



(Article 11)



You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

## Friday Letter



20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

[www.billquayprimary.org](http://www.billquayprimary.org)

### Dates for the diary:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Inset day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Return to school

### Inset Day - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

A reminder that school will be closed for an inset day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Attendance Reports

Attendance letters detailing your child's attendance for this academic year up to 19<sup>th</sup> February have been sent home with them this week.

### Reception Vision Screening

The vision screening team will be in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### World Book Day

A reminder that, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate world book day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. 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. There are a small amount of costumes that have been donated by parents (thank you) that you are welcome to collect from the school office.

### Year 5/6 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 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### Year 3 Bake Sale

Children in year 3 will sell cakes to all pupils in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Any year 3 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.

### Year 2 Pupil Progress Meetings

Due to Mrs Lennon commencing her maternity leave soon, pupil progress meetings for children in year 2 will be held during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Meetings will be held face to face in school. Appointments are now available to be booked using the link below;

<https://billquayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please ensure meetings are booked by midday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Year 4 Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil progress meetings for children in year 4 will be held after school Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Meetings will be held face to face in school. Appointments are now available to be booked using the link below;

<https://billquayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please ensure meetings are booked by midday on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Year 6 Pupil Progress Meetings

Pupil progress meetings for children in year 6 will be held after school Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Meetings will be held face to face in school. Appointments are now available to be booked using the link below;

<https://billquayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please ensure meetings are booked by midday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Pupil Progress Meetings (Years 1/3/5)

Pupil progress meetings will be held after school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March for pupils in years 1, 3 and 5. Meetings will be held face to face in school. Appointments are now available to be booked using the link below;

<https://billquayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please ensure meetings are booked by midday on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Artificial Intelligence - Safety Tips of Parents

Learn more about artificial intelligence (AI) content and tools, and discover ways to help your child stay safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>



**Gateshead Harriers Athletics**  
**Activity day**  
**for ages 8 - 13**

**Gateshead International Stadium**  
**Monday 23 February**  
**10.00am – 2.00pm**

Join us for a day of athletics based games and activities that are exciting, challenging and fun

**FREE OF CHARGE**  
but please bring a packed lunch

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# 100 Years <sup>NE</sup> North East Celebration Day

North East Combined Authority | Kim McGuinness North East Mayor

**Gateshead Central Library**

Saturday 7 March • 9am-4pm

Join us to celebrate 100 years of Gateshead Central Library with a special day of events and activities.

<b>Maker Place activities</b>	10am - 3.30pm
<b>Exploring Your Family History</b>	10am - 4pm
<b>Photomontage Workshop with Tommy Anderson</b>	10am - 1pm
<b>Family Storytelling with Chris Adriaanse*</b>	10.30am - 1.30am
<b>What's Behind the Door? Library tours*</b>	10.30am and 2pm
<b>How to Care for your Family Collections*</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Book Illustration Workshop with Josie Brookes</b>	1pm - 4pm
<b>Meet Author Peter James*</b>	2pm - 3pm
<b>GemArts Heritage Detectives Workshop</b>	10am - 12pm

All events free apart from Peter James (small charge) and those marked with \* are pre-bookable in advance.

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## SEND 5-8 years Activity Session Gateshead

A fun activity session for children with SEND and additional needs aged 5-8 years old.

Thursdays

4.30-5.30pm

Cedars Academy Low Fell,  
Gateshead, NE9 6QD



£4 per person



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