

# East Boldon Infant School

## May (2) 2026

# Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it has certainly been an eventful half term! Thank you once again for all of your support and well wishes across the Ofsted inspection last week. It is such an intense period for staff and having the support of parents truly makes all of the difference—so thank you! Our children were amazing and not at all phased by having the Inspectors in school. I told them all they had heard such good things about our school they were wanting to see all of the amazing things we do...and if they had such a good time, they may even come back for another day!

We have ended the term nicely with a visit to Newcastle Keep for Year 1 and of course the annual “Ugly Bug Ball” in Reception. All of the school enjoyed their National Numeracy Day with games and activities all linked to Numeracy. Keeping the learning going has been key although as a staff team, we are certainly ready for a break!

Mr Orr has been busy with the large planters and we do have some vegetables that are starting to sprout! Across the half term, we hope to get all of the planters and hanging baskets refilled to bring lots of colour to our yard once again! The weather has once again been intermittent but hopefully we are beginning to see some changes to warmer and drier weather.

I know I have shared separately about the staffing changes in school. Myself and Mrs Verity have been finalising new classes for Reception and of course staffing plans for September. As you can appreciate this takes time and care. I will be able to share class changes and new teachers early next half term, but do appreciate your patience whilst we do so.

For our Year 2 children, they enjoyed their assembly visit to the Juniors this week and will enjoy several more visits across to the Junior School next half term. I know that Mr Shenton has shared with all Year 2 parents about their parents meeting to introduce you to the school, the organisation and staffing.

I am pleased to share with you that our Year 2 children will be sharing their East Boldon Infant memories and songs on **Tuesday 14th July at 2.15pm**. For our Year 2 parents/carers, please keep this date free. The plan will be to share this with you outside in our school yard, so 2 adults per child can attend. Of course this is weather dependent. Closer to the time, if the weather forecast looks typically British then we will move the event inside the school hall, but then we will have to restrict this to one adult per child for the safety of the hall space. Thank you as always for your understanding.

Moving into the final term, the learning certainly does not slow down! There is lots to look forward to on the run up to summer including our Health and Fitness Fortnight! Keep hopeful for more sunshine for us! Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Please remember it is an INSET day on the first day back and school will re-open for children in Tuesday 2nd June.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Holt

  
We didn't realize  
we were making  
memories, we just  
knew we were  
having fun

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

**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 and Wear Yellow Day (more details to follow)
- W/B Monday 8th June—Phonics Screening Week for Year 1 children and Year 2 resits. Please avoid taking time off this week
- Monday 15th June—Year 2 to St Mary's Lighthouse
- Wednesday 17th June—New Reception Starters Meeting for September 2026
- Monday 22nd June—Dance Festival at the Customs House (this is for our Dance Club children—further details to follow)
- Wednesday 24th June—Our new children to visit for a session this day (am)
- Friday 26th June—World Cup Celebration Day (more details to follow)

Miss Holt loves a quote!

*"Little by little...is better than nothing at all"*

*E. Russell*



Once again, our Year 1 children had a wonderful time at Newcastle Keep consolidating their work on Castles. They had the opportunity to take part in knight school as well as exploring all of the areas of the castle. It was lovely to hear that the behaviour from the children was exemplary as they demonstrate our values outside of school.

### Year 1 visit Newcastle Keep



### Library Visits have started!

As part of our continued work for the National Year of Reading we have began our class visits to the Library in East Boldon. All of the children have come back full of enthusiasm and excitement—particularly for how many books they saw! I can't share enough how important reading is and we are SO lucky to have a Library right in the village! It would be lovely for you to pop along too!

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**



### Nissan Day In Year 2

Our Year 2 children had a wonderful morning with a representative from Nissan. They were able to find out about the Nissan factory and the cars they build. They had the opportunity to build cars of the future with Lego, and demonstrated some excellent knowledge.



### 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.

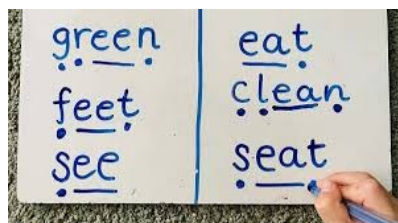
It would be really helpful if you keep practising reading real and nonsense words with your child—your child's class teacher will have directed you to the phonics play website as well as sending home words for you to practice.

### National Numeracy Day 2026

We had a wonderful day in school on Wednesday celebrating National Numeracy Day! There was lots of games, lots of shapes and fraction work! A great day for all of the children to explore and have fun with maths!



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### Parent Teacher Association

**Raise £20.26 in 2026!**

Thank you to all of the children who have been thinking of ways with their families and friends to raise funds for the PTA's challenge. It has been lovely to see some of the different ways the children have been raising the money. There is an extended deadline until after half term for any children wishing to participate over the holidays.

