



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

10th June 2026

School Context

Number on roll

<u>Class</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nursery – Mrs Cook	16	15	31
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	12	17	29
Year 4 – Mr McConville	16	12	28
Year 5 – Miss Brooks	10	19	29
Year 6 – Mrs Sanders	16	10	26
Totals:	113	108	221

Pupil Premium: 22.1% – 42 children (21.4% / 47 children including Early Years PP)

Free School Meals: 16.7% – 37 children

SEND: 19.5% – 43 children. 4 EHCPs

Service Children: 0.5% – 1 child

Service Children Ever 6 measure: 1% – 3 children

Post Looked After: 3.6% – 7 children

Attendance Whole School Attendance 3rd September 2025 – 22nd May 2026

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Total % Attendance	93.7%	97%	96.4%	95.3%	97%	96.8%	97.2%

Whole school attendance is 96.16% including non-statutory school age children, and 96.62% for statutory school age children. We have one child who is unable to attend school due to her health, our attendance would be 96.39% without this child.

Our DfE attendance target is 96.4%.

Our attendance for the academic year 2024/2025 was 96%, above the national average of 94.9%.

Our number of persistent absentees is currently 6.8% (13 children).

Our PA in 2024/2025 was 9.3% and the national average was 14.3%.

Children with SEND attendance is 96.76% compared to 96.48% for children without SEND.
(Statutory school age)

Our attendance for pupil premium children is 97.73% compared to 96.20% for non-pupil premium children. (Statutory school age)

Actions Taken

Reminders – 6 sent

Letter One – 7 sent

Early Intervention/Letter Two – 9 sent

Education Welfare Referrals – 3 sent

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	PE Lead
Dan McConville Assistant Headteacher	Year 4 Class Teacher Pupil Premium Lead Child Protection Designated Person	Maths Lead Science Lead	

<i>Claire Sanders</i> <i>Assistant Headteacher</i>	<i>Year 6 Class Teacher</i> <i>Child Protection</i> <i>Designated Person</i>	<i>English Lead</i>	<i>TA Professional</i> <i>Development</i>
<i>Amy Milne</i>	<i>Reception Class Teacher</i> <i>Child Protection</i> <i>Designated Person</i>	<i>EYFS Lead</i>	<i>RE Lead</i>

<i>Samantha Horsley</i>	<i>Year 1 Class Teacher</i> <i>Child Protection</i> <i>Designated Person</i>	<i>Science Lead</i>	<i>PSHE Lead</i>
<i>Julia Morris</i>	<i>Year 3 Class Teacher</i>	<i>SENCO</i>	<i>Mental Health Lead</i>
<i>Rachel Richardson</i>	<i>Year 3 Class Teacher</i>		<i>Music Lead</i> <i>French Lead</i>
<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>Dawn Redpath</i>	<i>PPA teacher</i>		<i>Design and Technology</i> <i>Lead</i>
<i>Karen Sayers</i>	<i>UKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Annette Mallaburn</i>	<i>UKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Julie Dougan</i>	<i>LKS2 teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Tracy Goodall</i>	<i>EYFS teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Steph Patrick</i>	<i>EYFS/KS1/KS2</i> <i>teaching assistant</i>		
<i>Glenn Liddle (P/T)</i>	<i>LKS1 teaching assistant</i>		

Rachel Hays (P/T)	LKS1 teaching assistant		
Laura Henderson (P/T)	EYFS teaching assistant		
Jenny Dyer	Office Manager		
Phillipa Levey (P/T)	Admin Officer		
Ed Robinson	Site Manager		
Julie Emery	Catering Manager		
Alysson Grant	Catering Assistant		
Bronya Laidler	Catering Assistant		
Pauline Millis	Lunchtime Supervisor		
Claire Gray	Lunchtime Supervisor / After School Club Leader		
Kim Scott	After School Club Leader		

Staffing Update

Cathryn Strachan left her role as teaching assistant at the end of the Spring term. Julie Dougan, an experience teaching assistant, was appointed as her replacement.

Martin Bailey has left his role as Computing Lead.

Louise Welsh has been appointed as a classroom teacher from September 2026.

School Improvement Plan

A new school improvement plan was written for 2024 – 2026 and we are coming towards the end of this. The remaining areas left to focus on a little further are:

Quality of Education:

SEND

- Ensure that all plans are fully implemented at all times.
- Implement a thorough monitoring schedule to monitor, support and challenge. Guaranteeing that all children with SEND are making progress.

Reading

- To implement consistent use of the “100 reads” as well as developing “Libraries of Certainty.”
- To reignite the use of Accelerated reader across Year 2-6.

Maths

- Teachers using Manipulatives effectively to support all learners as required with a particular focus on KS2.

Science

- To have children completing fieldwork as part of the science curriculum including by using the school grounds.
- To have strong links with expert STEM agencies in the local community to increase pupils Science Capital.

Personal Development

- Ensure our curriculum driver ‘Wider World’ is further developed through diversity enrichment.
- Ensure termly whole school focuses on career sectors.
- Plan visits and visitors linked to career sectors.

Early Years

- EYFS Lead will develop peer observations with quality interactions as the focus.
- Timetable staff members into early years so they can start to identify their subject in action.
- Ensure staff have a good knowledge of what their subject might look like across the EY phase.
- EYFS Lead to share knowledge and understanding of the EYFS Curriculum and how it underpins mainstream curriculum.

A new school development plan is still being finalised. This will now be shared in the new academic year at the Autumn term meeting.

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

Currently in school:

- We have seven previously looked after children.
- We have one open child protection case. One case is now closed.
- All safeguarding is logged on CPOMS.
- We continue to use SENSO to monitor all online activity.
- A safeguarding element is included in every newsletter.
- We are an Operation Encompass school.
- We have had a termly visit from Mick Dunn, Clennell Safeguarding Advisor
- All staff had training from Clennell – Physical intervention DfE guidance – accredited

We will have six designated safeguarding leads from September when Louise Welsh joins the school.

The five deputy designated safeguarding leads all have specific areas of responsibility. This means each DSL can build deeper expertise in their area, respond more quickly to concerns, and provide better support for staff. This will make the whole system more resilient where workload and availability can vary day to day.

After school clubs

Athletics – Years 1, 2 & 3

Athletics – Years 4, 5 & 6

Golf – Years 4, 5 & 6

Make it club – Reception, Years 1 & 2

Girl's football – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Sports Leaders – Reception, Years 1, 2
& 3

We have been awarded the Schools Games Gold 2024/2025 award (four years running).

Budget

A detailed budget update was shared with all governors.

Health and Safety

We have had work carried out to replace the fascia on the raised roof which contractors believe may be causing some of the water ingress. The flat roof, which leaks above the foyer, needs a temporary fix and we are awaiting confirmation of a date for this to be done.

The pitched roof will be getting replaced during the summer of 2027.

Prices have been sought to replace the MUGA surface and also the Reception outdoor area. An application has been made to Sport England for the MUGA.

Ashwood Grounds Maintenance have repaired many uneven paving slabs around the school. They have installed new fencing in EYFS and the wildlife area. They have also installed seating around the fire pit and cut down two large pine trees that were growing close to properties and becoming out of control.

Premises

Summer plans are well under way. We will be moving the library from the mobile into the large KS2 cloakroom. The reception classroom will be completely refurbished. The canopy outside of the classroom will be replaced or refurbished and the outdoor area surface will be replaced.

Governor Monitoring

Danielle Towers – Safeguarding

Danielle Towers – Attendance

Louise Welsh – Personal Development

Request for summer term:

Kischa – Pupil Voice

Louise – PSHE/RSE

Louise – Pupil Premium

Elizabeth – SEND

Claire – Mental Health

Lizzie – EYFS

Summer Events

- 3rd June - Year 6 Football Freestyle and Breakdancing
- 4/5th June - Year 5 Beamish Residential (Ella, Claire and Annette)
- 5th June - Y3/4 Bikeability
- 8th June - Whole School Rocksteady Concert
- 11th June - Year 6 Athletics Competition
- 12th June - Sports Day
- 16th June - Year 5/6 Paddle Boarding/Beach
- 23rd June - Year 5/6 Hancock Museum
- 24th June - Year 5 Hirst Welfare Multi-Sports Festival
- 24th June - Mini-band and Year 4 Brass Concert
- 24th June - Love Northumberland Awards at Alnwick Gardens
- 25th June - Nursery Northumberland Zoo
- 26th June - County Athletics Final
- 1st July - 180 Reads Reward Trip
- 2nd July - Move up day
- 3rd July - Summer fair
- 6th July - New Nursery stay and play
- 7th July - EYFS Graduation
- 8th July - Year 6 Residential Robinwood
- 13th July - Colour Run
- 14th July - Year 6 Leavers Show
- 15th July - 100% attendance trip
- 17th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly