



(Article 9)



You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.

Friday Letter



13th 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

Y5/6 Football Team

Any children in year 5 and 6 who wish to try out for the football team should stay at school until 4.30pm on Thursday 19th February.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that if your child attends Breakfast Club, doors do not open until 7.30am. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow any children in before this time.

Chinese New Year - Friday 20th February

Children are invited to come to school wearing something red on Friday 20th February to celebrate Chinese New Year and will take part in various activities in their family trees.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Discounted Swimming Lessons

Please find attached a leaflet with a SCHOOLS50 discount code. This will allow children who are signing up to swimming lessons with Better at Gateshead to get 50% off the first membership payment. This equates to a substantial saving when new customers are joining lessons.

Mobile Phone Policy

Our updated mobile phone policy can be found on our website or by following the link below;

<https://www.billquayprimary.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=36>

Behaviour and Relational Policy

We have recently reviewed our behaviour and relational policy and welcome your comments on this. The policy can be found on our website or by following the link below;

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SEND
LEGO CLUB

Tuesday 17th February
4:00-5:00pm
Chowdene Family Hub

Children under 12 with additional needs - come along
and join a LEGO building session!
Parents, carers and siblings welcome.

Contact: familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk
Phone: 0191 433 5052



Gateshead FAMILY HUBS

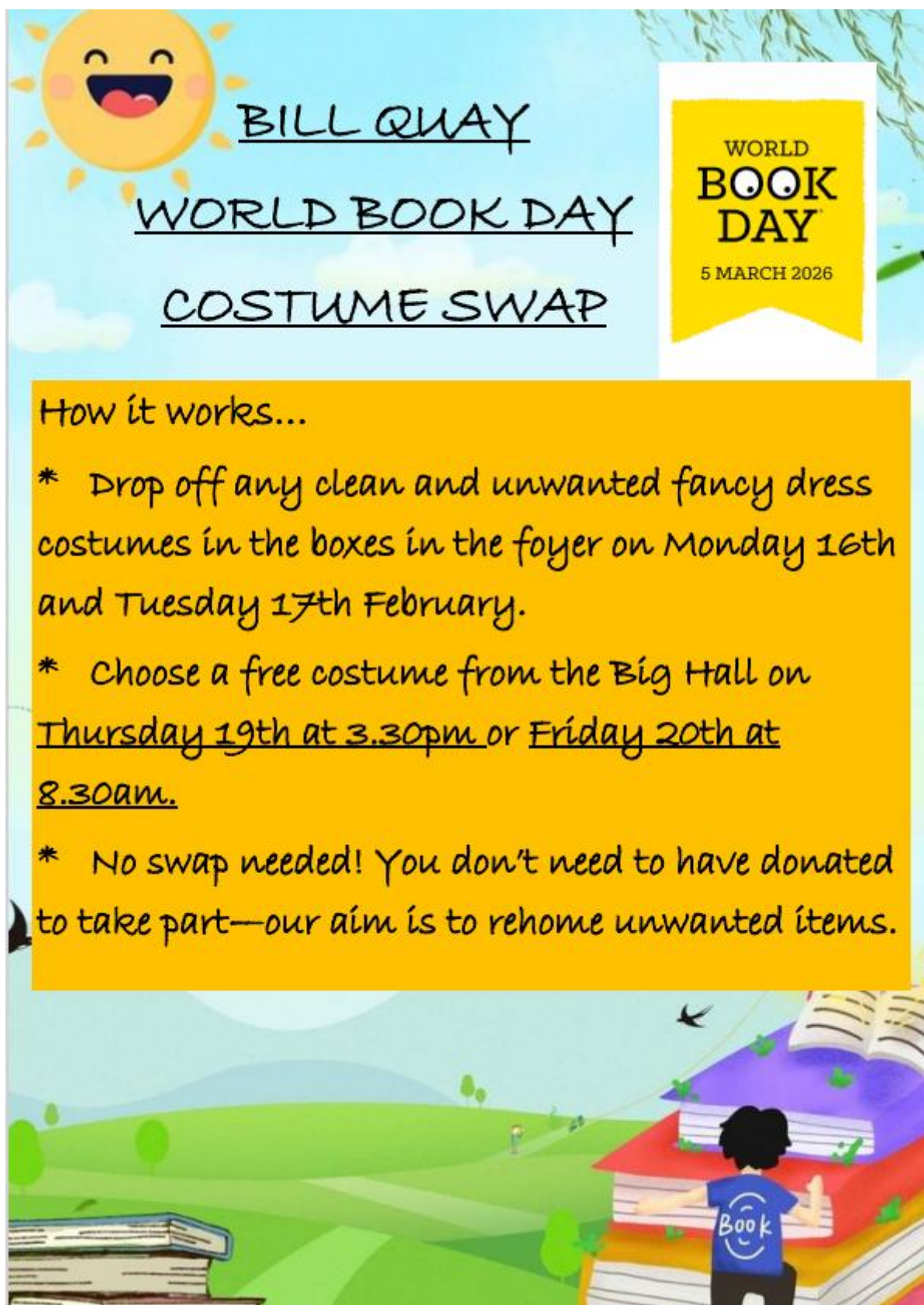


Gateshead Council

World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate world book day on Thursday 5th March. This year, we will be running a World Book Day costume swap. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to donate any costumes which you need longer need. If your child doesn't have a costume, please do not go out and buy anything, children are welcome to decorate a t-shirt or jumper about their favourite book or wear a football strip.

If you would like to donate a costume, please drop them off in the boxes outside of the school office on Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th February. Costumes will be available to collect from the school hall on Thursday 19th February at 3.30pm and Friday 20th February at 8.30am. Thank you all for your continued support.



The poster features a bright blue sky with a smiling sun, a yellow banner for 'WORLD BOOK DAY 5 MARCH 2026', and a yellow box with instructions. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a child in a blue t-shirt with 'Book' written on it, standing next to a large stack of colorful books in a green landscape.

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WORLD BOOK DAY

COSTUME SWAP

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

How it works...

- * Drop off any clean and unwanted fancy dress costumes in the boxes in the foyer on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February.
- * Choose a free costume from the Big Hall on Thursday 19th at 3.30pm or Friday 20th at 8.30am.
- * No swap needed! You don't need to have donated to take part—our aim is to rehome unwanted items.