



HAF Provider Impact Report

Bigfoot's Summer Creative Burst at Collingwood Primary 2025



Overview of provision

Bigfoot's Summer Creative Burst at Collingwood Primary delivered four consecutive weeks of drama, theatre making, arts and crafts and food education across the Summer Holidays. Each week had a different theme – from Performance to Music to Street Art to Crafts!

Lunches each day were provided by Scott's Catering which is a local catering company and established provider of HAF meals. They worked with us to design a menu which we felt was appealing to our young people as well as provided good nutrition to fuel the young people throughout the days. We also approached the Community Champion at Morrisons in North Shields who kindly provided fresh fruit, vegetables, fruit juice and cereal bars so the young people had lots of healthy snack options during their breaks.

Marketing and registration – How did you reach the participants and families?

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Attendance

There were a total number of 550 session attendees over the 4 week summer camp. Children from Reception to Year 6 took part in Bigfoot's Summer Creative Burst and NUFC Multi-skills clubs.



Food and nutritional education

We worked with a local catering company – Scott's Catering – who provided healthy meal options each day. All the children reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the food with many taking any left overs home for their evening meals. We reached out to Morrisons in North Shields and partnered with their Community Champion who donated fresh fruit, vegetables, healthy cereal bars, bread and fresh juice which the children snacked on throughout the week.



SUMMER MENU:

- Chicken goujons with wedges and beans (veggie / vegan nuggets also available)
 - Paninis with the following fillings –
Cheese & Ham, Tuna & Cheese, Chicken, Bacon & Cheese, Cheese & Tomato
 - Packed Lunch including Sandwiches with the following fillings –
Cheese, Tuna, Cheese Savoury, Ham, Chicken (Any of these can be mixed)
 - Baked Potato with any filling

Coeliac / Gluten Free Options

- Gluten free bread can be used for any sandwich or panini
 - Baked potatoes
 - Loaded wedges with bacon and cheese
 - Cheese omelette with wedges and salad



Physical activities

Each day was packed with physical activity both inside and outside in the school playground. All children reported that they were moving for at least 1 hour of the day. The physical activity undertaken by the children took the form of high-energy drama games, dancing and performing. We catered for SEND children in attendance by opening the Sensory Room within school, so we could be responsive and meet any access needs for the children by giving them the option to regulate in this room whilst supervised by staff.

Enriching activities, wider impacts and case studies

Bigfoot's Easter Summer Burst provided opportunities for the attendees to try new things and learn a range of new skills. From performance to creative crafts to street art and drumming, the children explored and developed their artistic and expressive abilities. Throughout the 4 weeks, the young people worked to collect points for good listening, teamwork, creativity and positive attitude and on the final day the winning individual was rewarded with a small prize.

Confidence was built by staging a show back event on the final day of each club, where they shared with their grown-ups the activities they'd taken part in and skills learnt.

Signposting – What steps were taken to signpost and provide further support to families during the school holidays?

Collingwood Primary School have a Family Support Worker who kept in touch with families who may have required support over the summer. We also had a representative from Credit Union in school on two afternoons to promote a savings account and offer financial advice to parents.

Next steps

In summary the summer camp at Collingwood Primary School was a great success. Alongside the Bigfoot Provision, the school also arranged for an NUFC multi-sports camp to run for 2 weeks from Monday to Friday. All staff were welcoming and friendly, there were well prepared activities for the children each day with a good mix of indoor and outdoor sessions. The parents were delighted with the provision and particularly enjoyed the end of week performances which the children also really enjoyed. Here is some parental feedback on the summer camp:

“Absolutely fantastic. My son came home buzzing every day!”

“Staff were brilliant, kind, approachable, and helpful. The variety of activities kept my children engaged all week.”

“This camp has been a lifesaver for working parents like me. It’s given my daughter routine, fun and let her stay in touch with friends over the Summer.”

“Huge thank you to everyone involved. The performances at the end of the week were a lovely touch, the kids were clearly so proud of themselves.”

“It’s helped my child grow in confidence and try new things. We’re really grateful.”

“The food provision has made a real difference. It’s been one less worry over the summer, knowing they’re eating well every day.”

Photographs from Bigfoot and NUFC Multi-Skills

















