

17th July 2026

July Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another fantastic year at Morpeth First School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your support, kindness and positivity this year.



This week we will say goodbye to our Year 4 pupils, who leave us ready for the next step in their educational journey. They have been a very special cohort and we will miss them in September...the middle schools are very lucky to be gaining so many superstars!

School Games Success

I am delighted to share with you that we have been awarded the School Games Platinum Award for our participation this academic year.

We also took part in the Morpeth Partnership KS2 Football League this year, which provided another opportunity for our pupils to compete against other local schools. Although we didn't win the league (congratulations to Morpeth All Saints) the children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the matches, and really developed their teamwork and resilience.



Thank you to Mr Jefferson and Miss Taylor, our PE Lead, for providing this and giving up their time after school to ensure the children could participate.

Summer Holidays Ideas

The Peter Rabbit Trail for St Oswald's Hospice opened yesterday, and is free to take part in over the summer. You can download the app by clicking on this link, and I am attaching a map of the Newcastle section of the trail with our school rabbit marked on it.

<https://talesonthetyne.co.uk/art-trail/>

Our Morpeth First School - 'A Rabbit's Tale of Character' is one of the "Fluffles", which are the younger brothers and sisters of Peter himself. Our fluffle is displayed in the Newcastle City Library (behind Northumberland Street) which is number 10 on the trail. All of the fluffles are displayed indoors and the larger rabbits are outdoors. If you visit our rabbit in the library, please feel free to take photos/selfies and send them into school admin@morpethfirst.northumberland.sch.uk.



Every child in our school contributed to our design and it is stunning, so it will be exciting for the children to point out which heart or face belongs to them, as well as admire all of the other beautiful sculptures around the region. Good Luck!

Summer Reading Challenge

Key Program Details

Theme: "Read to the Beat" (music-inspired)

Target Audience: Children aged 4 to 11, with a special "Mini Challenge" available for children under four.

Duration: Open until Saturday, 12 September.

How to Join: Visit your local library (e.g., in Cramlington, Ashington, or Morpeth) to sign up, set your reading goal, and get your collector folder

Activities: Libraries across Northumberland are hosting free drop-in events, including Lego clubs, marching band parades, and K-Pop crafts.

You can read any library book of your choice—including audiobooks, comics, and eBooks—and any book you share with parents and carers counts towards your total.



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with **free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England**, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

Wrapstars will be open in the holidays in weeks 2, 3 and 4 if anyone would like to book a space. The very popular 'water days' are happening on 29th July and 5th August, and every Tuesday is "wheelie day"!

We return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**, as Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd are staff training days.

Enjoy a wonderful summer break!

Warm wishes,

Nadine Fielding

Head teacher

