

Message from Mrs Milburn

Hello, and welcome to the first bulletin of the year!

Our weekly bulletin provides all the key information about what's happening at Sele First, including upcoming events, reminders, and links to important documents. The bulletin is shared with all families every Friday. We hope you find it useful!



It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back into school. Children have returned full of smiles, laughter and lots of stories to share about their summers. All children, including our new starters in Nursery, Reception and across school, have settled well into their new routines and expectations, supported by our incredible staff team!

All year groups have started to explore the painting *A Muse (Calliope?)* by Cosimo Tura as part of our whole-school Take One Picture project. There are lots of exciting plans for a whole-school art piece inspired by the painting later in the term.

Over the summer, some of the classrooms have had a bit of a makeover, with new carpets, and the Movement Lab has had a lick of paint. It now looks fresh and clean, ready to be used for gymnastics and dance sessions. We have also installed CCTV cameras on the school site to help deter antisocial behaviour outside of the school day.

You will have received the '**Routines and Procedures**' document, which outlines key information for your child's year group - we hope you find it useful.

I'm delighted to share information about our upcoming FOSF fundraising event – Sele First Carnival! This is such a fantastic community event and the perfect opportunity to meet other families from school. More information can be found further down this weeks' bulletin.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Steph Milburn

International Schools Award

We are delighted to share that Sele First has once again achieved accreditation through the International Schools Award.

This accreditation is recognition of our whole school commitment to developing our children's understanding of the wider world, celebrating different cultures and perspectives, and helping our pupils grow into curious, respectful and globally-minded young people.



Water Smart School Gold Award

We are also proud to have achieved the Water Smart Gold Award for Water Safety.

This recognises our commitment to helping children understand the importance of staying safe around water and developing the knowledge and skills they need to make safe choices.



Attendance Stars

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

1st place — RH/1P/4H 2nd place - 3S 3rd place - 2W



Reception Baseline Assessments

All children starting in Reception will participate in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of the Autumn term.



The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, it uses materials that most children will be familiar with. Children work 1:1 with a teacher to complete the assessment. The RBA became statutory for all schools from September 2021. More information can be found via this [link](#)

Key Dates

Our Key Dates can be found on the attachment to this weeks' bulletin and are also on our website.



The key dates outline term dates, events and activities throughout the year.

Going Home Arrangement Forms

Going Home Arrangement Forms have been sent home in book bags today. Please complete, and return by Monday 7 September, adding all adults who have consent to collect your child from school.

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Pupil Allergy and Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policies

From September 2026, new statutory requirements are strengthening allergy safety in schools, including the need for schools to have a dedicated allergy safety policy, appropriate staff training and robust arrangements for supporting children at risk of anaphylaxis. Many of these important procedures have already been firmly embedded at Sele for a number of years. We want every child with an allergy to feel safe, included and fully supported at school.

Families can find further information, including our Allergy Safety Policy and supporting procedures [here](#).

Join Our Team

WE ARE HIRING

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to join our lunchtime team.

Working hours are 11.15am - 1.45pm Monday to Friday, term time.

To find out more and apply click [here](#)

If you would like to discuss this role before applying, contact Karen Hepples on 01434 602808

Nursery 2027 Admissions

SELEfirst

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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

www.selefirst.org admin@sele.northumberland.sch.uk 01434 602808

Sele First Open Morning

SELEfirst 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

www.admin@sele.northumberland.sch.uk 01434 602808 www.selefirst.org

Key Dates

Y4 Swimming Lessons Commence
Lexia Sessions Commence

Lexia Autumn Term

Early Bird Lexia sessions will commence on Monday 7 September at 8.00am.

Lexia sessions will take place Monday to Thursday.

F.O.S.F. updates

A warm welcome at the start of the new school year from the Friends of Sele First.

We are the school's charity, raising money to help fund school projects.

You will see us post notices in some of the bulletins. We also have a **WhatsApp** Channel we will be using this year, to communicate things in a timely manner (reminders, event ticketing etc).

Click here to **join**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CfKdFHaTd1vKluWVsA9rv0> (remember to use a nickname if you want to remain anonymous).

Our first **FOSF meeting** is next **Wednesday 9th September, at 7pm in Muro Lounge**. Please come along and see what we are about. It's a great way to meet people and we would love it if you'd all join us. Many hands make light work and more fun!

The **Sele First Carnival** is on **Saturday 19th September**, please see the poster on the next page. Tickets on sale now

<https://friendsofselefirst.school/events/fa144339-cef0-4f98-884b-044b745e5708>.

It's a fantastic way to meet new families and catch up with old friends. This year we have gone big, so big we've had to move it over to the Sele playing field. It will be a fabulous day out and will help subsidise this years school trips amongst other things.

FOSF MEETING

*Wed 9th Sept
7pm Muro Lounge*

Learn about FOSF, the year ahead
and the upcoming carnival.

If you're interested but can't come email
Chair@friendsofselefirst.school

PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

*9th Sept
3.15pm*
£1 / item

At the uniform shed around the
back of school.

CAKE SALE

*11th Sept
3.30pm*

When donating baked goods
please remember WE ARE AN
ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL.

SELE FIRST Summer 26 CHALLENGE

Full update in next week's
bulletin. We have currently
raised £7922 for our new
school courtyard!

FRIENDS OF SELE FIRST SELE FIRST CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER
12NOON - 3PM**

**SELE
PARK**

**TICKETS START
FROM JUST
£5**

[HTTPS://FRIENDSOFSELEFIRST.SCHOOL](https://FriendsOfSeleFirst.School) FOR TICKETS

*** NEW* INFLATABLES**



FOOTBALL GAMES

LEGO



FACE PAINTING



CRAFTS

GOSLING RAPTORS



BOOK STALL



FAIR GAMES AND STALLS



ZERO% BAR



FOOD STALLS



FIRE ENGINE



TEDDY STALL

