

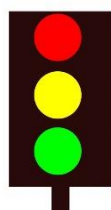


Dear Parent/Carer,

Despite January being behind us, the days are still somewhat dark with all the rain falling from the sky. Indoor playtimes take their toll on our children so we will keep our fingers crossed that better weather is on its way. In the meantime, please can children have coats with them every day. Thank you.

There are only 2 weeks left of this half term and our break is different to some other Local Authorities.

ATTENDANCE



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%
Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 94%
Green - Safety Zone - 95% - 100%

Rec 1	96 %	Rec 2	91.2 %
Year 1D	95.9 %	Year 1KB	98.5 %
Year 2ON	93.7 %	Year 2S	97.8 %
Year 3E	94.7 %	Year 3S	98.6 %
Year 4H	97.8 %	Year 4R	92.6 %
Year 5H	96.8 %	Year 5W	97 %
Year 6K	94.7 %	Year 6LA	97 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 3S!

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

Wednesday	11.02.26	Music Workshop	
	11.02.26	Year 6 Hockey	12:00-15:00
Thursday	12.02.26	Year 1 - Laing Art Gallery Project (in school)	TBC
Friday	13.02.26	Year 3 Parent Assembly	9:00
	13.02.26	Lunchtime - Valentines Sweets and treats	11:30-13:00

You can also stay up to date with dates/times of events on your Arbor Calendar

OTHER NEWS

YEAR 1

Please follow attached link for further information about the Year 1 statutory phonics test that your child will complete in June.

[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

YEAR 4

Please follow attached link for further information about the Year 4 statutory multiplication check that your child will complete in June.

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

YEAR 6

Please follow attached link for further information about the Key Stage 2, Year 6 statutory tests in May.

[2026 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents:](#)

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Government breakfast club pilot programme is ongoing, and schools have not been informed of any developments or timelines for rollout beyond this stage.

If you are currently looking for breakfast or after school provision, Playzone do have some current vacancies, so please get in touch with them directly.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

STUDENT SOCIAL WORKER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Caitlin Curry, currently in my first year of Social Work MA at Northumbria University. I will be working on placement in school and alongside the children until May, helping them with their friendships, helping to build confidence and help with any emotional development or maybe some reassurance for those who could just use a little extra support.

Every child deserves to feel their best, so they feel ready to thrive. To do this, I will be hosting small groups and 1-1s with children, tailoring to their individual needs and areas to work on.

If it's felt your child could benefit from these sessions, we will be in touch for consent. If you would like your child to be involved or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0191 488 1941.

I look forward to working alongside the amazing staff at Front Street and meeting more of you as the year progresses.

Regards

Caitlin



♥ PINS Coffee Morning

Come along and meet with Gateshead Parent Carer Forum in school for a relaxed PINS coffee morning – a friendly space for parent carers of neurodiverse children to chat, share experiences, and feel supported.

★ What to Expect

- A relaxed, welcoming atmosphere
- Tea, coffee, and sweet treats
- Space to chat about challenges and successes
- Helpful conversations about SEND support in mainstream schools
- A chance to connect with other parent carers

When

-20/02/2026	10.00 – 12.00
-17/03/2026	10.00 – 12.00
-30/03/2026	10.00 – 12.00

REMINDERS

ABSENCE

When leaving a voicemail to inform us of an absence, please give a reason for absence whether this be a holiday, illness or a medical appointment. An absence without a reason will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will impact attendance.

SICKNESS

Please be reminded your child is unable to return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

BOCCIA TOURNAMENT NEWS

Yesterday Year 5 & Year 6 teams competed in the Gateshead SSP Boccia tournament, competing against 36 teams! 🌟

🏆 Our Year 6 team worked their way to the finals and claimed an outstanding second place, winning silver medals and a place in the County Finals!

🥈 Our Year 5 team reached the quarterfinals, securing a spot among the top eight teams!



NETBALL COUNTY FINALISTS

This week our Year Six Netball Team competed in the Gateshead SSP Finals!

🏆 The team finished in second place, based on goal difference and secured their place in the County Finals in June! ✨



I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy – Mr Lakey, Miss Hault, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Wilkinson, and Mrs Bolton. We have a duty of care to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

H J Gladstone Head Teacher

Whickham CC Junior Winter Coaching

Come along in get involved with cricket at
your local community cricket club.
Equipment available for use.



All sessions at Emmanuel
College, Lobley Hill
Starts Saturday 24th January
(8 sessions in total)

1pm - 2pm Mixed U9 and U11 Girls
2pm - 3pm Under 11s
3pm - 4pm Under 13s and 15s

£30 for all sessions or £5 a week

Two free weeks for new players
(then £25 or £5 per week)

Contact Luke Newns for
information
07784179650



GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME



We sell surplus
stock on Vinted as
gwusne - please
buy online if it is
easier.

Who are we?

We are a registered charity,
operating in Gateshead West
since 2021.

We provide good quality
preloved and brand new
school uniforms to our
community

from our site in Blaydon -
St Cuthbert's Community Hall
NE21 5PT.

We operate on a pay-what-
you-feel basis.

Did you know?
We now have a GWUS
donation bin behind
Barmoor Hub
(NE40 3AG)
near Ryton. Yay!
It is right next to the
skate park.

2026 Jan/Feb Markets...

Fri 2nd Jan 3:30pm to 5pm.
Sat 10th Jan 9:30am to 11am.
Sat 17th Jan 9:30am to 11am.
Mon 26th Jan 6pm to 7pm.
Fri 6th Feb 3:30pm to 5pm.
Sat 14th Feb 9:30am to 11am.
Sat 21st Feb 9:30am to 11am.
Mon 23rd Feb 6pm to 7pm.



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SPECIAL SCHOOL MEAL February 13th

Fish Fingers & Chips!



PLUS

Peas & Ketchup

Valentine's Day Treats!



Cookies & Cupcakes!

JOIN OUR

SCHOOL NURSERY!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2026

Come and have a tour or fill out
an application form

APPLY BY END OF JANUARY 2026!

Tel: 0191 4881941

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