

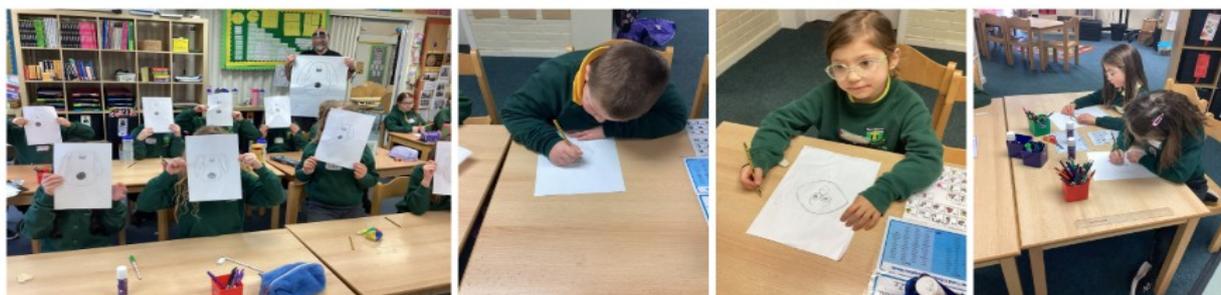


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In geography we like to take a hands-on approach. The children in class 1 were trying out the boats they made previously to see if they would float or not as part of our geography work on rivers and canals. They made predictions first as to whether they thought their boat would float and why. The older children have been learning about the water cycle. At least our recent weather is very handy for demonstrating precipitation! However, it has not been as good for us planning a geography field trip to investigate a river and we are going to postpone that until the water levels have dropped - probably in the summer term.



Doodlebug workshops

On Thursday we welcomed Ian into school to deliver his Doodlebug workshops - using art and maths and promoting a growth mindset. Growth Mindset is the belief that intelligence, abilities, and skills can be developed through effort, dedication, and learning. Individuals with this mindset embrace challenges, persist through setbacks, and view failure as an opportunity to improve, rather than as a limitation. As part of his visit he was able to deliver staff training and talk to us about how our school compared with other schools across the country. This is always valuable for us so that we can celebrate what we are doing well and also think about what we can do to be even better.

Ceilidh - tonight (Friday) 6pm at the Lowick Village Hall

The children have been preparing for our ceilidh tonight over the previous music lessons, learning songs, dances and playing some of the tunes on the recorder. We are looking forward to seeing the children playing alongside the Glendale Ceilidh Band. Olive has made some lovely refreshments and the evening should be a fun night out. A huge thank you to Susie Cochrane for everything she does to promote a love of music with our children and for getting the Glendale Ceilidh Band out to help us raise money for the school fund.



Staffing update

We are very sad to let you know that Becki Telfer will be leaving us after the Easter holidays to pursue her own travel business. She has been an amazing member of our team for several years and we will miss her a great deal. We are now advertising for someone to join us as an admin officer so please get in touch if you might be interested or know someone who might be.

On a very happy note, we are delighted to let you know that we have managed to arrange with Berwick Middle School for Mr Keech to join us sooner rather than later. This is a very busy year with our new year 5s and still undertaking work on our transition to being a full primary school from September so we are pleased that Mr Keech will now be joining us after the half term holiday.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2026

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 16th February - Spring half term - the school is on holiday for a week.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - children can wear own clothes

Monday 16th March - parents evening - more information to come on a separate letter.

Friday 27th March - West End in Schools visit to deliver Shakespeare workshops.

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday and the beginning of our Easter holidays for the following two weeks. School will reopen on Monday 20th April.

Tuesday 28th April - KS1 multiskills sports festival at Belford Primary alongside children from other schools in the Aln Alliance.



12th - 13th May - Year 3/4 residential at Ford Castle.

15th - 16th June - Year 5 residential camp at Scremerston with the 'Outdoors People'. More information to follow next half term.

Friday 19th June - Year 3/4 cricket festival at Swarland Primary School alongside children from other Aln Alliance schools.