

Message from Mrs Milburn

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we welcomed families into school for our annual Curriculum Workshops, where parents and carers visited classrooms and found out key information about the year ahead.

We have also welcomed colleagues from Ofsted to Sele First. I would like to thank our staff, children and families for their contribution to the inspection process.

I was very proud of the way our children represented the school. They were open, honest and enthusiastic in sharing their experiences of life at Sele. Our staff worked extremely hard throughout the visit, continuing to provide the care, support and learning that our children experience every day.

This inspection is part of Ofsted's new approach, which includes a report card covering a number of areas of school life rather than a single overall judgement. We have received feedback from the inspection team, alongside Parent View, Pupil View and Staff View, and it has been helpful to hear the different views and experiences of our school community.

We now have a short period to wait before we receive the final report card, which I will share with you once it is available.

Today, children and staff came to school wearing non-uniform trousers, shorts and skirts for Pantosaurus Day. Children have been learning about the 'underwear rule' through the Pantosaurus song, helping them understand how to keep themselves safe and recognise when they should tell a trusted adult.

Finally, good luck to Miss Robson and Miss Strachan who are running the Loch Ness marathon this weekend!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, Steph Milburn

Attendance Reminder - Start of the School Day

As we settle into the new school year, a reminder that the school bell rings at 8.40am, with registration at 8.45am.



Children arriving after 8.45am are recorded as late. There are 2 late marks given

- A 'L' mark is given when children have missed registration at 8.45am, but arrive before 9.15am.
- A 'U' mark is given when children arrive after 9.15am. This is an 'unauthorised' absence mark and applies to the full morning session.

All children arriving late to school must be accompanied to the School Office by their parent/carer, signed in and a reason provided for lateness.

15 minutes of lost learning per week over a year equates to nearly 2 full school days of school missed.

Attendance Stars

Each week will share and celebrate the three classes in school with the highest attendance. This week's top classes are:

1st place — 1P 2nd place - 2A 3rd place - 2S



Parent / Carer Consultations Booking Link and Look at Books Reminder

Parent and carers are welcome to come into school from 3.30-4.30pm from Monday 5 October to Thursday 8 October to look at your child/ren's books prior to Parent Consultation Evenings on 12 and 14 October.



SchoolCloud online booking goes live at 10.30am on Tuesday 29 September here <https://selefirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

SEND Coffee Mornings

SELEFIRST SEND COFFEE MORNINGS



Parents and carers are welcome to come along to our informal SEND Coffee Mornings, from 9-10am on the dates below. Come along to meet our SEND Team and Tea/coffee and biscuits available!

5 October 2026 - High Incident Need Team (HINT)

19 November 2026 - Toby Henderson Trust

11 January 2027 - Pathways

19 April 2027 - Family Hub

No booking required

Favourites Lunch Pizza - Thursday 1 October

Following a whole school vote on our favourite lunch, we can announce the most popular vote, by a close margin, was pizza. Pizza, including pepperoni pizza and chocolate crispies will be served on Thursday 1 October. If your child does not normally have a school meal but would like one on the themed day, please complete here [Favourite Meal](#)



If your child is in Nursery or KS2, please make payment meal via School Gateway.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will take individual and in-school sibling photographs on Monday 12 October.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

Please ensure children wear their full school uniform.

Admissions Portal Middle School 2027

The Admissions Portal is now open for Y4 families to apply for middle school entry September 2027. It closes at midnight on 31 October.



You must register with the Citizen Portal first to generate an email link which you can apply through.

Apply here: [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](https://northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/)

European Language Day Bake Off



**CALLING ALL BAKERS...
WE ARE CELEBRATING
EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY!
MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BAKE AND DECORATE
A CAKE OF A EUROPEAN COUNTRY!**

Your cake could:

- REPRESENT A EUROPEAN COUNTRY
- BE A TRADITIONAL DISH
- CONTAIN A FLAG OR ITEMS THAT REPRESENT YOUR CHOSEN COUNTRY.

**YOUR ENTRY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED INSIDE A
SEALED CONTAINER WITH YOUR
NAME / CLASS / CHOSEN COUNTRY
ON MORNING OF MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTRY TO THE MAIN
ENTRANCE AT SCHOOL WHERE TABLES WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CELEBRATION
ASSEMBLIES ON
FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER.**

***PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT WE ARE AN
ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL**

Next Week

Wednesday - Flu Immunisations -
Reception to Y4

Key Dates can be found here
<https://www.selefirst.org/>

Nursery Admissions 2027

**SELEFIRST
Nursery
Admissions
2027**

Apply from 1 September

Sele First Nursery offers a nurturing, stimulating environment where children learn through play, build friendships and develop confidence and independence.

Our Nursery children benefit from a teacher-led, dedicated EY Team and a varied curriculum using our indoor and outdoor spaces at Sele First.

FIND OUT MORE AND DOWNLOAD
APPLICATION FORM HERE

Sele First Open Day

**SELEFIRST
SCHOOL**

**SELE FIRST SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING
FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES**

For children from Nursery to Year 4

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
10.00AM - 12.00PM**

Situated in the heart of Hexham surrounded by the beautiful Sele Park and the historic buildings of Hexham Abbey, we aim to provide an exciting, motivating and high quality education for every child through effective organisation, committed knowledgeable staff, challenging expectations and high standards.

Scan the QR code to book

F.O.S.F. notices

Bouncing is back!

Join us on Friday 2nd October straight from school. The zero bar will be open with zero beers, fizz, and soft drinks. The tuck shop will be open with sweets, and the cake sale will be there too!

Bring your camping chairs and a blanket and have an autumnal evening with us.

If you bought a wrist band and now can't attend the new date please email treasurer@friendsofselefirst.school and a refund will be processed.

Wristbands can still be purchased at <https://friendsofselefirst.school/bounce>

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we rearranged the date. The weather currently looks great next Friday.

SELE INFLATABLE FUN

FRIDAY 2ND OCT

3.15-6.15PM

£7 for 3 hours of bouncing



BOUNCY CASTLES SLIDES & OBSTACLE COURSE FUN FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

[HTTPS://FRIENDSOFSELEFIRST.SCHOOL/BOUNCE](https://friendsofselefirst.school/bounce) FOR WRISTBANDS



Fancy joining FOSF? Drop us an email or message.



FIRE & DOUGH

ORDER YOUR HOME DOUGH NO BY 22 OCT

1. Order kits on our website by 22nd Oct.
2. Collect at pickup 23rd October
3. Follow the instructions to make your pizza (no pizza oven required)

Fire and Dough without leaving home.

<https://friendsofselefirst.school/pizza>

100 CLUB

MONTHLY CASH PRIZES

CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER NOW

FIRST DRAW 27th OCT

ONLY £24 FOR THE YEAR

<https://friendsofselefirst.school/hundred-club>

SELE FIRST

Summer '26

CHALLENGE

Final update October 2nd.
Please get all money into us by the September 30th.

Running Total

£86 83

SELE FIRST CARNIVAL

Wind! An unwelcome yet recurring theme, the wind forced some last minute changes to our plans once again, but you still came to support in your droves. Thank you!

The mask stall won the best decorated stall, with special commendation to the Book Shop for their amazing signage and bookmarks. Children in these classes will get a reward in school.

Raised £1935

which will be put towards a school trip for every child

