

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy few days with the many celebrations taking place across communities. There has been Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, Chinese New Year and the start of Ramadan. Children know that different families in school celebrate different events and we talk often about treating everyone with respect no matter what they look like, where they come, what they believe in or what their talents are. Front Street has No Outsiders, everyone is welcome and tolerance and respect are important British Values that children are aware of.

FAREWELL

Goodbye and Goodluck to Miss Kelly who leaves us today. She will be joining Wardley Primary School after half term. We send her very best wishes in her new post.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

In April we will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary in our new build. We will keep you posted about how we will celebrate.

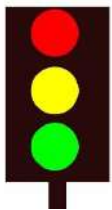
CHINESE NEW YEAR

As part of Chinese New Year, the catering team provided a tasty Chinese menu which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you. FOFS also gave every child a fortune cookie. Thank you.



We break up today for half term. I hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd March.

ATTENDANCE



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

Rec 1	93.78 %	Rec 2	91.11 %
Year 1D	94.4 %	Year 1KB	95 %
Year 2ON	94.78 %	Year 2S	94.4 %
Year 3E	98.07 %	Year 3S	98.15 %
Year 4H	98.15 %	Year 4R	98.31 %
Year 5H	96.86 %	Year 5W	96.98 %
Year 6K	95.56 %	Year 6LA	98.27 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 4R!

NEXT HALF TERM

There are only 4 weeks and 4 days next term as we break up the day before Good Friday on Thursday 2nd April. Lots to squeeze in during these weeks.

DATES FOR DIARIES W/C 02.03.26

03.03.26	Year 6 Basketball Training	15:20-16:20
04.03.26	Year 5 - Hindu Temple - Group 1	9:30-12:30
04.03.26	Nursery Walk to Whickham Library	9.00-11.00
04.03.26	Boccia Training	15:20-16:20
05.03.26	Year 5 - Hindu Temple - Group 2	9:30-12:30
06.03.26	World Book Day - Dress as Favourite Character from book.	All Day
06.03.26	Special School Meal - World Book Day Menu	PM
06.03.26	Year 2 Parent Assembly	9:00

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

OTHER NEWS

PE TIMETABLE - SPRING TERM 2

Please see the below timetable for any changes to PE days.

Year 1	Monday PM & Friday PM
Year 2	Tuesday PM & Wednesday PM
Year 3	Tuesday PM & Wednesday PM
Year 4	Wednesday AM & Thursday PM
Year 5	Thursday PM & Friday
Year 6	Monday PM



Please note that all PE dates are also added to your child's Arbor Calendar.

SCHOOL MEALS - CHANGE TO MENU FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Our catering team have prepared a special menu to celebrate World Book Day (See attached poster).

ART COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists!

It won't be long until our school is 10 years old! To help celebrate this occasion we are running an art competition. 10 years is often celebrated with a gift of tin so we would like you to use tin foil within your art entry. Your entry needs to celebrate something about Front Street. It could be about the friendships you have made, your lessons, how it makes you feel, something fun that you remember or a special day or a celebration of the 10 years in a form of your choice. It is entirely up to you. The artwork can take any form. You could make a tin foil sculpture, paint or draw on the tinfoil or combine the tin foil with something else to create your entry. We can't wait to see your ideas! Please include with your entry what it is about or what it is of. Entries need to be given to Mrs Robson no later than Monday 16th March.

DUNSTON POOL

Dunston Pool will be closed W/C 2nd March for cleaning. (See email on 19/02/26).

REMINDERS

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](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Clubs will be available to book from 6pm this evening. Just a reminder that they do fill up very quickly, if you are trying to book and it does not let you submit the booking this means it is full. Please see the following guide on how to book. [Signing my child up for a Club on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#)

PARENTS EVENING - You can now book a slot for Parents Evening via Arbor. Please see the following link on how to sign up if this is the first time. Please check for any App updates if you are having issues. [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#)

SPORTS NEWS



GATESHEAD CHAMPIONS

Front Street have come away with an outstanding 27 medals and the Gateshead Champions Trophy this week, at the Gateshead SSP Swimming Gala competition!

Look at our AMAZING results...

- 🏆 Overall Team Winners
- 🏆 Boys Medley Relay
- 🏆 Boys Freestyle Relay
- 🏆 Girls Freestyle Relay
- 🥈 Girls Medley Relay
- 🥈 Boys Breaststroke
- 🥉 Boys Front Crawl A
- 🥉 Boys Front Crawl B



A HUGE congratulations to you all.

Now for the County Finals next month! 🌟

I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

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

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



Gateshead Parent
Carer Forum

♥ 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

**REDUCE
WASTE
SAVE
MONEY**

We accept good quality school uniform (branded & unbranded) and children's coats, warm hats, gloves, scarves, sun hats and fancy-dress costumes, plus PAIRED kids' football boots, wellies, trainers & school shoes.

**Front Street
Primary School
is now a
collection point
for**

**GATESHEAD WEST
UNIFORM
SCHEME**

We hold FOUR pay-as-you-feel pre-loved school uniform markets each month at our Blaydon site NE21 5PT, behind Morrisons. Check out social media for upcoming markets...



www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
 contact@gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk
 and find us as gwusne on Vinted



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

Special School Menu for WORLD BOOK DAY!

- Horrid Henry's Crispy Chicken Burger!** (With Lettuce & Mayo!)
- Moody Margaret's Miserable Morsels!** (Veggie Burger)
- Perfect Pete's Virtuous Medley!** (Mixed Salad & Veggie Sticks!)
- Greasy Greta's Special Spuds!** (Homemade Garlic Wedges!)
- The Purple Hand Gang's Secret Naughty Pud!** (Double Chocolate Chip Chocolate Muffin!)

6th March