



(Article 16)

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## Friday Letter



17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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### Dates for the diary:

Break up for half term - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Return to school - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

### School Lottery

To purchase tickets please follow the link below;

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

All money raised from tickets purchased will help to fundraise for our school. Tickets are £1 per ticket, per week and the more tickets purchased the higher the weekly prize is. There is a winner from our school every week!

### Term Dates

Please find attached an up-to-date list of term dates which includes the 2025/2026 academic year.

### Valentine's Disco

Children are invited to come along to our Valentine's disco night on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Children who are in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will attend from 3.30pm (straight after school) until 4.40pm. Children may come to school in their disco outfit and should be collected from the Year 6 door at the back of the school by the ramp. Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 can attend the KS2 disco from 4.50pm until 6.00pm. Children should enter via the steps in the infant yard and be collected from the KS2 door at the back of the school next to the ramp. Tickets cost £3.50 which includes a drink and a hotdog and can be purchased using the SchoolGateway app. There will also be a tuck shop available on the night and children can purchase crisps and sweets using cash. Please ensure younger children bring cash in a clearly labelled envelope. For catering purposes, please ensure tickets are purchased no later than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### Year 5 - Bikeability

Children in year 5 will take part in a 4 day Bikeability course beginning Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and running until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. A consent form for this has been sent home with your child this week. If you wish for your child to participate, please ensure completed forms are returned to the school office no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Choir

Choir will recommence after school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. We will assume that all children who were part of the school choir before we broke up will continue; however, if anything has changed and your child will no longer be attending, please inform the school office. If there are any children who were not in the choir and would now like to join, please inform the school office or Mrs Kitson. There will be no choir on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Year 4 Bake Sale

In order to help raise school funds, each year group will take turns in facilitating a monthly bake sale. Year 4 will sell cakes to all pupils in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Any year 4 children who wish to donate cakes or biscuits to this sale, please do so via the school office on the morning of the sale. Items will be sold for 50p each. There will be no snack attack on this day.

## Year 6 Kingswood Residential

A reminder that, if you have opted to pay by instalments for your child's residential at Kingswood, the next payment of £40.00 is due on or before Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## Year 4 - Buddhist Temple

Children in year 4 will be visiting the Buddhist Temple in Hebburn on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January as part of their RE topic. The trip is free of charge but we do ask that pupils bring in a donation of food or drink for the monks. The monks live off donations so, every year, we give them something from our school. This donation must be dried food e.g., nuts, spaghetti, rice, plain biscuits or bottled water. A link to the consent form containing further details has been sent to you via email.

## Brysons Animal Shelter

The School Council is once again looking for donations of blankets, towels, cat food, dog food, cat litter and toys for Bryson's animal shelter in Gateshead. Any donations would be gratefully received and should be handed in at the school office no later than Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## Free Football Tickets

Durham FA & Sunderland AFC Women are kindly giving away free tickets to grassroot clubs and schools for their up and coming fixture against Birmingham at the Stadium of Light on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

To register for free tickets, please follow the below link. (Tickets will be sent out digitally)

<https://forms.office.com/e/Z3qRA0xNWX>

## OPAL

We have some exciting news, as of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, our children will be able to access our garden during Opal lunch play. This will provide another 7 zones in which the children can play. Children will need wellies in order to use the garden. Please ensure your child's wellies are labelled as they will be stored on our new wellies stores outside of the garden.

