# ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### A Message from Miss Williamson

As we approach the end of a busy and exciting term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible progress all our children have made this year. Whether it's in their learning, confidence, friendships or independence, every child has grown in their own unique way — and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for the part you've played in supporting them every step of the way.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff team for their continued hard work, dedication and passion this year. Their care, creativity and commitment make Acomb First School the wonderful place it is — every single day.

Please take a moment to read through the latest updates and celebrations from across school.

#### School Fair Success - Thank You!

What an amazing afternoon we had at our Summer Fair! Even though the rain came down, the stalls were bustling and the school hall was full of laughter and community spirit. Thanks to your incredible support, we raised a fantastic £1,400! Every penny will go towards enriching school life for the children – from playground improvements to extracurricular treats.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped, donated, and came along – and a special thank you to our amazing volunteers for giving up their time and energy to make the event such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!



#### **School Dinner Price Update**

From September 2025, school meals will be charged at £2.80 per day due to rising food costs. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we can offer tasty, nutritious meals each day.







#### Sports Day Fun

A huge thank you to Mrs Shaw for organising a brilliant Sports Day! Children showed fantastic teamwork, staying positive, and aiming high—all core Skills Builder strengths.

We loved seeing grown-ups join in the parent races – and the staff race brought laughter and cheers all around! Well done to everyone involved.

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#### Maple Class Showcase

Well done to Maple Class, who wowed us with their end-of-year showcase! From expressive performances to thoughtful reflections, they demonstrated confidence, teamwork, and creativity — all part of the Skills Builder framework we've embedded across school life. Thank you to all who came along to celebrate their achievements. A huge thank you to all of the employers who worked with the children including

- Elliott Architects
- Green Roof Structures
- The Harrison Foundation

## Harrison Wellbeing Hub – Coming Soon!

Construction will soon be underway on our new Harrison Wellbeing Hub. This dedicated space will provide a calm, nurturing environment to support children's wellbeing and sensory needs.





Before work begins, children took part in a special Building Day, where they helped create panels for the new space. It was a brilliant success, full of creativity and teamwork. We were thrilled to see it featured in both the Chronicle and Journal newspapers — we hope you saw the fantastic article!

A huge well done to our Wellbeing Hub Ambassadors, who have played a key role in shaping the space — from sharing their ideas to helping name the hub. You've shown fantastic leadership and empathy throughout.

#### Sports Apprentice – Applications In!

We've had a huge number of applications for our Sports Apprentice role! Interviews will take place next week, and we're looking forward to welcoming someone who can bring energy and exciting ideas to support PE and play.



#### **Year 4 Transition Support**

The Be You Primary Mental Health Team has started working with Year 4 to support their transition to middle school. These sessions are already making a big difference to children's confidence and readiness.

#### Transfer Day – Tuesday 9th July

Year 4 children will spend the day at their new middle schools.

- Families must arrange transport to and from HSM or Corbridge schools.
- Children at Acomb will bring home a welcome letter from their new class – a new addition this year based on your feedback.

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#### Uniform Swap & September Reminder

In the final week of term, children can wear non-uniform as usual.

This year, uniform swaps will be managed via the Facebook page: Acomb School Uniform Swap Page – not in school.

- Please ensure all donations are clean and in good condition.
- Reminder: white polo shirts will be part of the uniform for all pupils from September.





#### **Playtime Donations Welcome**

We are refreshing our playtime boxes and would love donations of:

- Dolls
- Dinosaurs
- Action figures
- Construction toys
- Sand toys e.g. small buckets, spades, sieves etc

Please drop off clean, gently used toys at the school office.

#### Keep Building at Home

Parents often ask how they can help build these vital life skills at home. <u>The Skills Builder Homezone</u> is packed with fun, simple activities for every age —

















#### Thank You

Thank you, as always, for being such a kind, supportive and enthusiastic school community. You help make Acomb First School a truly special place to learn and grow.

Warm wishes, Miss Williamson Headteacher