



## Newsletter Spring 1 2026

Welcome back, and happy new year to you all! I wish you a happy and healthy 2026. It is lovely to see the children back in school today, excited to share their experiences of what they have been doing over the festive period and eager to be back with their peers, learning in their classrooms.

2026 is going to be a very exciting year for Ringway, with plans for our last day in our current building set for Thursday, 2nd April 2026. When the children return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday, 21st April, we will be in our new building. Phase 2 of the build, which includes the demolition of our existing building, will commence in May.

As always, at this time of year, it is relatively quiet in school. Please familiarise yourself with some reminders below, as well as some important dates for the term in the attached calendar.

## Lateness



School starts for all children at 8.45am, classroom doors close at 8.50am with registers closing at 8.50am.

Last half term, there was an increased number of children arriving very late for school - if a child is late more than 30 minutes this is marked as an absence and effects the child's attendance record. If the child becomes a persistent absentee, even through lateness, this will trigger EWO (Education Welfare Officer) involvement.

Reminder, If your child is absent, as per school policy, you must inform the school office either by telephone, voicemail or via email by 9.30am on each day of absence.

## PE Uniform



Class PE days may have changed this half-term, please ensure you keep up to date via Class Dojo. Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform, this will be communicated to you via your child's Class Dojo page. As per our [School Uniform Policy](#), this must be a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, plain leggings or jogging bottoms and plain black trainers. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan. Earrings must be taken out for PE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines



We understand that parking outside the school is currently an issue due to the presence of many workmen working on the new school building (there are currently over 75 workmen). We have been assured that this number will decrease over the next few weeks, and we thank you for your patience and understanding until then. That being said, please continue to be mindful of our local residents when parking outside and around the school. Remember that yellow lines should not be parked on at any time.

We need to rely on parents and carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school.

We have contacted Northumberland County Council regarding the paving directly outside the school gate, which is prone to flooding. After reporting this issue several times, we have now been informed that it will be repaired as soon as possible.

## School Car Park

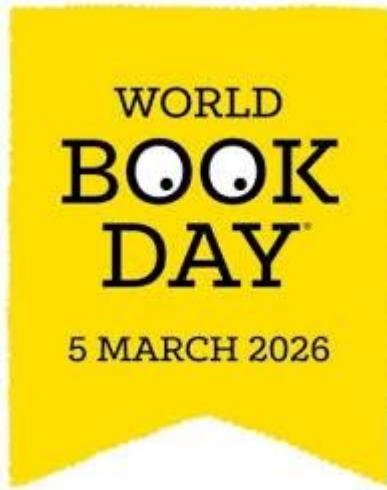
The staff car park is designated strictly for staff and deliveries only. For obvious health and safety reasons, parents and children should not be cutting through the car park when dropping off or collecting children. Please use our pedestrian footpath.



Times Table Rock Stars is an excellent online tool that helps children learn and practise their times tables. By the end of Year 4 in Key Stage 2, all children are expected to confidently know all their tables and complete a Multiplication Tables Check.

Children from Year 3 onwards have individual accounts, allowing teachers to track how often they log in. Children in Key Stage 2 should log in and spend some time on this each week as part of their homework tasks. Mastery of multiplication supports all other areas of the maths curriculum, resulting in increased confidence in learning.

Please encourage your child to access and practise these regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes a day; it truly makes a difference.



We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. More details will follow later this half term.

## Parent On-site and Online Conduct

The vast majority of parents, carers, and others visiting our school are keen to work with us and support the school. We recognise that disagreements and differences of opinion may occur; however, it is important that, while issues are resolved, we continue to treat each other with respect. Staff, parents, and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work, and we will not tolerate any forms of abuse in person, over the telephone or online. Staff have the right not to speak to anyone who shows any form of abuse towards them and will take action if we are made aware of any forms of abuse via WhatsApp groups. Swearing anywhere on the school site will not be tolerated.

Increasingly, parents are presenting at the school office and requesting to speak to staff immediately in the mornings. Where possible, we will try to accommodate this; however, staff cannot leave children in classes unattended, and therefore this is not always feasible. Please consider only coming into the office in the morning for any urgent messages or concerns.

I attach a link to our [Parent Conduct Policy and Communication Pathway](#) as a reminder.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Forest School Update



From this weekend, we will no longer have access to our field to facilitate further work on our new building. Due to the limited space available, Forest School sessions will be stopped until we move into the new building.

## Online Safety Guides for Parents



We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow [this](#) link for online safety guides from the NSPCC.

## Family Hubs



### What are Family Hubs?

Sure Start Children's Centres are now known as Family Hubs. relaunched as Family Hubs in September 2022.

If you are a parent or carer of children or young people between 0-19 years old, or 25 with additional needs - we are here to support you.

More information can be found here [Family Hubs](#)



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# Autism Family Drop in

**Do you have a child aged 0 - 19 years old?**

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



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## Join us on:



**Tuesday 6th January 2026, 10am - 12pm:**  
Hexham Family Hub, Hexham First School, Beaufort Avenue,  
NE46 1JD

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 1pm-3pm:**  
Cramlington Community Hub, Forum Way, Manor Walks, NE23 6YB  
(next to Concordia)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, 1pm-3pm:**  
The Lindisfarne Centre, 30 Lindisfarne Road, Alnwick, NE66 1AU

**Wednesday 28th January 2026, 10am - 12pm:**  
Ashington Family Hub, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9EF

**Thursday 5th February 2026, 10am - 12pm:**  
Berwick Family Hub, Ladywell Place, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2AE

**Monday 9th February 2026, 1pm - 3pm:**  
Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

**Evening session:**  
**Tuesday 27th January 2026, 5pm - 6:30pm:**  
Morpeth Golf Club, Loansdean, NE61 2BT

If you have any questions, contact your Local Family Hub or email:  
[adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:adelle.hicks@northumberland.gov.uk)

## School Calendar for Spring 1 Term 2026

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return to School.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	House winners' non-uniform - Fire House
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Assessment Week in school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 SATs Parent information meeting 3.30pm
WB Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Child Mental Health Week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Cle mell Online Safety Sessions Y1-Y6
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines disco (KS2) 4.30pm-6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines parties (Early Years and KS1) Non-Uniform Day (Whole School)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School finishes for half term 3.15pm
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Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Students return to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	House winners' non-uniform TBC
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent's Evening: Nursery/Reception/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/ Year 5
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent's Evening: Reception/Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 5/Year 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening: Nursery/Year 1/Year 4/Year 6
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - More details to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Non- Uniform
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School finishes for Easter break 3.15pm

# TERM DATES 2025/2026

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2025/2026

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025	
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025
October Mid Term 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 5 JANUARY 2026	
Christmas/New Year 25/26	Friday 19 December 2025	Tuesday 6 January 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026 * This falls within the holiday	
Spring Mid Term 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 17 April 2026 * This falls within the holiday	
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Tuesday 21 April 2026
MAY DAY	MONDAY 4 MAY 2026	
Summer Mid Term 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	Wednesday 2 September 2026