wildlife, its beautiful lake and local geography. They did a brilliant job of linking what they saw in real life to their current science and geography topics, gaining invaluable hands-on experience. The absolute highlight of the day? Creating their own mini-river systems! Our young geographers certainly didn't mind getting their hands dirty and they made a wonderful mess shaping rivers right in the mud to see how water flows. A huge well done to our Year 4 Water Warriors for their excellent behavior and enthusiasm!

Road Safety

As part of preparing our Year 5 children for increasing independence, all children who wish to walk home independently will first take part in road safety training in school. Please continue to complete the independent walking home permission form as normal. Once your child has successfully completed the training, we will contact you to confirm when they are able to begin walking home independently.

We anticipate that children will be ready to start walking home independently towards the end of September, although we will confirm this date nearer the time.

Uniform Reminder for September

As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to remind families of the importance of our school uniform. A consistent uniform helps to create a strong sense of belonging, pride and community within our school. Your support in ensuring children arrive correctly dressed each day is greatly appreciated.

Please take some time to review our uniform requirements on the school website before September to ensure your child is fully prepared for the start of term.

A few key reminders:

- **Jewellery is not permitted in school.** This includes earrings, which should be removed before children return in September.
- **Pencil cases and personal stationery** are only permitted for pupils in **Years 5 and 6**.
- Children should bring a **bookbag-style school bag only**, as these fit neatly into classroom trays as storage areas.
- Larger bags/backpacks are **only permitted in Year 6**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensure a positive learning environment for all children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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Sports Report

Children in Years 1, 4 and 5 enjoyed taking part in a Hoopstarz workshop this half term. They built on the skills they developed during last year's workshop and it has been fantastic to see so many children continuing to practice their hula hooping skills during break times. Children in Years 5 and 6 also took part in an exciting contemporary dance workshop delivered by Dance City. It was wonderful to see everyone fully involved, showing creativity, confidence and teamwork – with some football celebration moves even making their way into the routines!

Year 1 and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Highland Dance workshop delivered by Robinson School of Highland Dance. During the session, the children learned about the history of Highland dancing, explored the traditional costumes worn by dancers and practiced a variety of different steps. They showed fantastic enthusiasm and were eager to master this new style of dance. Ask them to show you the pas de basques!

Over the year, children have continued to build their skills and confidence through their PE

lessons. Pupil voice remains overwhelmingly positive, with children consistently sharing how much they enjoy PE. Their enthusiasm is evident in every lesson as they listen carefully, challenge themselves and participate with confidence.

We are incredibly proud of all our young athletes and look forward to another year of sporting enjoyment, achievement and success next year.

Y3 Hardwick Park Visit

As part of our Geography unit, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit to Hardwick Park to learn more about rivers and the natural environment. The children created their own rivers, explored how rivers filter and distil water and discovered the important role rivers play in supporting life. They also investigated the park's wildlife, using nets to catch and identify a variety of creatures living in the ponds. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that helped bring our geography studies to life while encouraging curiosity about the natural world.



SEND and Inclusion Update

SEND Question of the Month "What activities are available in the area over the summer that support a child with additional needs?"

As we head into the summer holidays, many families ask where they can find inclusive activities and support for children and young people with additional needs. Fortunately, there are lots of opportunities available across County Durham and within easy reach of Coxhoe.

A great starting point is Durham's Local Offer, which includes information about SEND-friendly activities, short breaks, holiday provision, family support services and local groups. It is regularly updated and can help families find activities that match their child's interests and needs.

Families may also find MCT Durham (Making Changes Together Durham Parent Carer Forum) particularly helpful. Their website includes information about SEND-friendly leisure activities, sensory rooms, holiday clubs, family events and support groups across County Durham.

Other local options to explore include:

- **Best Start Family Hubs**, which offer SEND-focused sessions, parent support, drop-ins and family activities throughout the holidays.
- **Children and Young People's Network (CYPN)** and Durham's SEND Register, which can provide information about activities and access to a Max Card for discounts at many attractions.
- Local leisure centres, libraries, parks and museums, many of which offer inclusive sessions and events during the summer period.

Useful websites

- Durham Local Offer: www.durham.gov.uk/localoffer
- MCT Durham Parent Carer Forum: www.mctdurham.co.uk
- Durham SENDIASS: www.durhamsendiass.info

If you are unsure where to start, please remember that school is always happy to signpost families towards appropriate services and activities. Our SEND Team hope you all have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break!

Free School Meals

The Education Act 1996 as amended, places a duty on maintained schools, academies and free schools to provide free school meal (FSM) to pupils of all ages that meet the criteria. This includes pupils in school-based nurseries and maintained nursery schools.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

Please contact the school office for an application form if you have not already done so and think you may be eligible. Checks can be carried out at any time throughout the school year if your circumstances should change.

Internet Safety - Stay Safe Online This Summer

With children spending more time online during the holidays, it's important to keep online safety in mind.

- Talk regularly about what your child is doing online.
- Remind them never to share personal information.
- Check privacy settings on games and apps.
- Encourage them to tell a trusted adult if anything online worries them.
- Balance screen time with plenty of offline activities.

Top Tip: Ask your child, "What's your favourite thing to do online?" Keeping conversations open is one of the best ways to keep them safe.

For more advice, visit Thinkuknow and Internet Matters.

Careers Corner

“Career-related learning in primary schools is not about setting pupils down a specific path, but ensuring they understand that there are many options open to them... to learn about the world around them”.

Celebrating a Fantastic Year of Careers-Related Learning!

"If you can't see it, you can't be it!" - Marian Wright Edelman an American activist for children's rights.

If our children don't see people like themselves succeeding in a particular career, they will not believe it's a possibility for them.

As we come to the end of another exciting school year, we are thrilled to celebrate the incredible success of our Careers-Related Learning programme! Throughout the year, our children have explored a wide range of careers through engaging workshops, inspiring visitors, hands-on activities, workshops and real-world learning experiences through external educational visits. Throughout the year, our children have shown curiosity, creativity and confidence every step of the way. These experiences have helped our children have a greater understanding of what careers are available to them, the wider world of work, develop important life skills and dream big about their futures. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, wider families, local businesses and community members who supported us this year. Your time, enthusiasm, and generosity have made a lasting impact on our children's learning and aspirations. We look forward to building on this success next year and continuing to inspire our young learners to explore the endless possibilities ahead!

School Held Medications

We will not be sending out our "School Held Medications" form this year. If you have not completed the form or would like to update your child's permissions, please contact the office. Otherwise, medications held in school will continue to be given as necessary, where permitted, as per the last completed form.

Tesco Stronger starts

Coxhoe Primary School have been accepted for the Tesco stronger starts scheme! This means we are in with a chance of being able to open our very own 'scoop and splash' project.

Our project will encourage a hands-on experience where children explore, create, and learn through the magic of sand and water in the outdoors.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive enough money to create their desired vision.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. The stores that are taking part in this scheme are:

- 2207 Durham Claypath Exp Small unit DH1 1RH
- 2371 Durham Extra Large unit DH1 2XH
- 5596 Durham North Rd Exp Small unit DH1 4SH
- 6029 Durham Market Place Small unit DH1 3NE

You can vote at any of these stores!! Please support us, especially if you are out and about over the holidays!

Voting starts on Monday 3rd August and runs until November 2026. Get your tokens in Tesco and support our school!



Leave of absence forms

Leave of absence forms can be found on our school website for you to complete. They are also available from the school office. Please note that if you wish to submit a leave of absence form, it must be completed 4 weeks before the said absence. If your child is attending an event, we would kindly ask you to provide evidence of this at the same time you submit the leave of absence form. Although parents may feel leave of absence forms may be declined, they still need to be completed as it is a requirement from the local authority.

if your child will be going on holiday during term time and parents/carers are separated, it is important that the other parent/carer is informed of the planned holiday. As part of the Leave of Absence (LOA) process, we require the LOA form to be signed by both parents/carers where parental responsibility is shared. This helps ensure that all parties are aware of and agree to the arrangements. Please make sure the other parent/carer has been notified and that the required signatures are obtained before submitting the form.

After-school Clubs

We have had another fantastic year of after-school clubs, with children enjoying a wide range of opportunities including Lego, Spanish, art, funky fingers, micro bits, cooking and many more! The feedback from children has been overwhelmingly positive, with the vast majority saying they would recommend the club they attended to their friends. It has been wonderful to see children developing new skills, building confidence and discovering new interests outside of the classroom. We are already busy planning our after-school club offer for next year. Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey – we really appreciate your feedback and it will help us to shape an exciting and varied offer of clubs for the year ahead.