



(Article 8)



You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.

Friday Letter



31st January 2025

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Dates for the diary:

Break up for half term - Friday 21st February

Return to school - Monday 3rd 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!

Year 6 - Kingswood Residential

As you may be aware, Kingswood has gone into administration. We have been in contact with PGL who have their own residential sites and who have advised that they would be willing to honour payments already paid to Kingswood to avoid any financial impact to both parents and school. We are delighted to advise that we have been offered Ford Castle which is based in Berwick-Upon-Tweed for the same week but different days. The residential will now take place on Monday 16th June until Wednesday 18th June. Please can we request that payments by parent/carers are made as planned using the SchoolGateway app. If you have opted to pay by instalments, the next payment is due by Friday 31st January. Mrs Messenger will invite you to a meeting regarding this in due course.

Valentine's Disco

Children are invited to come along to our Valentine's disco night on Thursday 13th 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, 4, 5 and 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 purposed, please ensure tickets are purchase no later than Monday 10th February.

Year 5 - Bikeability

Children in year 5 will take part in a 4 day Bikeability course beginning Tuesday 18th February and running until Friday 21st 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 14th February. All children taking part are required to bring their bike and helmet into school with them on this day, more information can be found on the consent form.

Year 3 - Bikeability

Children in year 3 who can already ride without stabilizers, will take part in a 1 day Bikeability course on Thursday 13th 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 Monday 10th February. All children taking part are required to bring their bike and helmet into school with them on this day, more information can be found on the consent form.

Year 4 - Bikeability

Children in year 4 who can already ride without stabilizers, will take part in a 1 day Bikeability course on Friday 14th 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 Tuesday 11th February. All children taking part are required to bring their bike and helmet into school with them on this day, more information can be found on the consent form.

OPAL

We are excited to invite you to our OPAL Garden Opening on Monday 3rd February 3.30pm-4.15pm. The event will begin with a short meeting in the school hall, followed by a chance for you to join your children in the garden to explore our new play zones. Please remember to bring your wellies, as the garden may be muddy! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sink

We are trying to source a large metal sink as part of our outdoor OPAL programme. This will ideally be plumbed outside and enable the children to wash their hands after muddy play in the garden area. If you are able to help and have a sink you think may be suitable, and are happy to donate this to school, please can we ask you to provide us with a photo in the first instance by emailing billquayprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will be released next week.

		February 2025 Newsletter	
Thursday 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		FREE SESSION Supporting Healthy Screen Use A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens	
Monday 3rd Feb 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.	
Tuesday 11th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Facing Defiance Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.	
Tuesday 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.	
Tuesday 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Understanding the Teenage Brain A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.	
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