



# East Boldon Infant School

## May 2026

# Newsletter

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**Please check our website for reminders of upcoming events!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! This is another short half term and staff are working hard to plan and make sure everything is in place! We have lots of fun filled experiences and opportunities to look ahead to before we finally end for the Summer break!

This week all children have enjoyed a trip to the Customs House to see the Magic Faraway Tree. This is part of our planned opportunities for our children as part of the National Year of Reading. All of the children (and staff and parent helpers!) were very enthusiastic about the film on their return. Each year group will be following this up with activities in class, contributing to our display in the hall.

We have a few more trips planned in for across this term for our children. Some of these are fully costed by school, but some do involve a voluntary contribution from yourselves. A huge thank you to all parents/carers who do contribute to these trips as they are so vital to enable them to happen. Rising costs of the transport is what often puts a large amount onto the total costing and it is something we continue to negotiate with. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may not be able to allow the trips to go ahead. We are lucky that we have not needed to do this at this point and we thank you again for your support.

Mrs Sangry and Mrs Davies, our Maths Leads in school have begun to plan out National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 20th May. This is going to be a really exciting, interactive and fun day for the children working with the them of "Count on Your Community". Further details will be sent out soon.

We have our Phonics Screening Check after the May half term—week beginning 8th June for our Year 1 children, please avoid taking any time off across this week if possible. This allows our teachers to plan carefully for their administration of the assessments. Thank you to those parents who joined us for the information session this week and to those parents who have been invited in for some additional support sessions. We hope this has been useful. If parents/carers do have any questions in relation to the screening check please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Transition arrangements have been put into place for our Year 2 children moving across to East Boldon Juniors and shared with Mr Shenton. He will be joining us for an assembly this term and then all of the Year 2 children will visit for an assembly at the Junior School. After half term, there will be visits for a lesson, lunchtime and time outside. We know they will respond well to the exciting, new changes ahead!

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming term, and appreciate your continued support as always.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Holt

### *A few Diary Dates coming up...*

- Friday 8th May—Nissan Workshop (Year 2) in school
  - W/B 11th May—Mental Health Week in school
- Wednesday 20th May—National Numeracy Day in school "Count on Your Community"
  - Thursday 21st May—Year 1 to Newcastle Keep
- Friday 22nd May—Reception's Ugly Bug Ball in school (more details to follow)
  - Friday 22nd May—School ends for half term

**MONDAY 26TH MAY—FRIDAY 30TH MAY—HALF TERM**

**MONDAY—1ST JUNE INSET DAY**

**School returns Tuesday 2nd June**

**A few key dates coming up after half term...**

- Friday 5th June—World Environment Day
- W/B Monday 8th June—Phonics Screening Week for Year 1 children and Year 2 resits.
  - Monday 15th June—Year 2 to St Mary's Lighthouse

Miss Holt loves a quote!

"Happiness is not by chance, but by choice!"

Jim Rohn



All children in school enjoyed a visit to the Customs House to see the Magic Faraway Tree this week. This is part of our monthly programme to support the National Year of Reading. In school over the next few weeks the children will be following up with work in school including designs of their own imaginary land!



### Cricket Festival

Year 2, Class 4 represented us brilliantly at the cricket festival today. The sun shone and the atmosphere was lovely! Huge well done Class 4!



### Science Walk

The Year 1 children had a lovely time at the park this week as part of their Science work on how the seasons impact what we do.

They had a checklist of items they were identifying in the park and loved to spot the signs of spring too that we had previously

spoken about in our assemblies as well as curriculum work. Of course we had a play in the park too. Well done Year 1.

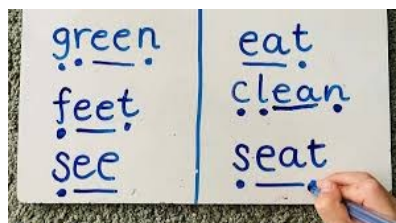


### Phonic Screening Check 2026

On week beginning 8th June, all of our Year 1 children and the children in Year 2 who did not meet the expected standard in phonics last year, will take the Phonics Screening Check. This is a short check of 40 words to be read aloud by your child with their class teacher.

It would be really helpful if you keep practising reading real and nonsense words with your child—your child's class teacher will have directed you to the phonics play website as well as sending home words for you to practice.

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harnd	gair
jigh	thobe
zale	scroy
bluns	spraw



### Our First Parent Drop in Coffee and Chat session

A HUGE thank you to those parents and grandparents who took the time to join us for our first Coffee and Chat session last Friday. I hope it was useful.

A chance to talk, offload, share ideas and more importantly come together with a Coffee and a piece of cake to network with each other. Details of the next session will be sent out soon. All parents are welcome

### Year 2 Leaver's Concert



We have planned in a date for the Leaver's concert for our Year 2 children...please keep the date free.

**Tuesday 14th July— 2pm**

This will be held outside in our school yard (weather permitting) Bring along your tissues—it's bound to be emotional—I'm not sure where 3 years have gone!