

ACOMB FIRST SCHOOL

A Year in Review 2025–2026



Our School

Acomb First School is a place where every child belongs, every child matters, and every child succeeds. This yearbook celebrates the incredible achievements, friendships and memories made throughout 2025–2026.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

✧ **Wellbeing Hub Opening**
Autumn 2025

Harrison Wellbeing Hub opened, raising over £140,000 through incredible community support and dedication.

✧ **National Recognition**
Spring 2026

Awarded School Games Gold and recognised as a Skills Builder International Flagship School – one of only 20 worldwide.

✧ **Learning Beyond Walls**
Summer 2026

Whole-school beach trip, Forest School every fortnight, Bikeability, Robinwood residential and so much more beyond the classroom.



Celebrating an Incredible Year

Growing confident, resilient and curious learners – this year has been a remarkable journey of achievement, community, and joy. From the opening of the Harrison Wellbeing Hub to our whole-school beach trip, every moment has shaped our wonderful children. "Our children leave us as responsible global citizens with a lifelong love of learning." – Miss Hannah Williamson, Headteacher

A Year to Remember

This yearbook is dedicated to every child, family, staff member, governor and volunteer who made this year truly extraordinary. Thank you for being part of our Acomb family.



Keeping every child safe and healthy

These prestigious recognitions reflect our unwavering commitment to ensuring every child can learn, thrive and feel safe at school. They acknowledge the extensive work undertaken by our staff to develop outstanding procedures, provide high-quality training, and create an inclusive environment where children with asthma and severe allergies are fully supported.

From robust care plans and regular staff training to raising awareness amongst pupils and working closely with families and healthcare professionals, these awards recognise the exceptional standards we have embedded across our school community.

The safety and wellbeing of every child will always remain at the heart of everything we do, and we are delighted that our commitment has been recognised through these important accreditations.

Miss Hannah Williamson, Headteacher

What a truly remarkable year it has been. As I reflect on 2025–2026, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for everything our school community has achieved together. From the opening of our Harrison Wellbeing Hub to our whole-school beach trip, from Robinwood adventures to ukulele performances — every experience has been designed with our children at the heart.



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—Miss Hannah Williamson

A Year to Remember



Children thriving in our Forest School sessions, building resilience and a love of the natural world.



Our whole-school ukulele programme brought music, joy and togetherness to every classroom.



Pupils collaborating and creating — developing the skills and confidence to become lifelong learners.



Our community came together time and time again — your support makes Acomb First School truly special.



Our Vision

Growing Confident, Resilient and Curious Learners

At Acomb First School, we believe every child deserves the very best start. Our vision is to nurture confident, resilient and curious learners who are ready to flourish in an ever-changing world. We celebrate every achievement — big and small — and ensure every child feels they belong, they matter, and they can succeed. Together, we are growing responsible global citizens with a lifelong love of learning.

"Every child belongs. Every child matters. Every child succeeds."

—Acomb First School Ethos

Thank You!

None of this would be possible without our incredible staff, governors, families and community partners. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our children throughout this wonderful year.



Our Ethos

Every Child Belongs, Matters & Succeeds

At Acomb First School, we believe that every single child deserves to feel safe, valued, and celebrated. Our ethos is rooted in inclusion – creating a warm, nurturing environment where each learner can thrive, grow, and discover who they truly are.

We work hard to ensure that no child is left behind. Whether through our pastoral support, our Harrison Wellbeing Hub, or the relationships our dedicated staff build every day, belonging is at the heart of everything we do at Acomb.



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—Miss Hannah Williamson,
Headteacher

Inclusion in Action



Our classrooms are vibrant, inclusive spaces where every child's voice is heard and every contribution is valued. Diversity is our strength.



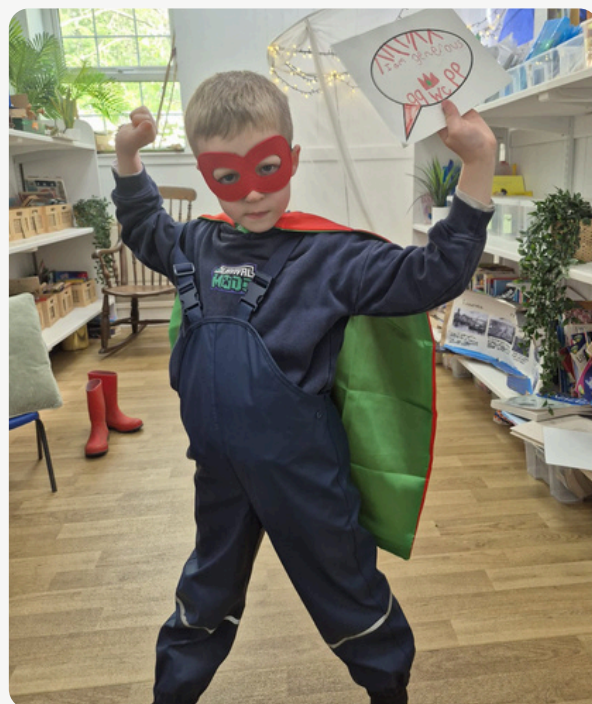
Our staff champion kindness, empathy, and respect — modelling the values we hope every child will carry with them throughout their lives.



From our youngest learners in Reception to our Year 4 leavers, every child is supported to reach their full potential with care and ambition.



Families are partners in our ethos. Together, we create a community where children feel truly seen, loved, and inspired to be their best selves.



Our Core Values

Growing Confident, Resilient & Curious Learners

Our school values guide everything we do. We nurture confidence so children feel empowered to speak, create, and lead. We build resilience so they can face challenges with courage and determination. We spark curiosity so that a love of learning becomes a lifelong companion. Together, these values shape not just good students — but good people.

"Our children leave us as responsible global citizens with a lifelong love of learning — ready to make their mark on the world." —Acomb First School
Vision

Our Promise to Every Child

We promise to know your child as an individual, to celebrate their unique gifts, to support them through challenges, and to send them forward with the confidence, resilience, and curiosity they need to flourish in life beyond Acomb.



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Adventures That Shape Who We Are

At Acomb First School, we believe that some of the most powerful learning happens beyond classroom walls. From forest trails to coastal shores, our children have embraced every adventure with curiosity and courage.

Each experience is carefully designed to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and independence – the very qualities that shape our children into responsible, capable individuals ready for the world.



"The best classroom has no walls – just wonder, fresh air and the courage to try."

—Miss H. Williamson

Experiences in Pictures

Forest School sessions gave children the freedom to explore, build and connect with the natural world every fortnight throughout the year.



Robinwood residential adventure challenged children with climbing, zip wires and teamwork activities that built lasting friendships.



Bikeability training helped children build road confidence, independence and essential life skills in a safe and supportive environment.



The whole-school beach trip united every year group in a joyful day of exploration, discovery and seaside learning together.



Highlights of the Year

Outdoor Experiences 2025–2026

This year our children experienced Forest School sessions building dens and exploring nature, the Robinwood residential adventure packed with teamwork challenges, the unforgettable Alien Crash landing project, a whole-school beach trip, Bikeability training building road confidence, and residential experiences giving children independence away from home. Every single adventure left a lasting mark.

"I didn't think I could do it – but I did. Robinwood showed me I'm braver than I thought."

—Year 4 Pupil

Growing Together Outdoors

Every outdoor experience at Acomb is rooted in our vision: growing confident, resilient and curious learners. These adventures are not extras – they are at the very heart of what we do.

Project Showcase

Bringing Learning to Life

At Acomb First School, we believe that learning becomes truly meaningful when it connects to the real world. This year, we welcomed an incredible range of professionals into our classrooms, bringing their expertise, stories and passion directly to our children.

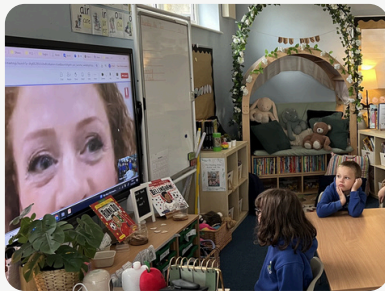
From flying doctors to solicitors, estate agents to nurses, and even a JuJitsu champion — each visit sparked curiosity, broadened horizons and helped children see the exciting possibilities that lie ahead of them.



"When children meet real professionals, learning suddenly has purpose."

— Miss Hannah Williamson,
Headteacher

Our Professional Visitors 2025–2026



A Flying Doctor visited KS1 sharing stories of emergency medicine and life-saving decisions in remote communities around the world.



Our visiting Solicitor helped children understand justice, rights and the law — inspiring some brilliant future lawyers in the making!



A local Nurse spoke to children about caring for others, the NHS and the incredible teamwork behind every patient's recovery.



A JuJitsu champion demonstrated discipline, respect and resilience — values that mirror our school ethos perfectly.



Real World. Real Learning.

Professionals Who Inspired Us

Each professional visitor brought something unique to our school. Children asked brilliant questions, tried on uniforms, handled real equipment and discovered careers they had never considered before. These visits are at the heart of our Skills Builder programme and our commitment to preparing children for life beyond the classroom. We are proud partners with over 20 local and national employers.

"Every visit plants a seed. Our children leave inspired, informed and full of possibility."

— Acomb First School

Get Involved as a Visitor!

A huge thank you to every professional who gave their time to inspire our children this year. If you would like to get involved as an employer partner, please contact Miss Williamson at the main office.

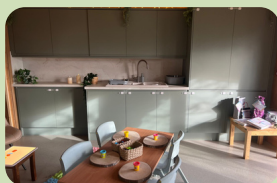


Special Feature

Harrison Wellbeing Hub

This year, Acomb First School celebrated the opening of the Harrison Wellbeing Hub — a dedicated space designed to nurture the emotional health and mental wellbeing of every child in our school community.

The Hub represents years of vision, dedication, and extraordinary community effort. It stands as a symbol of our unwavering commitment to placing children's wellbeing at the very heart of everything we do at Acomb First School.



"This place makes me feel safe. I know I can always come here when things feel hard."

—Acomb First School Pupil

A Community Achievement



The Hub officially opened its doors this academic year, welcoming children to a calm, nurturing environment filled with thoughtfully chosen resources.



The space hosts small group sessions, one-to-one support, and whole-class wellbeing activities that embed mental health awareness into daily school life.



Children across all year groups have access to the Hub, supported by trained staff who help them develop emotional resilience and self-regulation skills.



Community partnerships have enriched the Hub's programme, with local wellbeing professionals and volunteers contributing their time and expertise throughout the year.



Hub Highlights

£140,000 Raised Together

The Harrison Wellbeing Hub was made possible through the incredible generosity of our school community. Over £140,000 was raised through fundraising events, grants, and donations from families, local businesses, and dedicated supporters. From quiz nights to summer fairs, every contribution brought this dream closer to reality. We are deeply grateful to every single person who played a part in making this happen.

"It's not just a room — it's a message to every child that their feelings matter and that they are never alone."

—Miss Hannah Williamson, Headteacher

Thank You!

The Harrison Wellbeing Hub is a lasting legacy for our school — a place where every child knows they are seen, heard, and valued. Thank you to our entire community for making it possible.



Community & Families

Celebrating Our Community

At Acomb First School, our community is at the very heart of everything we do. This year, families, friends and volunteers came together to create truly magical moments that will be remembered for years to come.

From the vibrant Autumn Fair to the joy of Pumpkin Picking, the laughter of Quiz Night and Bingo Night, to the wonderful Summer Fair — every event brought our school family closer together.



"Our community doesn't just support the school — they make it what it is."

—Miss Hannah Williamson

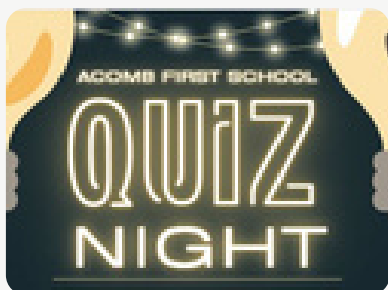
Events & Celebrations This Year



The Autumn Fair filled the school grounds with laughter, games and community spirit as families gathered to celebrate the season together.



Pumpkin Picking was a highlight of the autumn term — children and families enjoyed a wonderful seasonal outing full of smiles and creativity.



Quiz Night and Bingo Night brought parents and staff together for evenings full of fun, friendly competition and wonderful community fundraising.



The Summer Fair was a spectacular end-of-year celebration, bringing together the whole school community with stalls, games and sunshine.



Friends of Acomb

A Huge Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers

The Friends of Acomb have been absolutely outstanding this year. Through tireless dedication, creative fundraising and boundless enthusiasm, our volunteer community has raised vital funds, organised unforgettable events and shown our children what it truly means to be part of something special. Every hour given, every stall set up, every raffle ticket sold — it all makes a difference.

"The Friends of Acomb don't just raise funds — they raise spirits, build bonds and remind us all why community matters."

—Miss Hannah Williamson

Thank You, Friends of Acomb!

To every volunteer, every family who attended an event, baked a cake, donated a prize or simply showed up with a smile — THANK YOU. You make Acomb First School the warm, wonderful place it is. We are so proud of our community.



Sport, Music & Creativity

Celebrating Our Talented Learners

This year, our pupils have shone brightly across sport, music, and the arts. From competing in local competitions to performing on our village hall stage, every child has had the chance to discover their passion and build confidence beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud to have retained our School Games Gold Award — a recognition of the breadth, quality and inclusivity of our PE and sport provision. Thank you to every coach, parent volunteer, and member of staff who made it possible.



"Sport teaches us that effort, teamwork and resilience matter far more than winning."

—Miss Williamson

Sport & Active Learning



Our pupils competed in local sports competitions, representing Acomb with pride, sportsmanship and determination throughout the year.



A visiting athlete inspired our pupils with their journey — reminding every child that dedication, practice and belief can take you anywhere.



A huge thank you to our incredible staff, volunteers and sports coaches who gave their time to support tournaments and after-school clubs all year long.



From dance and drama to painting and textiles, our creative arts programme gave every child a voice and a way to express their unique talents.



Music & Creative Arts

Whole School Ukulele & Performances

Every child in school took part in our whole-school ukulele programme this year — a joyful, ambitious project that filled our corridors with music. This project would not have been possible without Miss Williamson's wonderful mother who has dedicated her time and music skills to the children at Acomb First School. Throughout the year, pupils performed for families and the wider community, building confidence, coordination and a genuine love of making music together. Our art competition entries, creative writing pieces and performances have been equally celebrated, reflecting the rich creative culture at the heart of Acomb First School.

"Music and art aren't extras — they are the heartbeat of a well-rounded education and a happy childhood."

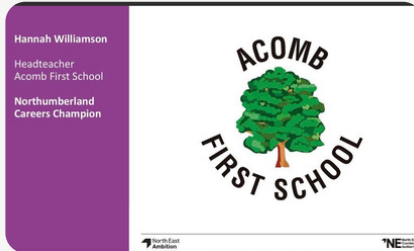
—Acomb First School

School Games Gold Award

A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer, parent, coach and community supporter who gave their time and energy to enrich the sporting, musical and creative life of our school this year. You make Acomb truly special.



RECOGNITION BEYOND ACOMB



Regional Careers Conference

Acomb First School was invited to present at the Regional Careers Conference, sharing our pioneering approach to employer engagement and careers-inspired learning with schools across the region. Our work with 20+ employer partners was celebrated as a model of best practice.

OUR HONOURS THIS YEAR

* **School Games Gold Award** 2025–2026

We are thrilled to have achieved School Games Gold status, recognising our outstanding commitment to sport, physical activity and competitive opportunities for all pupils throughout the year.

* **Skills Builder Flagship School** 2025–2026

Acomb First School is one of only approximately 20 schools worldwide to hold Skills Builder International Flagship School status — a remarkable achievement recognising our exceptional embedding of essential skills across the entire curriculum.

* **Northumberland School Improvement** 2025–2026

Recognised by the Northumberland School Improvement Team for our innovative curriculum design and whole-school approach to wellbeing, careers and community engagement — a true testament to our staff and pupils.



Recognised. Celebrated. Proud.

This year, Acomb First School has been recognised far beyond our own community. Our commitment to outstanding education, pupil wellbeing, and careers-inspired learning has earned us national and regional acclaim. These honours reflect the dedication of every teacher, governor, parent, volunteer, and most importantly — every child who walks through our doors each day.

We are incredibly proud to share these achievements with our whole school community. Each award represents hundreds of hours of passionate work, innovative thinking, and a shared belief that every child deserves the very best start in life. "Growing confident, resilient and curious learners who become responsible global citizens."

A Message of Pride

None of these achievements happen by accident. They are the result of an incredible team — staff, governors, families and children — all working together with passion and purpose. We are so proud of everything we have accomplished this year. Thank you. — Miss Hannah Williamson, Headteacher



Thank You — Our Incredible Community

None of what we achieve would be possible without the extraordinary people who surround our children every single day. From our dedicated staff and committed governors to our generous employer partners and the tireless Friends of Acomb — thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

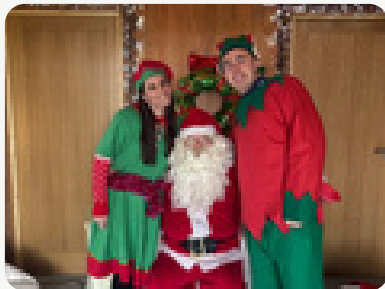
Your time, energy, passion and belief in our children makes Acomb First School the truly special place it is. Every contribution — however big or small — has helped shape an unforgettable year for our learners.



"This school thrives because of its people — and our people are simply wonderful."

—Miss Hannah Williamson,
Headteacher

Faces Behind Our Success



Our dedicated staff team who go above and beyond every single day for every child in our care.



Our wonderful governors who give their time freely to guide and support our school community.



Our brilliant parents and carers whose support, trust and involvement make everything possible.



The Friends of Acomb and our incredible volunteers — your fundraising and enthusiasm are extraordinary!



A Very Special Welcome Welcome to Baby Alfie!

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news from our Acomb family! This year Miss Waugh and her partner, welcomed the arrival of Baby Alfie, and the whole school community has been overjoyed to celebrate this precious new addition. We send our warmest congratulations and so much love to the whole family. Alfie, you are already so loved by all of us here at Acomb First School — we cannot wait to watch you grow!

"The Acomb community wraps around every child and family with warmth, generosity and genuine care. We are so proud of every single one of you."

—Miss Hannah Williamson

With Gratitude & Appreciation

A heartfelt thank you also to our 20+ employer partners whose real-world connections bring learning to life, and to every volunteer who has given their time throughout this incredible year. You make us who we are.

Farewell & Looking Ahead

Goodbye, Year 4 — We Are So Proud of You!

To our wonderful Year 4 children — you have grown so much this year. You have shown courage, kindness, creativity and resilience every single day. Watching you flourish has been the greatest privilege.

As you move on to your next adventure, carry with you everything you have learned — not just from books, but from each other, from your teachers, and from every experience that made this year so special.



"Be brave, be kind, dream big — the world is waiting for you."

—Miss Hannah Williamson

Year 4 — Class of 2025-2026



Year 4 explored the world beyond the classroom — from forest school to residentials, every adventure shaped who they are today.



Music, creativity and performance — Year 4 shared their talents with the whole school community this year with pride and passion.



From their first day to their last, Year 4 have inspired us all. Their curiosity, warmth and determination will stay with us always.



Together with staff, families and friends, Year 4 built memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for being part of our Acomb family.



Looking Ahead

Our Promise to Every Learner

As we look to the year ahead, Acomb First School remains committed to growing confident, resilient and curious learners. We will continue to open doors, broaden horizons and nurture every child's unique potential. Our vision is clear — every child who walks through our doors will leave as a responsible global citizen with a lifelong love of learning. We cannot wait to see what next year brings.

"Our children leave us as responsible global citizens with a lifelong love of learning."

—Miss Hannah Williamson, Headteacher

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to every parent, carer, governor, volunteer and member of staff who made this year extraordinary. Your support, dedication and belief in our children makes Acomb First School the truly special place it is. With gratitude and pride — Miss Hannah Williamson.