

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the final week of our first half term! As we head into our final week before the half term break there is still lots to look forward to across school. It has started to feel very Autumnal this week and think it's time for coats, please can children bring a coat to school with their name in. See dates below.

GATESHEAD FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

This year, the Field of Remembrance and the planting of crosses starts on Friday 23 October Gateshead's Saltwell Park. Gateshead is celebrating the honour of hosting the Field of Remembrance for the fourteenth year in a row, the only event of its kind in the whole of Northern England, and one of only six registered fields in the country. Our Key Stage 2 School Council will represent Front Street by visiting on **Monday 2nd November**, where they will learn about Remembrance Day, the Royal British Legion and why the poppy plays such an important role in Remembrance.

On **Sunday 8th November** Whickham will be holding their annual Remembrance Service.
would like some children to represent Front Street at the Whickham Remembrance Parade. Two Y6 children will lay the wreath on behalf of Front Street. Children are expected to meet school staff on Back Row, near the old school at 10.15am and then be collected from the Cenotaph at 11.15am. Children will need to be in uniform and possibly the red school fleece/jacket. They also need to wear a poppy. If your child is in Y3-Y6 and would be interested in representing school, please sign up via the consent on Arbor. It might be that we need names in a hat if we have too many children. Thanks.

Next week we will be raising money for the Royal British Legion.
Children can bring in a cash donation in return for: Slap Bands, Bracelets, Pencils, Poppies, Stickers, Pins and Reflectors.



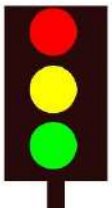
YEAR 5 MANOR HOUSE

We were delighted to take some of our Year 5 children to Manor House this morning, where they spent time creating beautiful pumpkin collages alongside the residents.

The children were an absolute credit to our school and received so many compliments throughout the visit. Staff and residents commented on their excellent behaviour, wonderful manners and, most importantly, how kind, caring and engaging they were with everyone they met.

It was lovely to hear the conversations, laughter and friendships that developed as the children and residents worked together. Experiences like these are so valuable, helping to bring different generations together and creating special memories for everyone involved. A huge well done to all of the children who attended. We are incredibly proud of you and the way you represented our school community.

ATTENDANCE



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

Rec 1	98.86 %	Rec 2	95.77 %
Year 1D	96.58 %	Year 1B	95.73 %
Year 2ON	92.59 %	Year 2S	96.55 %
Year 3D	97.13 %	Year 3S	100 %
Year 4H	95.17 %	Year 4C	99.57 %
Year 5H	97.57 %	Year 5W	98.47 %
Year 6K	95.06 %	Year 6C	98.71 %

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

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

19.10.26	Year 1 – Walk to Church	9:00-11:00
19.10.26	Year 5 Bikeability	Mon-Thu
22.10.26	Halloween Themed Lunch	PM
22.10.26	FOFS Spooky Disco	PM
23.10.26	Year 3 Parent Sharing Assembly	9:00

26.10.26-30.10.26 - HALF TERM

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the timetable attached for all available clubs next half term. The booking will be LIVE on Arbor this evening at 6pm. Some clubs are running across the whole term, please let us know if your child would like to be added to the waiting list. See attached photo for a larger version of the timetable.

The following clubs will not be available on Arbor as they are run by an out of school provider.

Karate – Spaces available after Christmas. If you would like to enquire about Karate spaces, please email ross@kenshokarate.net
French - If you would like to enquire about French Club spaces or waiting list, please email info@lingotot.com
Grassroots - To book a space in Grassroots please use the following link Front Street – Breakfast Club - Autumn Term 2026 (Thursday) - Grass Roots Sports
Lego - Lego club is a lunch time club that is offered to children in school who are interested in going, this changes regularly to make sure everyone has an opportunity to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

A huge well done to everyone who took part in Gateshead SSP cross-country competition!
We loved seeing your fantastic team spirit, the encouragement you gave one another and, of course, all those smiles! You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. What a wonderful way to represent our school!



YEAR 6 SPORTS LEADERS

Introducing our new Sport's Leaders!
These amazing Year 6 children have taken on the role of setting up games and organising playtime's for our younger children in school. We have had some brilliant feedback already from the children lower down in school, who have told us how much fun they are having.



YEAR 5/6 ATHLETICS – GOLD MEDALISTS

A HUGE well done to our Year 5 & 6 indoor athletics
team!



🥇 1st place overall,
🏆 Gold medals,
🎉 Through to the Gateshead Finals next month!

A Huge thank you to Miss Routledge, Mrs Kennedy and Mr Routledge for giving up their evenings to coach our Sports Stars!



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

FLU VACCINE

The immunisation team will be in school on **Monday 9th November 2026**. If you have not already signed up for your child to have this in school, please use the following instructions. Online consent can be accessed via any device. Please click on the following link https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu This will direct you to the online consent form. Please complete using the entire school code **NB108350**

Please complete the consent form at the earliest opportunity.

Please complete a non-consent if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated by using the link above.

The flu vaccine is offered as a spray up the nose. If you would prefer your child to have an upper arm injection this can be done via a community clinic.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be eligible for Free School meals, please collect a form from the office or apply online via the Gateshead Council website. https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals.

HALLOWEEN THEMED LUNCH

There will be a change to our school meal menu on Thursday 22nd October. See attached poster.

FOFS SPOOKY DISCO

Ticket sales will close tonight so that we can prepare registers and distribute tickets next week.

Please see below information for drop off and collection

Years 1,2 and 3 children will enter via the hall doors at the end of the car park and will also collect from the hall doors when the party finishes.

Years 4,5 and 6 will enter via the office (please queue outside while Year 1-3 are being collected). Children can then be collected via the main hall doors at the end of the car park.

All treats are gluten-free and are vegan/vegetarian but if anyone would like allergy information, we will have all the tubs on hand to come and check if there are any worries.

We also ask that children only wear their outfits and do not bring any accessories along to the party due to health and safety reasons.

Thank you again for all of your support

FOFS

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, 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