



*Ellington Primary School
Head teacher's Report
Governing Body Meeting*

12th November 2025

School Context

Number on roll

<u>Class</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nursery – Mrs Cook	9	11	20
Reception – Mrs Milne	14	16	30
Year 1 – Mrs Horsley	18	10	28
Year 2 – Miss Nicholson	11	9	20
Year 3 – Mrs Morris/Mrs Richardson	13	17	30
Year 4 – Mr McConville	15	12	27
Year 5 – Miss Brooks	11	19	30
Year 6 – Mrs Sanders	16	10	26
Totals:	107	104	211

Pupil Premium: 20.4% – 39 children (19.4% / 41 children including Early Years PP)

Free School Meals: 14.2% – 30 children

SEND: 18% – 38 children. 3 EHCPs

Service Children: 1% – 2 children

Service Children Ever 6 measure: 1% – 2 children

Post Looked After: 3.8% – 8 children

Attendance Whole School Attendance 3rd September 2025 – 7th November 2025

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Total % Attendance	95.6%	97.3%	98.5%	96.7%	97.7%	96%	97%

Whole school attendance is 96.89% with statutory attendance at 97.1%. Our attendance for the academic year 2024/2025 was 96%, above the national average of 94.9%.

Our number of persistent absentees has impacted by a number of holidays and is currently 8.6%. Our PA in 2024/2025 was 9.3% and the national average was 14.3%.

We have continued with a weekly focus on attendance in assembly with class prizes and we will be having our termly prizes also. Last year, the 11 children with 100% attendance for the whole academic year were treated to a bowling trip. The class with the best attendance had a trip to the seaside!

Current Staffing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>Upper Pay scale/ additional leadership responsibilities</u>	<u>Main scale coordinator role</u>
Kevin Hodgson Head Teacher	Achievement/Attainment of pupils Assessment and Pupil Progress Teacher performance management	Child protection lead Teaching and Learning	
Dan McConville Assistant Headteacher	Year 4 Class Teacher Pupil Premium Lead Child Protection Designated Person	Maths Lead Science Lead	
Claire Sanders Assistant Headteacher	Year 6 Class Teacher	English Lead	TA Professional Development
Amy Milne	Reception Class Teacher Child Protection Designated Person	EYFS Lead	RE Lead
Samantha Horsley	Year 1 Class Teacher Child Protection Designated Person		PSHE Lead PE Lead
Julia Morris	Year 3 Class Teacher	SENCO	Mental Health Lead
Rachel Richardson	Year 3 Class Teacher		Music Lead French Lead

<i>Eilish Nicholson</i>	<i>Year 2 Class Teacher</i>		<i>Geography Lead</i>
<i>Jade Cook</i>	<i>Nursery Teacher</i>		<i>Art Lead</i>
<i>Ella Brooks</i>	<i>Year 5 Class Teacher</i>		<i>History Lead</i>
<i>Martin Bailey</i>	<i>Digital Enrichment Teacher</i>		
<i>Dawn Redpath</i>	<i>PPA teacher</i>		<i>Design and Technology Lead</i>
<i>Karen Sayers</i>	<i>UKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Annette Mallaburn</i>	<i>UKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Cathryn Strachan</i>	<i>LKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Tracy Goodhall</i>	<i>EYFS teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Steph Patrick</i>	<i>EYFS/KS1/KS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Glenn Liddle (P/T)</i>	<i>LKS1 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Rachel Hays (P/T)</i>	<i>LKS1 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Laura Henderson (P/T)</i>	<i>EYFS teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Jenny Dyer</i>	<i>Office Manager</i>		
<i>Phillipa Levey</i>	<i>Admin Officer</i>		
<i>Ed Robinson</i>	<i>Site Manager</i>		
<i>Julie Emery</i>	<i>Catering Manager</i>		
<i>Alysson Grant</i>	<i>Catering Assistant</i>		
<i>Bronya Laidler</i>	<i>Catering Assistant</i>		
<i>Pauline Millis</i>	<i>Lunchtime Supervisor</i>		
<i>Claire Gray</i>	<i>Lunchtime Supervisor / After School Club Supervisor</i>		

Staffing Update

Claire Sanders has returned from maternity leave, resuming her role as Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 Class Teacher.

Amy Milne has returned from maternity leave, resuming her role as EYFS lead. She has taken over as RE subject lead from Ella Brooks, who is now History subject lead.

The 2024-2025 year was still highly successful despite two senior leaders being absent for the majority of the year. Elizabeth Pink and Samantha Horsley both had extremely positive years with little to no disruption to the school.

Steve Everett and Jessica McNickle both left Ellington at the end of their fixed term contracts.

Laura Henderson started as a teaching assistant in Reception after completing her training at Ellington last year.

School Improvement Plan

A new school improvement plan was written for 2024 – 2026. As a staff team, we have met termly to review our progress. Please see attached School Improvement Plan for the progress update.

SEND

Staff have had training in the following areas since Ofsted July 2024:

- New teacher induction meeting 1st September (SENCO)
- New speech and language TA shadowing Speech intervention work with specialist
- Nursery and Reception teachers 'EYFS Ordinarily Available Provision' training (Council run)
- SENCO attends CYPS 'parent welcome meeting' for information
- DLD whole staff training (HINT team)
- HINT Teams (ASD, SLCN and EWBS) timetabled drop in for staff questions/advice/support
- ADHD whole staff training (HINT team)
- Trauma and Attachment whole staff training (Primary mental health and HINT)
- SENCO/HIVE meetings for SENCO ongoing
- Meeting for TAs on school paperwork and policy (SENCO)
- Annual SMHL conference (SENCO)
- SENCO Annual Conference (SENCO)
- EY passport training by Inclusion team

- JM Cleaswell Hill training (short introductions to: Colourful semantics, attention autism, forest school, manipulatives in maths, intensive interaction, sensology, TACPAC, the curiosity programme) (SENCO)
- JM on external EHCP panel Autumn 1 2025 (weekly)
- Staff offered anxiety workshop
- 'Inclusive education: Insights from Ofsted new inspection model' webinar (JM)
- JM staff meeting introduced new passports to staff and give advice re. targets etc.
- Gail V S - all teachers timetabled drop in to discuss individual cases/advice/support
- JM SMART targets for specific learning difficulties (Lit) training.
- OAP from 3 HINT teams (ASD< EWBS and SCLN)

Gail Van Schalkwyk - We have employed a vastly experienced SEND advisor to support staff. She has been working closely with senior leaders to develop a SEND action plan which will help shape a new school development plan in line with the new Ofsted Framework.

Staff meetings this half term will involve all teachers and TAs where we will make our definitions of key terms; inclusion, quality first teaching and adaptive teaching explicitly clear.

Julia has led a change in our Pupil Passports – they are now working documents with much more precise targets. Specific time is spent every Wednesday morning during assembly reviewing targets.

Attainment

Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) 2025

Good Level of Development	Ellington	National	Northumberland
2024 - 2025	75%	67%	69%

Year 1 Phonics Check

Phonic Check	Ellington	National	Northumberland
Year 1	100%	80%	81%
Year 2 – Recheck	100%	50%	50%

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

MTC	Ellington	National	Northumberland
Average score	21.8	20.6	Unknown
Percentage of children scoring 25	30%	29%	Unknown

Key Stage 2 (Year 6) 2024

Expected standard +	Ellington	National	Northumberland
Reading	89%	75%	72%
Writing	78%	72%	71%
Maths	78%	74%	70%
GPS	89%	73%	Unknown
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	78%	62%	58%

Greater Depth	Ellington	National	Northumberland
Reading	61%	33%	28%
Writing	28%	13%	14%
Maths	39%	26%	22%
GPS	67%	30%	Unknown
RWM	22%	8%	8%

Please see IDSR for more detailed school information.

Exclusions

There have been no exclusions.

Racist/Homophobic Incidents

There have been no racist or homophobic incidents.

Bullying

There have been no cases of bullying.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues to be our priority and all staff had a Safeguarding Refresher on September 2nd.

Claire Sanders has completed her Designated Safeguarding Lead training so we now have five DSLs in school. We have given the deputy DSLs specific areas of responsibility:

Amy Milne – Early Years

Samantha Horsley – Curriculum

Claire Sanders – Online Safety

Dan McConville – Disadvantage Children

Currently in school:

- We have eight previously looked after children.
- We have two open child protection cases.
- All safeguarding is logged on CPOMS.
- We continue to use SENSO to monitor all online activity. SENSO is being upgraded in Autumn term.
- A safeguarding element is included in every newsletter.

After school clubs

TT Rockstars – KS2

Choir – Years 3 – 6

Nerf Club x 2!

Football – Years 3 – 6

High 5 Fitness – Years 1 – 6

Drawing – Years 1 – 6

Premises

We finally had a summer of minimal disruption this year. Ed Robinson freshened up some areas of the school with a lick of paint but otherwise there has been no major work carried out.

Governor Monitoring

Danielle Towers – Safeguarding Review with Kevin Hodgson

Danielle Towers – Maths with Dan McConville

Danielle Towers – Attendance with Kevin Hodgson and Jenny Dyer

Visit to Parliament!

On 30th September, our new school and eco-council members (along with some previous members) visited the Houses of Parliament. This is our third visit and it was another incredible day for the children and staff. The weather was beautiful and we had a superb day. A day to remember for all involved.



Christmas at Ellington

Dick Whittington Panto - 1st December 9:30 a.m.

Nursery Nativity/Stay & Play - 10th December 9:15 a.m.

Christmas Story Night - 10th December 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner - 11th December

KS1 Christmas Nativity - 12th December 9:15 a.m.

Year 1 and Year 2 Party - 15th December

Reception Nativity - 16th December 9:15 a.m.

Years 3 and 4 Party - 16th December

Years 5 and 6 Party - 17th December

Nursery and Reception Party - 18th December

Carol Concert - 18th December 9:15 a.m.

Carol Concert - 19th December 9:15 a.m.

Autumn term ends on Friday, 19th December.