



Fellside Community Primary School

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Fellside Matters

Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.

Ambition for all.

1st May 2026

I start this newsletter by confirming the sad news that, after eighteen years at Fellside Community Primary School, our Admin Manager Miss Knox, will be leaving us at the end of this half term to take up a position as Operations Manager at a Further Education College in Northumberland.

Everyone will know Miss Knox – whether it's through passing on a message, caring for first aid injuries or leading a successful hockey club, we all have our own "Miss Knox stories" and she will leave a big gap at Fellside.

Miss Knox,

We want to all say a big thank you for everything you have done for the school. You have worked tirelessly, over and above, and it is certainly time for you to slow down and look after yourself while embracing your new challenge.

Don't worry – you will still see her around the place as the successful Friday night hockey club over at Whickham School will still be running each week. Go on over and give her a wave!

Remember, we have our Meet the Teacher events next month, before our children have a transition day in their new classes. We understand that not all parents are able to join their child and we welcome any adult who is part of your child's life to come and share the afternoon with them on your behalf, if this is the case.

Half of our families have already signed up so please do inform us of your intentions through the following links:

- New Y1 (current Reception) link <https://forms.gle/8qVQWpupnEaj1JJq7>
- New Y2 (current Y1) link <https://forms.gle/F5nwWNLbbSvWWAHo8>
- New Y3 (current Y2) link <https://forms.gle/s3aq7akF8HzQ6HtE7>
- New Y4 (current Y3) link <https://forms.gle/AV6VhM2fJpBRW2j8A>
- New Y5 (current Y4) link <https://forms.gle/gHyAKCZf1Ga33NgJ8>
- New Y6 (current Y5) link <https://forms.gle/bBrhT8Zjc7R84g3DA>

Please can we politely ask for all of our community to remain respectful at pick up and drop off times. We have been made aware of some incidents where members of our community have felt intimidated by the actions of others and we want all of our families to feel safe when they are in and around our lovely school.

Incidents of aggression will be taken seriously.

Times Table Rockstar Summer Showdown is ending on Monday 4th May at midnight so our children have three more days to get their points in the **Y3 v Y4** and **Y5 v Y6** competition.

Children are limited to 30 minutes maximum on their TTRS account – any longer than this time will not count towards the battles.

Good luck everyone!



Thank you, once again, to our PTA who provided ice pops for each Fellside child after school today on the yard. It was joyful to watch our children being so polite and grateful and we want to say thank you to the whole community for supporting the PTA to do these things.

We also took delivery of our new projector and screen today! It will be going up next week and it will change so much for us as a school. We do believe that the PTA are currently arranging a special event for its official unveiling...

If you would like to be part of the PTA or even a volunteer at some events, don't be shy. They really are a nice group and welcome anyone who can help – the more the merrier. Just say hi on the yard or contact school and we can put you in touch. Everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to seeing some shiny cars after this weekend's traditional Great Fellside Carwash!

We are incredibly proud of the positive, supportive community we share with our families across every year group. The strong relationships between home and school make a real difference to our children's experience, and we value open, respectful communication.

We understand that parents and carers will often talk with one another about school life, including through WhatsApp and other social media, across different classes and year groups. Recently, however, we have become aware of some comments being shared that are not always accurate or fair and, in some cases, can be hurtful to members of our staff team.

Our staff work hard every day to provide the very best for the children, and, like all of us, they are affected by how they are spoken about. We kindly ask that all communication, whether in person or online, reflects the same respect, care and kindness that we encourage in our pupils.

If you ever have a question, concern or worry, please do come and speak to us directly. We are always here to listen and to work with you in a constructive and supportive way.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a positive and respectful school community for everyone.

Key Dates

4th May

- Bank Holiday (school closed)

6th May

- Cricket engagement day for all of KS2 classes (all KS2 pupils to wear sports kit on this day)

7th May

- Year Four Tennis Team at Whickham School (selected pupils)
- Football Finals – Year Six team

Week beginning 11th May - Year Six SATs Week

19th May

- Year Six Cricket Day at Whickham Cricket Club

20th May

- Year Six lunch time treat – information to follow
- Year Four Family Learning afternoon: come and find out more about the multiplication check and how we practise our times tables. If you haven't already done so, please tell us if you can make it using this link: <https://forms.gle/VxjTbXozuN8vpjRS7>

21st May

- Fellside Families afternoon
- PTA PLUS (Pre-Loved Uniform Sale)

Friday 22nd May

- Occasional Day (School Closed) and half term break

Monday 1st June

- Back to school

Challenge winners:

Nursery: Tommy A
Reception: Harvey J
Year One: Alba A
Year Two: Seth L
Year Three: Halley E
Year Four: Olivia E
Year Five: Fraser M
Year Six: Bella P