



(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



6th February 2026

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 20th February - Break up for half term

Monday 2nd March - Inset day

Tuesday 3rd March - Return to school

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

Primary Times

Please find below the link to access the latest edition of the Primary Times Newcastle

<https://www.round-sun-digital.com/>

Valentine's Disco

Children in Rec-Y6 are invited to come along to our Valentine's disco night on Wednesday 11th 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 purposes, please ensure tickets are purchase **no later than Friday 6th February.**

Year 2 - Careers Talks

Children in year 2 are currently thinking about different types of careers. We are wondering if any parents/carers would be willing to come into school week commencing 16th February to chat to the class about what they do. This does not have to be a year 2 parent. If you are able to help, please contact the school office with your availability.

Breakfast Club Bookings

We would like to politely remind parents and carers that all Breakfast Club sessions must be booked in advance via the SchoolGateway app. Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing a high number of children arriving each morning without a prior booking, which can cause issues with catering and staffing. To ensure that Breakfast Club runs safely and smoothly, please ensure you book in advance-this can be the night before or even that morning. If you have booked a session and no longer require it, please remember to cancel the booking via the SchoolGateway app. Any cancelled sessions will be credited back to your account. Unfortunately, due to having to organise catering in advance, we are of unable to refund for any missed sessions which have not been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Reception Class Library Visit

Children in Reception class have been invited to attend Pelaw Library in celebration with Gateshead Libraries to mark 100 years of Gateshead Central Library. The library service would like to give all children in our reception class a limited-edition library card, which will be given to your child in a visit to Pelaw library on Wednesday 18th February. An email containing further information and a consent form has been sent to you. Please ensure the form is completed by Friday 6th February.

Reception Vision Screening

The vision screening team will be in school on Friday 6th March to screen children in Reception class. An email containing an information leaflet and consent form has been sent to you. If you **do not wish** for your child to be screened or your child already attends a Hospital Eye Department, please complete the consent form and return it to the school office. If we do not receive a form, we will assume that you are happy for your child to be screened. If you require a paper copy of the consent form, please contact the school office.

School Book Fair

We will be holding a school book fair on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th February. This will be held in the school hall between 3.30-4pm. Please feel free to call in and browse the selection of books. This year, the book fair will be cashless using a QR code (displayed at the fair) and there will be no option to pay by cash. Pupils will be able to use the World Book Day tokens that will be given out in advance to help pay towards the cost of a book. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5 and proceeds will be used towards further books for our school library.

Pancake Day

On Tuesday 17th February, all children staying for school lunch will have a pancake for dessert to celebrate Pancake Day.

Chinese New Year

The school kitchen will serve a Chinese themed lunch on Wednesday 18th February to celebrate Chinese New Year.