

Message from Mrs Milburn

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, it was great to see so many families in school for our autumn parent and carer consultations. I hope these were a helpful opportunity to chat with class teachers and, where helpful, our SENDCos, about your child's learning, progress and any additional support they may need.

On Wednesday, we came together to celebrate Harvest. KS1 and KS2 visited Trinity Church to share poems, sing and give thanks for the Harvest, as well as celebrate the changing seasons. Our Nursery and Reception children celebrated in school, talking and singing about Harvest. Thank you for all your generous donations to the West Northumberland Food Bank.

We also welcomed the local Network Rail community manager to school to deliver rail safety assemblies to children across school. Children learned some important messages about keeping themselves and others safe around trains and railway tracks. They discovered that some trains travel at 120 mph, that it can take the length of 12 football pitches for a train to stop, and that a train can weigh the same as 100 elephants!

Every week, during our celebration assembly, we recognise children for demonstrating the Sele Spirit by being Ready, Respectful and Safe, as well as for their effort and achievements. Children receive a Headteacher Award, and certificates are presented for achievements in school, including TTRS and reading. We also love to celebrate achievements from outside school!

A reminder that there are to be no pocket toys or trading cards in school, thank you for your support with this.

Tomorrow, we look forward to hosting our Open Day and welcoming many prospective families to Sele First.

Have a lovely weekend, Steph Milburn

Attendance Matters - The Start of the School Day

Our school day is 8.45am-3.15pm. Gates to the Main Yard open at 8.30am, the bell rings at 8.40am with registers being taken at 8.45am at this time doors will close.



If you arrive after the doors have closed, please report to reception with your child to ensure your child is signed in and registered promptly.

Arriving ready for the start of the school day helps children settle calmly, join in with morning routines and begin their learning alongside their friends. A few minutes late can mean missing important instructions or that valuable start to the day. Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and punctuality at Sele First. If your family is finding mornings difficult or you need support getting your child into school regularly, please speak to us - we are always happy to work together to find a positive way forward.

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 — RM 2nd place - 3S 3rd place - 1P



Take One Picture Open Day - Wednesday 21 October 2026

Our Art Studio in the Movement Lab has been full of creativity and collaborative working this week as Mr Watson and local artist Mrs Marley have worked with all year groups taking a theme from this year's painting; A Muse (Calliope?), as well as contributing to our fantastic cross year group collaborative art project. We look forward to sharing the final pieces with families next week!



We welcome you to our Open Day on Wednesday 21 October, between 9.00-10.00am and again from 2.00-3.00pm.

There is no need to book for the Open Day, families will be asked to sign in on arrival. Due to space, we kindly ask that pushchairs and prams are left at the Main Entrance.

Take One Picture Art Sale

This year, we invite parents and carers to our Take One Picture Art Sale, giving you the wonderful opportunity to take home a special piece of your child's artwork while helping to support future Take One Picture projects.



Parents and carers can make a donation of whatever they feel able to give in return for their child's artwork. Where artwork is sold with a frame, there will be a minimum charge of £3 to help cover the cost of the frame. Donations will go towards future Take One Picture projects, helping us provide artists, creative resources and inspiring opportunities for our children.

The Art Shop will be open during our Open Day, and again after school until 4pm. Card and cash payments accepted. Artwork will be sent home after half term, once frames have been purchased.

SEND Conference

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum



SEND Conference 2026

10th November, County Hall Morpeth

Join us for our 2026 SEND Conference, created especially for parent carers.

This is a community information event where you can meet and speak directly with teams from **Health, Education and Social Care**, plus organisations who support families with SEND, alternative needs and/or disabilities.

Find information, advice and support, along with opportunities to take a moment for yourself, connect with others and look after your wellbeing.

**service spotlight talks | peer support |
legal advice | information marketplace
wellbeing activities | food & drink**

9:30 - 2:30pm



**FREE
EVENT**

IM, Irwin Mitchell
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enquiries@npccf.co.uk

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have shared our exciting extra-curricular club offer with families this week.

There are lots of lunchtime and after school clubs to choose from. Please complete the google form to register your child's interest in clubs. After-school club places will be confirmed by email before each club starts. [extra-curricular clubs](#)



Data Collection Forms

Data collection forms have been sent home with children today in book bags.



Please check and amend any information that may have changed on the form and return to school by Monday 19 October. It is vitally important we have correct information for families.

Next Week

Wednesday—Take One Picture Open Day
Thursday – School Closes for half term
Friday—Teacher Training Day

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

Tempest Photographs

The closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 26 October. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link that you have received paper order forms visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk.