



Acomb First School Fortnightly Newsletter

16th May 2025

Upcoming dates

See Diary dates sheet attached to the Parentmail.

Miss Williamson's message

The academic year continues to march on very quickly and this half term is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a really wonderful half term – I can see just how much progress all of the children have made this year. They are all amazing!

It is hard to believe that our Reception children have been with us almost a whole year. We are thrilled to be welcoming our new Reception cohort into school in September too. We have a wonderful cohort of children joining us as our new reception class in September. We will be writing to all those parents before half term to detail the opportunities for the new reception children to start their transition.

Please look very carefully at the diary dates as they include the most up-to-date list of activities and events planned for this term. As you can see, there is lots happening every week!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email:

hannah.williamson@acomb.northumberland.sch.uk

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hannah Williamson



Sensory Hub update

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that after many months of hard work we have managed to secure the funding for our Sensory Hub. This is a huge achievement and will have an enormous impact on both our school and the wider community. We could not be more grateful to the Harrison Foundation and Counsellor Trevor Cessford who have generously contributed to make our dreams a reality. We are hoping the Hub will be built over the summer term.



Parent Teacher Association

We are very keen to find some new members of the PTA. We have big events coming up in the summer and autumn term and we really do need as much help as possible.

We are looking for members who can volunteer before and during events to support us and also for people who would like to be part of the running of the PTA.

The group is a wonderful, welcoming group of parents who are working really hard to support our school. If you could give any time, even if it is just the odd hour here and there, please get in touch. We need as many willing volunteers as possible!



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call One Call on: 01670 536400



Summer Fair

The summer fair is fast approaching. We are looking for volunteers to support with the organisation of this with the PTA. If you feel you could support us with this please contact Mrs Collingwood.

In addition to this we would like to request donations of the following items:

- Teddy bears (new or in good condition)
- Sweets
- Tombola prizes - children and adult's stall
- Wine
- Plants



Uniform swap

We are really trying to think about the promotion of environmental issues with children and the importance of reusing and recycling. In order to support this all children will be able to come to school in non-uniform for the final week of the term. We would be keen for parents to use the Facebook uniform swap page to advertise and obtain uniform. If you search for Acomb School Uniform Swap Page on Facebook you should be able to locate it.



Year 4 residential

We are all very excited about the upcoming residential to Ford Castle for our Y4 children. Please remember we are travelling on the mini bus so **small bags** are essential! (Please pack light.) Also no electronic devices. Any spending money needs to be in a named envelope/purse/wallet and should be given to Miss Waugh on the day of the trip.



School Council

I have to say I have been blown away by the enthusiasm and hard work of the School Council this year. They really have made a huge difference to our school and continue to do so.

They are currently in the process of planning a colour run to raise money for school next term so please keep an eye out for their upcoming information about it.



Y4 transition arrangements

Year 4 children will be moving up to their new schools on the 8th July and the rest of the school will also move up to spend a day of transition to prepare them for September.

Year 4 parents could you please organise transport for your child to and from your their new school on the Transfer day. If anyone has any issues trying to organise this please contact school and we will do what we can to help.

Attendance Matters



Attendance

As you know, good attendance is hugely important in ensuring your child has the best chance of reaching their full potential in school.

Our whole school average attendance up to this week is 95.5% which is above national average so well done everyone!



VE day celebrations

We had a fantastic day of celebrations last week for the 80th VE day. We were blown away by the quality of the outfits that children came dressed in - such amazing effort - thank you! They performed beautifully as always in the village hall and we had some amazing feedback from members of the community about their performances and behaviour. The children of Acomb are such a credit to us all!



Mrs Foster 30 years of service at Acomb

It was wonderful to have a very special celebration for Mrs Foster yesterday for her 30 years of service to our school. I couldn't believe we managed to pull off the surprise with so many people aware of the plans so thank you all so much. The children sang to her and created beautiful messages in her cards from each class. She was absolutely delighted by all of the video messages that pupils from over the years sent in. A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to record the videos and those who sent out messages to get more. It really did make the day incredibly special for her. We are so very grateful to have Mrs Foster in school - she really is one in a million! You will now see when you come into school a special plaque to celebrate all of her fantastic work.