



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break. It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week, it has lifted every body's spirits. As the sun has shone the children discarded their coats across the yard and it has been difficult to match coat to child without a name. Please, please, make sure all clothing is labelled. You will have seen the post on Facebook of our collection of lost property. Lots of new school logo jumpers, no names.

With this in mind I'd like to ask you to check your cupboards, wardrobes, cars, bags etc as a child has accidentally taken home the wrong coat on the last day. School was completely emptied after all of the children had gone home, so we know the coat must be in someone's house. Please have a look and help us.

This is a very short half term but still packed with lots of activities. Check the school calendar and dates for diaries which have already been sent via email.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The staff joined in with the spirit of celebrating books and reading, and were all crayons in Mrs O'Neils box of crayons to represent the book "The Day the Crayons Quit".

Children looked amazing too and there are lots of creative adults out there.



GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to our student Social Worker Nicole who will be leaving us next Friday. Nicoel has worked closely with lots of children, and I know she is sad to be saying farewell. We wish her the best of luck with the rest of her course.

ANTI-RACISM AND DIVERSITY

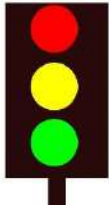
Today Y5 participated in a workshop called Unbottled.

The session focussed on

- Challenging stereotypes and prejudice
- Respectful conversations
- Exploring the difference between harmful language and harmless curiosity
- Celebrating diversity and inclusion

This links to our assemblies and lessons about Tolerance, Respect and No Outsiders.

ATTENDANCE



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

Rec 1	92.9 %	Rec 2	91.1 %
Year 1D	98.9 %	Year 1KB	99.2 %
Year 2ON	98.5 %	Year 2S	93 %
Year 3E	96.1 %	Year 3S	94 %
Year 4H	97.4 %	Year 4R	97.6 %
Year 5H	96 %	Year 5W	97.9 %
Year 6K	97.8 %	Year 6LA	94.4 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 1KB!

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

10.03.26	Mini Health Champions Conference	09:00-14:30
10.03.26	Year 6 Basketball Training	15:20-16:20
11.03.26	County Swimming Gala	TBC
13.03.26	Year 5 Parent Assembly	9:00
13.03.26	Boccia Finals	AM

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

PINS COFFEE MORNING - TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

Come along and meet with Gateshead Parent Carer Forum in school for a relaxed PINS coffee morning.

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.

REMINDERS

YEAR 6 HOMEWORK CLUB - CANCELLED DATES

Due to parents' evenings happening this half term Homework Club will be cancelled on **Thursday 19th March**.

PARENTS EVENING

322 Parents have booked appointments so far! If you would like to book an appointment with your child's teacher please use Arbor. The following link is a guide on how to book use our guardian consultations [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#).

An email was also sent yesterday with some advice about making sure your app is updated along with your mobile phone, or alternatively you can use your internet browser.

SEND PARENT APPOINTMENTS

Mrs Bolton will be available on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March from 13:00-15:00 for any parents/carers who would like to discuss any SEN Concerns. Please ring the office to book an appointment.

FROM APRIL THE COST OF A SCHOOL MEAL WILL BE INCREASING

Currently school meals are £3.00 per day, this will increase to £3.10 per day (£15.50)

Nursery meals are increasing to £2.45 per day.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals, please follow the link [Gateshead Council - Apply for free school meals](#)

OTHER NEWS

CITIZEN SCIENCE AT HOME: SIGNS OF SPRING (ROYAL SOCIETY OF BIOLOGY)

Is spring peeking through? We would like you to look out for the first signs of spring. The Royal Society of Biology are asking for the public to take part in the [Signs of Spring survey 2026](#). To participate, you need to seek out the first indications of new life emerging from the dark winter days. You can head to your local park, further afield into the countryside or just your own garden!

SPECIES TO SPOT

Look for the following 10 indicators of warmer weather:

- flowering bluebells
- bumblebees
- butterflies
- daffodils in bloom
- dragonflies/damselflies
- frogspawn
- hazel catkins
- active ladybirds
- first cut of the lawn
- snowdrops in bloom

Last year's most prevalent species sightings were of snowdrops and bumblebees. The data collected through the survey is invaluable for documenting the effects of climate change on the natural world around us year on year. The more data collected, the more informed the research is.

Please follow this link to the survey: <https://www.rsb.org.uk/signs-of-spring-2026-launch.html>

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE SEEN:

We'd love to know if you have taken part, so **please get creative and draw, photograph or make posters about your sightings** and bring them into school. Work will be added to our new whole school citizen science display.


We will continue to add to the display with your work until the project ends in June.

A SPECIAL VISIT

This week, Year 5 had a brilliant time at the Hindu Temple in Newcastle. They learned about Hindu beliefs, and had lots of fun playing and listening to music. They really enjoyed exploring the Temple. Learning about, and respecting, different worldviews and communities is one of our British Values, and helps us make sure there are No Outsiders at Front Street.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

FOFS EASTER EVENTS

 FOFS have organised some egg-citing Easter Events. See details below.

 Friday 27th March - Sponsored "Hopstaple" Event. 

Hop, Skip and bounce your way through our fun Easter obstacle course!


 Sponsor forms coming home this week! Please return to school by Friday 27th March.


 Thursday 2nd April - Whole School Tuck Shop! 

Our Lovely PTA Volunteers will be in school from 8:45 until 9:30 and will go around each class with their trolley of treats.

Children can bring in some small change if they would like to buy some treats.

  Thursday 2nd April - Easter Raffle  

 £1 per entry

 Enter as many times as you like!

 Win your height in eggs!

I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

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

Do you think your child may have

**ADHD OR
AUTISM**

or maybe they are already on the
neurodevelopmental assessment pathway?

**Come along to one of our
Neurodevelopment support events to
talk to organisations who can help!**

Running throughout 2026, these free, drop-in sessions offer practical advice, early help and information from local services.

Find all dates, times and exhibitors here:



 Gateshead Council

 LOCAL OFFER

 FAMILY HUBS

www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support



March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm