

Dear Parent/Carer,

And that's half term over. The children are well and truly settled into their new year group and the summer holidays are a distant dream. When we come back after half term they will be starting the Christmas countdown.



Half Term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October. School reopens Monday 3rd November.

Just to remind you that the clocks fall back 1 hour this weekend as British Summer officially ends. I hope you all have a lovely half term and there is lots of fun and excitement on Halloween.



FOFS THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our lovely FOFS volunteers who organised our spooky disco last night. It was great to see all the children dancing and getting into the spooky spirit! These events would not be possible without the time, effort and huge amount of organisation that is needed to ensure the smooth and safe running of these occasions (it does take a lot of their own personal time which they dedicate for the good of our children). Any additional volunteers would be warmly welcomed to help them with the many things they do. Thank you again.

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

Rec 1	70.2%	Rec 2	58.2%
Year 1KB	76.6%	Year 1D	89.6%
Year 2ON	93%	Year 2S	93.5%
Year 3S	94.9%	Year 3E	88.4%
Year 4H	92.6%	Year 4R	93.9%
Year 5H	97.3%	Year 5W	89.9%
Year 6K	94.2%	Year 6L	97%

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 5H!

Our kitchen got a spook-tacular makeover yesterday, tricks, treats and terrifyingly tasty sweets! The cupcakes were un-boo-lievably delicious! Thank you to our lovely catering team for all of their efforts!



DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER



07.11.25	Year 4 Parent Sharing Assembly	09:00-09:45
14.11.25	Year 6 Parent Sharing Assembly	09:00-09:45
19.11.25	Individual & Sibling Photos	AM
21.11.25	Year 5 Parent Sharing Assembly	09:00-09:45
28.11.25	FOFS Christmas Fair	All Day

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Final reminder to anyone who has not yet applied to secondary school. The deadline is next Friday 31st October.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Phototronics will be in school on **Wednesday 19th November** to take individual and sibling photos.

Anyone wishing to order photos as Christmas presents will still get orders on time.

If you have younger siblings who do not attend school, you are welcome to arrive from 8:15 at the school hall to have their photos taken together.

DINNER DEBT

Gateshead Council guidelines state - it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure they provide money for a school meal in advance or provide a packed lunch.

School dinners are no different to any other business in that meals must be paid for by someone - we wouldn't expect to go to a restaurant and not have to pay for our meal. The school must cover these debts owed to Gateshead Council from our own school budget. This means that those parents who do not pay for their children's school meals are affecting every child in the school as these debts must be met from the school's already limited funding. This situation is not fair and is unsustainable. Please ensure school meal payments are kept up to date. **If meals remain unpaid you will be contacted to supply a packed lunch for your child. You can view our debt policy on our school website.**

A SHARED CELEBRATION

This week, Hindus, Sikhs and Jains were celebrating very special occasions. Hindus and Jains celebrated Diwali, the festival of light. You might have noticed fireworks or houses decorated with lights. Sikhs were celebrating the festival of Bandi Chhor Divas. This means 'liberation of prisoners day'. Sikhs often celebrate this occasion with fireworks, too. All these celebrations are about good defeating evil. We hope everyone involved enjoyed these special times with family and friends.



I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy - Mr Lakey, Miss Houlton, 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