

Friday Flyer

Friday 27th March 2026

Headteacher Update

This week in assemblies we explored the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' which we decided were our 5-a-day for our mental health: 'connect', 'be active', 'take notice', 'keep learning' and 'give'. Our Danceathon on Wednesday provided the perfect platform to embrace all five and it really did prove that engaging in them all boosts our positivity, happiness and sense of wellbeing as, after a day of dancing, we certainly did go home on a high!

As with all of our fundraising endeavours, the event was planned by our pupil-led Fundraising Committee along with Miss Allan and they deserve huge praise as I don't think the day could have run more smoothly or been a bigger success! We started the day with a fantastic showcase of Y5 and 6 dancers who performed routines they had choreographed themselves and inspired us all for the sessions that followed. Huge thanks to the fabulous team of adult dancers who delivered sessions: Miss Elaine and Miss Natasha from [Elaine Pygall School of Dancing](#) who taught our younger children across the day and Mrs Turnbull from Darras Hall Primary and Mr Smith who led hip hop sessions for our older pupils. They were topped only by Ponteland High School students, Erin and Sophie, who showcased both their dancing talent and their teaching potential in the sessions they ran. Our ever-dedicated Friends of PPS were on hand with refreshment stations to hydrate all of the dancers and take photos in the photo booth - thank you so much. And the final thank you goes to all of our families and friends who have donated via our [JustGiving page](#) to the Great North Children's Hospital. At my last check we had raised an impressive £1329!

Best wishes, Claire Johnson



Safeguarding & wellbeing

Please click [here](#) to read more about the 5 Ways of Wellbeing.





At primary school, children who attend nearly every day in Year 6 (95–100% attendance) have 30% higher odds of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90–95% of the time. Please work with us to help your child’s attendance stay above 95% throughout their time in primary school.

Attendance for this week is summarised below

Nursery (Acorn)	96.8%	Year 3 (Pine)	99.0%
Reception (Chestnut)	99.3%	Year 4 (Alder)	97.1%
Reception (Pinecone)	97.0%	Year 4 (Yew)	98.7%
Year 1 (Holly)	98.0%	Year 5 (Oak)	94.8%
Year 1 (Ash)	97.0%	Year 5 (Beech)	97.3%
Year 2 (Sycamore)	99.3%	Year 6 (Elm)	100%
Year 2 (Willow)	96.7%	Year 6 (Birch)	97.6%
Year 3 (Maple)	96.7%	Whole school Cumulative from Sept	95.6%

98% - 100%	Excellent Attendance
95% - 97.9%	Good Attendance
92% - 94.9	Caution (below national)
90% - 91.9%	Cause for concern
Below 89.9%	Persistent Absence - Serious Concern

Absence Procedures

If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. **Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am** if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child’s education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.55am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities which take place immediately after registration, such as phonics.

This week in Nursery

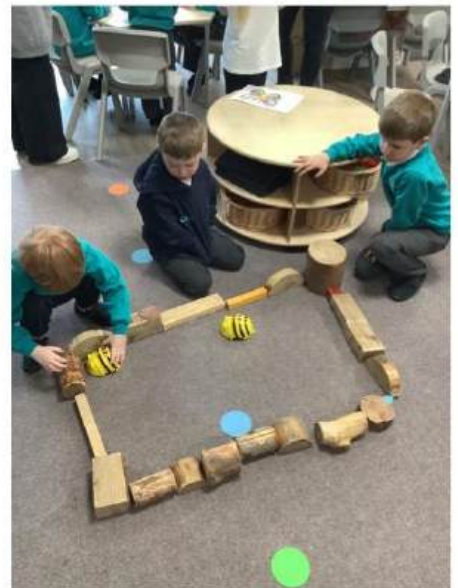
We've had a fantastic week celebrating Eid with plenty of hands-on fun. Our little creators put their fine motor skills to work kneading dough for homemade flatbread and threading beautiful moon decorations. To top off the festivities, Miss Azam set up a "henna" station, giving out beautiful temporary tattoos to everyone who wanted one! Eid Mubarak! 🌙



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This week in Reception

This week we have been learning about computing - we used positional language to describe the Beebots movements and built fabulous obstacle courses for the Beebots to move around - we had so much fun! We also read the Christian Easter story and independently wrote captions for the story. On Wednesday we took part in the whole school 'Danceathon' for the Great North Children's hospital and we thoroughly enjoyed our dance session with Elaine Pygall.



Mrs Blyth and Mrs Adamson

This week in Year 1

It has been another action-packed week of learning for our Year 1 children!

- **Maths:** We have continued our journey into **measurement**, with a specific focus on mastering the use of **rulers**. The children have been busy measuring various objects with precision and care.
- **Computing:** There was a lot of excitement as we used the **Chromebooks!** The children practiced their digital skills by learning how to log on to **Numbots** to support their number fluency.
- **English:** We are still enchanted by our class text, *Grandad's Secret Giant*. This week, we've been focusing on how to bring our descriptions to life by choosing the perfect **adjectives** for our writing.
- **Science & Geography:** Our young scientists have been exploring the world through their **five senses**, while in Geography, we've been looking closer to home. We had some great discussions about our local area and how people use the different spaces within **Ponteland**.



This week in Year 2

We really experienced the joy of movement this week during Wednesday's Danceathon! It felt great to raise so much money for charity while enjoying the fun of dancing with our friends. We also learned so much about looking after our environment when reading *Stella and the Seagull*. We learned that we're never too small to make a big difference.



Mrs Nowosielska and Mr Massey

This week in Year 3

It has been an incredibly busy week in year 3 - we have been summarising so much of our learning in maths and our reading and writing skills in a range of quizzes and it really shows just how much we've learnt since we began.

We welcomed Wednesday and the ability to feel the joy of movement and get our groove on with our incredible Fundraiser for the Great North Children's hospital. We met Fudge in a morning assembly, saw amazing dances by some of the older children in school and also had the opportunity to work with Mr Smith and some High School volunteers in a dance workshop. We are so grateful for your sponsorships and to the Friends of Ponteland Primary who were ready with refreshments for us following our dance session!

We are starting to feel that end of term tiredness but are also really looking forward to Made in the North East week next week and our trip to Alnwick Castle.



Miss Mears and Mr Shaw

This week in Year 4

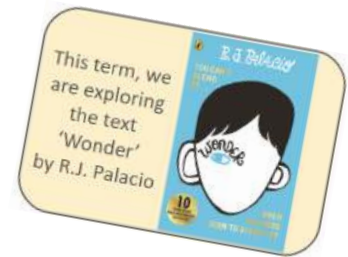
Year 4 have had a very physical week this week! Not only have we enjoyed PE with Mr Drane as well as our weekly swimming lesson, but we also took part in an amazing hip hop dance session! Who knew we had so many talented dancers in year 4? We learnt many of the staples of hip hop dance including, 'the smurf move' and some really tricky lifts and spins! I wonder if any of us will be showing off our moves at home?



This Week in Year 5

Questions 'n' Dancers

This week, Year 5 has had a full-on timetable! It's almost the end of the term, so they have been showing us all they have learnt by completing some assessments before we launch into Made in the North East week on Monday with our trip to Woodhorn.



We also took part in the wonderful Danceathon to raise funds for The Great North Children's Hospital. Some of our girls helped launch the event by performing fantastic dances in a school assembly, and then each class completed a dance workshop to learn a routine to perform. A-MA-ZING.

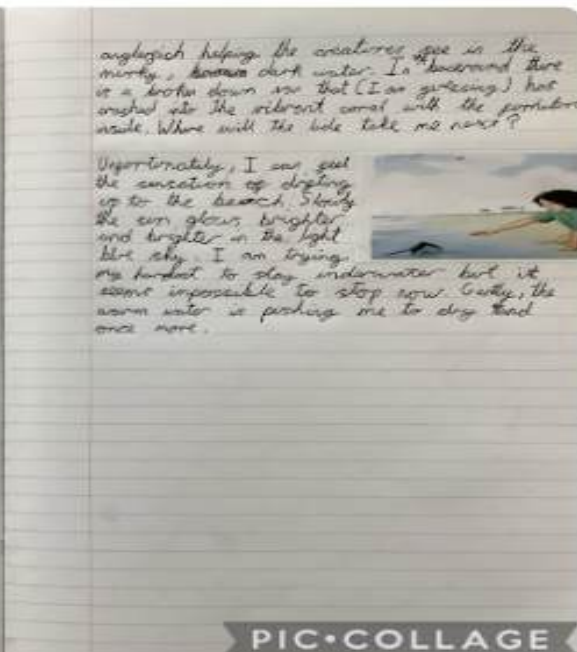
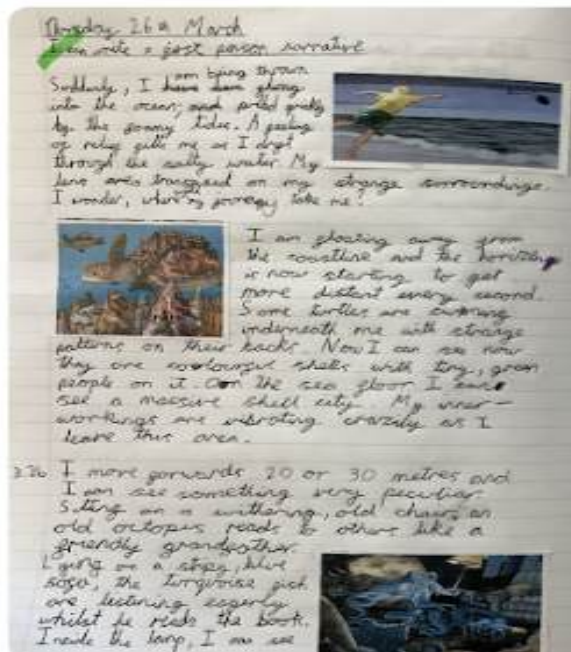
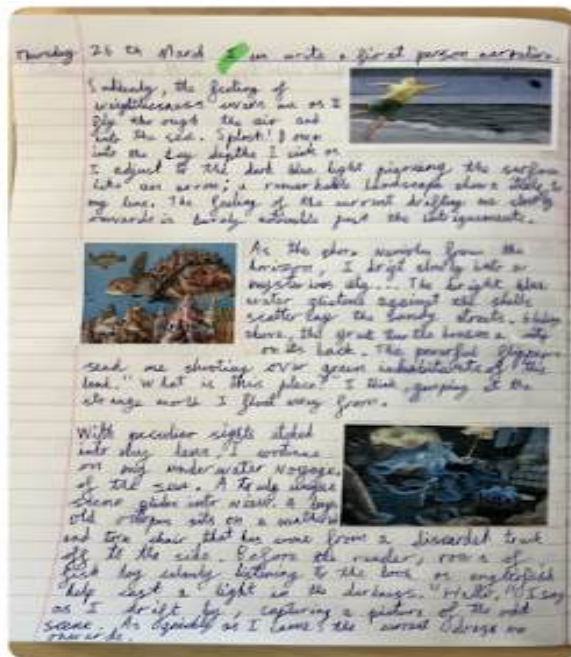
We topped off the week by making some pasties in DT, since we had worked up such an appetite, to enjoy whilst completing our core text, Wonder.



Mr McCourt and Mr Tailford

This week in Year 6

Year 6 have continued working with real effort and resilience this week; they are so committed to learning and improving. In English, we have begun to focus on a new book called Flotsam. It is a wonderful picture book which follows the journey of an underwater camera as it travels through mysterious oceans and magical underwater universes. The children were tasked with writing a narrative in role as the camera with a particular focus on using a range of sentence openers to give their writing a real flow. They wrote with real imagination and creativity and described some of the remarkable scenes in the book beautifully. Have a look at some of our pieces below.



Dates for your diary in 2026



Mon 30th March 2026	Year 6 Trip - Discovery Museum (Packed lunches needed)
Mon 30th March 2026	Year 5 Trip - Woodhorn Museum (Packed lunch needed)
Tue 31st March 2026	Year 3 Trip - Alnwick Castle (Packed lunch needed)
Tue 31st March 2026	Year 2 Trip - Cragside (Packed lunch needed)
Thurs 2nd April 2026	Year 4 Trip - Locomotion Museum (Packed lunch needed)
Thurs 2nd April 2026	Reception Trip - Whitehouse Farm (Packed lunch needed)
Thurs 2nd April 2026	Year 1 Trip - Baltic (Packed lunch needed)
Easter Holidays	PTA Quiz sheets £1/child. Easter themed quiz, suitable for all children. Prize for all entrants.
Easter Break 2026	School closed on Good Friday 3rd April 2026
Mon 20th April 2026	School Resumes
Fri 24th April 2026	PTA Family Bingo and fun games. £3/ticket. Starts at 4pm. On sale soon!
Mon 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
Fri 5th June 2026	PTA Quiz Night. £10 per ticket, includes food and quiz entry. Games, raffle and drinks are also on sale!
Thur 11th June 2026	Reception - Great North Museum Visit (AM only)
Wc 25th May 2026	May Half Term - School Closed
Mon 1st June 2026	School Resumes
Wed 1st July 2026	PTA Joke Competition. £1 entry. Write out your funniest joke and submit to win a prize!
Fri 3rd July 2026	PTA Summer Fair. Starts 3.10pm until 5pm.
Fri 17th July 2026	Last day of school - 1.30pm finish

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES THIS EASTER AT PONTELAND LEISURE CENTRE

Ponteland Town Council are funding several sessions at Ponteland Leisure Centre including the 3G pitch, MUGA, indoor sports hall and soft play. Children can come along with their friends and have some fun.

FRIDAY 10 th APRIL	9 am until 12 noon	1 pm until 4 pm
	3G PITCH	INDOOR SPORTS HALL
	INDOOR SPORTS HALL	
	SOFT PLAY	

TUESDAY 14 th APRIL	9 am until 12 noon	1 pm until 4 pm
	MUGA	MUGA
	INDOOR SPORTS HALL	INDOOR SPORTS HALL

A sports coach will be available in some sessions, but places are limited and on a first come first served basis during the session times.

Other spaces will be available on an unsupervised basis up to the maximum number of places available.

Please can anyone attending these sessions 'check in' at reception so we can allocate you a band for your session. These must be returned to reception when you leave.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL
Telephone 01561 825092
or email enquiries@ponteland-tc.gov.uk

OR ASK AT THE RECEPTION DESK AT
PONTELAND LEISURE CENTRE.



Ponteland Town Council



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Ponteland Town Council and Places Leisure accept no responsibility for any injury, accidents or losses during these activities. Participating in these activities is entirely at the users own risk.

Autism Family Drop in

Do you have a child aged 0-19 years?

Come along for a cuppa and chat and to meet other parents. No diagnosis needed!



Join us on:

Tuesday 21st April 2026, 10am - 12pm:

Hexham Family Hub, Hexham First School, Beaufront Avenue, NE46 1JD

Tuesday 28th April 2026, 10am - 12pm:

Blyth Central Family Hub, 103 Wright Street, Blyth, NE24 1HG

Wednesday 29th April 2026, 1pm-3pm:

Ashington Family Hub, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9EF

Tuesday 5th May 2026, 1pm-3pm

Cramlington Community Hub, Forum Way, Manor Walks, NE23 6YB (next to Concordia)

Wednesday 6th May 2026, 1pm-3pm:

Berwick Family Hub, Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed,
TD15 2AE

Thursday 14th May 2026, 10am-12pm:

The Lindisfarne Centre, 30 Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AU

Monday 18th May 2026, 1pm - 3pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

Evening session:

Tuesday 19th May 2026, 5pm - 6:30pm:

Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

West Northumberland Family Hubs

What's On in the **EASTER** Holidays 2026



Prudhoe Family Hub

Tuesday 7th April
Baby Stay and Play
(ages 0-18 months)
10-11am

Thursday 9th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 10-11am

Tuesday 14th April
Baby Stay and Play
(ages 0-18 months)
10-11am

SEND Safe Space
(All ages, additional
needs and disabilities)
1-3pm

Thursday 16th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 10-11am

Hexham Family Hub

Wed 8th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 10-11am

Tuesday 14th April
Calm Family Stay and Play
(All ages, additional
needs and disabilities)
1.15-2.15pm

Wed 15th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 10-11am

Thursday 16th April
SEND Safe Space
(All ages, additional
needs and disabilities)
10am-12pm

Haltwhistle Family Hub

Friday 10th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 10-11.30am

Monday 13th April
Sensory Stay & Play
(ages 0-18 months)
10-11am

Tuesday 14th April
Family Stay and Play
(All ages) 1-2pm

Friday 17th April
Go Outside & Play at Walltown Country Park
Greenhead, CA8 7HZ
(All ages) 10.30am-2pm

Bellingham Family Hub

Over the Easter break our team are focusing on moving to the new Family Hub in Bellingham! We'll be working hard to get this ready to welcome families soon!



Become a Family Hub Member!
Scan the QR code or visit

nland.cc/threg



Find us online!
Scan the QR code or visit

nland.cc/familyhubs



Find us on Facebook & Instagram

@WestFamilyHubs



Opal Needs You!

The children thoroughly enjoy exploring the different zones of OPAL and it has really enhanced our playtime experience. If you are having a clear out, we would love to take some of your old equipment off your hands. If you have any of the following items, please bring them to the school office after the Christmas break:

- Wellies
 - Waterproofs
 - Barbies/dolls
 - Toy trucks/cars
- Shop items: till, fruit and veg baskets etc**
Metal pots and pans Children's Gardening Tools
Dressing up items

After School Club Needs You!

We would love to take any of these off you:

- Loom Bands
 - Complete Jigsaws
 - Chess Sets
 - Dolls House Furniture
- Beads**
Lego & Duplo
Knex



Can you help our PTA?

PONTELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



Ways you can help...

EMPLOYER

Are you employed by one of the biggest employers in the North East who offer Grant Match Fundraising? Could they help you help your School? Or will they allow you paid time away from work to help with fundraising events? Chat to your HR department today to see if there's a way to help!



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BELLWAY
NORTHERN POWERGRID
VERTU
...AND MANY MORE



TIME

Do you have time available to help plan, organise, set up, clean up and be a volunteer at our many fundraising events throughout the year? We appreciate any available time, even if just for one event. Please contact us on pontelandpta@gmail.com

MONEY

We understand that time is not something everyone has to offer and we are often asked about the ability to make regular or one off cash donations to the PTA as an alternative. Should you wish to do so please reference 'Donation' along with your name to the Ponteland Primary PTA account:
Acc no: 20669059
S.C: 20-59-61



SKILLS

Do you have a skillset that could help the School PTA? Marketing, PR, Graphic design, finance, events planning, social media and so many more skills are valuable to us. This may be offered as your time or as feedback to what you see and experience from the PTA.

"WHEN PARENTS ARE ENGAGED AND TAKE PART IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS, IT CREATES A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS"

Pontelandpta@gmail.com



Ponteland Primary School is committed to keeping all children safe. Our staff regularly participate in safeguarding training and are fully aware of how to keep our pupils safe and what signs to look out for. Our pupils know they can share any concerns and we have robust policies and procedures in place which underpin safeguarding. It is our paramount priority to keep all children healthy and safe.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



Mrs Johnson (Head Teacher)
Lead DSL



Mrs Wright (Family & Behaviour
Support Adviser) Deputy DSL



Miss Dinning (Deputy Head Teacher)
Deputy DSL

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PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM



Do you have school uniform in good condition that your child no longer wears but could be worn by someone else in the school community?

Please donate your pre-loved, wearable uniform via the donation basket in reception.

Looking for uniform?

All items washed and ready to wear. Please contact pontprimaryuniform@gmail.com to let us know what you're looking for, including sizes!

Voluntary contributions to the PTA welcomed.

Money box at reception or bank transfer:

Ponteland Primary School Parent Teacher Association

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