



(Article 32)



You have the right to protection from work that harms you, and is bad for your health and education. If you work, you have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

Friday Letter



27th September 2024

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 25th October - Break up for half term

Monday 4th November - Return to school

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!

Spooky Disco

Children are invited to come along to our Spooky Disco on Thursday 24th October. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will attend straight after school until 4.40pm. Children may come to school in their disco/Halloween 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.

Witch and Wizard Day - Reception and KS1

Children in reception and KS1 are invited to come to school dressed as a Witch or Wizard on Friday 25th October.

Reception Stay and Play

Parents and carers of children in reception class are invited to a stay and play on Thursday 17th October. This will commence at 9am in the school hall and finish around 10.15am. Tea and coffee will be served upon arrival, we ask for a small donation towards this.

Waterproof Coats/Wellies

As the weather is starting to change could we please ask that you ensure your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school with them everyday. As part of our OPAL lunchtimes the children will be outside in all weather conditions and therefore require appropriate attire.

Breakfast Club

For health and safety reasons, could we politely remind parents and carers to sign their child in on the register at the door when arriving at Breakfast Club. Sessions should be booked in advance through the SchoolGateway app.

Margaret's 100th Birthday

We have a parent who cares for a lady who will turn 100 on 11th November. We are hoping to help her celebrate by sending 100 cards for her 100th birthday. If anybody would like to create a card for Margaret to open on her special birthday, please hand them in at the school office no later than Friday 8th November.

Year 6 - Bake Sale

In order to help raise school funds, each year group will take turns in facilitating a monthly bake sale. Year 6 will be the first to sell cakes to all pupils in school on Friday 4th October. Any year 6 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.

Reception and Year 6 - Height and Weight Checks

Every year in England, school children in reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). If your child is in reception or year 6, a letter containing more information has been sent home with them this week. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be measured, please follow the instructions on the letter. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Year 2 - Newcastle Keep

Children in year 2 will be visiting Newcastle Keep on Tuesday 1st October to learn about Kings and Queens. School uniform to be worn and a packed lunch is required. Please also ensure children have a waterproof coat. There will be an opportunity to visit the shop. Children may bring a small amount of money if they wish to spend. Please ensure this is in a clearly labelled envelope. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Kingswood Residential (Year 6)

Year 6 will be visiting Kingswood on Wednesday 18th June until Friday 20th June 2025. The cost of this residential is £290.00 per child. We appreciate this price has an increase from previous years due to rising costs, so we have subsidised the cost of the transport using school funds. In order to secure your child's place, a £50.00 deposit is required by Friday 4th October using our SchoolGateway App. To help make this as financially affordable to you as possible, we have broken down the cost of £290.00 into instalments which should be paid online as follows:

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
1.	04/10/2024	£50.00
2.	29/11/2024	£40.00
3.	31/01/2025	£40.00
4.	28/02/2025	£40.00
5.	28/03/2025	£40.00
6.	25/04/2025	£40.00
7.	30/05/2025	£40.00

Year 6 - SafetyWorks

Children in year 6 will be visiting Safetyworks on the afternoon of Thursday 17th October to take part in a workshop which helps raise awareness in different aspects of fire safety, personal safety, home safety and travel safety. The cost of this trip is a voluntary contribution of £7.50 per child which can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Harvest Donations

Our School Council is once again looking for donations of non-perishable goods for Gateshead Food Bank. If you are able to donate any items, please hand them in to the school office before Friday 18th October.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will commence the week beginning Monday 30th September. If your child is interested in attending, please book their place using the SchoolGateway app under the clubs section. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis. All clubs will start at 3.30pm and will finish at 4.30pm.

Children may come to school wearing their PE kit for sporting clubs.

Club	Year Group	Day	Staff Member	Dates
Badminton and Sports Games	Year 3 and 4	Thursday	Mr Tannahill Exit via steps by mural in KS1 yard	Thursday 3rd October - Thursday 21st November (No club on Thursday 24th October)
Homework Club - Children must bring their homework to complete in this club.	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	Mrs Devine Exit via KS2 door with ramp	Thursday 3 rd October - Thursday 21 st November (No club on Thursday 24 th October)
Cookery Club (£6 charge for ingredients)	Year 5 and 6	Wednesday	Mrs McCulloch and Mrs Rutherford Exit via KS2 door with ramp	Wednesday 2nd October - Wednesday 13th November
Gardening Club	Year 3 and 4	Wednesday	Mrs Richards and Miss Jordison Exit via steps by mural in KS1 yard	Wednesday 2 nd October - Wednesday 13 th November
Tag Rugby Club	Year 5 and 6	Tuesday	Mr Collinson Exit via steps by mural in KS1 yard	Tuesday 1 st October - Tuesday 12 th November
OPAL Club	Year 1 and 2	Thursday	Mrs Lennon and Mrs Vaughan Exit via main office	Thursday 3rd October - Thursday 21st November (No club on Thursday 24th October)
Arts and Craft	Year 1 and 2	Tuesday	Mrs Bone and Mrs Morton Exit via steps by mural in KS1 yard	Tuesday 1st October - Tuesday 12th November
NUFC Club	Year 5 and 6	Wednesday	NUFC Coach and Mrs Clark Exit via steps by mural in KS1 yard	Ongoing
Choir - If you wish for your child to join the choir, please contact the school office.	Years 3,4,5 and 6	Friday	Mrs Kitson and Mrs Messenger Exit via KS2 door with ramp	Friday 7 th September - Friday 13 th December (No club on Friday 25 th October)

Highlighted clubs are now full.



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Essential Online Safety Tips

Dear resident,

Get Safe Online has joined up with Neighbourhood Alert to offer a one-off 'Essential Online Safety Tips' webinar for Neighbourhood Alert users.

Get Safe Online has been delivering online safety awareness across a number of countries around the world, working with local governmental bodies and partners to ensure individuals, communities and small businesses are safer online. Today we operate in 27 countries around the world and through our Get Safe Online Ambassador programme regularly deliver online safety training to networks and communities around the world.

So this October, thanks to Neighbourhood Alert, we are bringing some **free** training to your community.

Taking place on **Thursday 3rd October at 1pm** you are invited to register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Our Get Safe Online expert, Liz Stanton, MBE will run the session online for an hour, during which time you will have the opportunity to listen to her advice and raise questions about online safety. Places are limited.

For further information on Get Safe Online please visit www.getsafeonline.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,

the Get Safe Online team