

Friday Letter



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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope everyone had a lovely break - it was lovely to welcome the children back into school on Monday morning. The Spring Term is a time to look forward to the days starting to get a bit longer and the weather warming up (although there may be a long wait for that if the forecast is to be believed!) Despite the freezing weather, it has been a super first week back.



Water Safety Award

We were delighted to find out we have been awarded the Water Smart Schools Silver Award from the Royal Life Saving Service. This award recognises our commitment as a school to water safety education, as part of our PHSE curriculum. All classes took part in the summer water safety workshops last year and we are committed to ensuring that water safety messages are shared regularly with the children, particularly those in the older year groups.

Well done to everyone for their work to achieve this award!

If you're interested in swimming lessons for your child, you can receive 50% off your first payment from Better (an organisation that runs swimming lessons at Blaydon Leisure Centre) using the code SCHOOL50 when you book. More info can be found on our Newsletter section of the website.

Reminders



For safety reasons, please ensure that earrings are removed before school. The plastic clear earrings are the only suitable earrings to be worn.



It's great to see everyone looking smart in their uniform. Please remember that PE days require school PE uniform items to be worn.



When the weather is cold, we still try to get outdoors as much as possible. Remember to bring warm coats, hats etc for outdoor play.

Applications for a school place

The deadline for applications for primary school places is next Thursday (15th January). If you, or someone you know, has not yet made their online application for a September 2026 place, please follow the link below to get your application in on time. The link below is clickable in the pdf (website) version of this letter.

[Primary Admissions 2026 - Gateshead Council](#)



Year 2 braved the cold weather, having fun at Forest School this week!



Diary Dates 2026:

- 16.1.26 - Sports Crew Rugby Day
- 19.1.26 - Year 6 after school booster begins
- 26.1.26 - Clubs begin this week
- 27.1.26 - SATS meeting for Y6 parents (3.30pm)
- 28.1.26 - Karate Day (PE kit)
- 10.2.26 - Safer Internet Day
- 11.2.26 - Bookfair in School (until 18.2.26)
- 13.2.26 - Skipping Day
- 17.2.26 - Theatre production in School
- 17.2.26 / 18.2.26 - Parent consultations (YEAR 6 ONLY)
- 18.2.26 - Online Safety presentation for parents 1.30pm
- 20.2.26 - End of Half Term
- 23.2.26 - 27.2.26 - HALF TERM
- 2.3.26 - SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET)
- 3.3.26 - Back to School
- 5.3.26 - World Book Day
- 9.3.26 - Science Week Begins
- 20.3.26 - Comic Relief Day
- 30.3.26 - Creativity Week
- 31.3.26 / 1.4.26 - Parent consultations
- 2.4.26 - Easter Egg Competition
- 2.4.26 - END OF TERM
- 20.4.26 - Summer Term Begins

Curriculum Update

Our Spring term curriculum booklets are on the class pages section of our website. These overviews will outline what your child will learn in school over this term, including the topics or themes in each subject. There's also reminders of homework routines and expectations in each class. Visit your child's class page to find out more.

Sports Fun



Next Friday (16th), our School Sports Crew are hosting their first event of this year - a rugby activity day. Each class will have one session with the crew to play some fun games and activities. Could everyone come in PE uniform that day please.



Year 5 tasted pasta sauces as part of their DT Food Technology unit of work



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