



(Article 6)

You have the right to be alive.



Friday Letter



12th December 2025

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas

Monday 5th January - Return to school

Friday 19th December - Toy Day

Children are invited to bring a small, inexpensive toy to school on Friday 19th December for the last day of term.

Reception Nativity - Tuesday 16th December

Children in reception class will be performing 'The Bossy King' on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am with tea and coffee being available from 9.00am. Tickets for this performance cost £2.50 and can be purchased using our SchoolGateway app. Each ticket purchase includes a tea or coffee. For health and safety reasons, we unfortunately have to limit numbers in our school hall; therefore, children can purchase up to two tickets each initially. Tickets should be purchased no later than Friday 12th December to allow us to offer any spare tickets to other families.

Coffee and Carols

Parents and carers are invited to school for coffee and carols as follows:

Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 18 th December 2025	9.30am start, with tea and coffee being served from 9.00am
Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 17 th December 2025	9.30am start, with tea and coffee being served from 9.00am

Choir Singing in the Community Trip

Children in the school choir will be singing at McErlane Square on Monday 15th December. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email. Unfortunately, parents/carers are unable to attend this event.

Christmas Parties

Children may go home for lunch on their party day to get changed if they wish. Please notify the class teacher by class dojo if they are being collected at 12.00pm so that we can ensure they are ready to collect from the school office. Children should return for 1.30pm. Children who are not going home for lunch, may come to school in their party outfit. All parties will be finished by 3.30pm.

In order to cater for our children at the Christmas parties, we would be grateful if each child could bring in a small amount of the following on the morning of the party:

Year 1 (Monday 15 th December)	Savoury
Year 2 (Monday 15 th December)	Sweet
Year 3 (Tuesday 16 th December)	Savoury
Year 4 (Tuesday 16 th December)	Sweet
Year 5 (Thursday 18 th December)	Savoury
Year 6 (Thursday 18 th December)	Sweet

***Children who have dietary requirements should bring their own plate of food clearly labelled to prevent them having anything that may cause an allergic reaction.**



*Environmentally Friendly
Reindeer Dust*

Available now - £1.00 from the school office.

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!



£5K FOR YOU, £5K FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Christmas
Golden Draw

£10,000
Cash Bonanza

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Gateshead Council - Stepping Up

■ Introducing the Stepping Up guide

We're really pleased to be sharing the Stepping Up guide. This comprehensive toolkit is designed to support children and young people with additional needs as they move through key life transitions – from early years to adulthood.

Whether you're a parent, carer, family member or professional, this guide offers practical advice, tips and questions to help you navigate changes in education, healthcare and more.

👉 Download the guide and explore the app: gateshead.gov.uk/Stepping-Up



Stepping Up is a brand-new digital guide and app designed to support young people, their families, and carers as they transition through key stages of life - from early years to adulthood.

What's Inside?

- Clear guidance and key principles for all young people
- Enhanced support for those with additional and complex needs
- Practical ideas, helpful questions, and things to explore
- Tools to help young people and families successfully navigate the many transitions they will encounter

Co-created with young people, families, carers, and professionals - this digital guide is built on real experiences and real needs.



Visit the Stepping Up website to find out more and to download the app.

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#BRIGHTENTHEDAY

Brighten The Day for SEND families - Launches on 2nd Dec 2025

Has your child been sent one of these vouchers due to being in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals?



Then here is selection of what is on offer for you to book this winter:

- A relaxed performance of **The Snowman** at Northern Stage
- A relaxed performance of **Beauty and the Beast**
- A relaxed skating session at Life
- Cinema visits
- Adventure golf
- Ten- pin bowling

You will be able to book these sessions from **Tuesday 2nd December 2025**
Simply click the link on your e-voucher

You can use the filter to choose '**SEN Specific**' from the Accessibility menu option.
Please be mindful of other families and only book the activities you know you can attend.

For more information, including help on how to book,
please visit www.gateshead.gov.uk/BrightenTheDay

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