



(Article 33)



You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.

Friday Letter



15th May 2026

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 22nd May - Break up for May half term

Monday 1st June - Occasional day

Tuesday 2nd June - Return to school

Summer Events:

Sports Day (Nursery/Reception) - Monday 22nd June

Sports Day (Year 1-6) - Thursday 25th June

Summer Fayre - Friday 3rd July

Year 5 Gibside - Monday 18th May

Children in year 5 will be attending a Health and Wellbeing event at Gibside National Trust on Monday 18th May. All children will require a packed lunch. There is no cost for this trip. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Year 6 Centre for Life - Tuesday 19th May

Year 6 will be attending the Centre for Life on Tuesday 19th May. School uniform to be worn. Please ensure your child comes to school with a packed lunch. There is no cost for this trip. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Year 6 Newby Whiske Meeting

Parents/carers of children who are attending the Newby Whiske residential are invited to attend a meeting with Mrs Messenger on Tuesday 19th May at 3.30pm. This should last no longer than 30 minutes. For anybody who is unable to attend, an information pack will be sent home with your child.

Year 6 Nissan - Wednesday 20th May

Children in year 6 will be visiting Nissan on Wednesday 20th May. School uniform to be worn and packed lunch required along with a bottle of water. There is no cost for this trip. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Guitar Lessons

Mrs Kitson will be contacting all parents who currently have children on the waiting list for guitar lessons in September. If we have any more available slots, we will let you know.

Brass

We have some spaces available for current year 4 and 5 children to start brass lessons in September. Lessons currently cost £5 per week which includes a 20 minute lesson and the instrument which they can take home to practice with. If you would be interested in your child receiving lessons, please follow the link below to register your interest. Children who have expressed their interests will have a try-out with the brass teacher in June.

<https://forms.gle/WHNu9Fy39KdXU5va9>

Donations for Uganda

Over the summer holidays, one of our school parents will be travelling to Uganda to support and teach children living in poverty. We are pleased to support this wonderful opportunity and would like to involve our school community in helping make a difference.

We are kindly asking for donations of any of the following items that are no longer needed or can be sparely given:

- Football shirts/tops of any size
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Soap
- Flannels/washcloths
- Other basic toiletries suitable for children

In addition, they would like for some of our children to write a letter, create a drawing, or make a simple card for a child in Uganda. These will be taken over during the visit, and we hope the children may receive a reply in return.

If you would like to donate any items or your child would like to contribute a letter or picture, please send them into school before the end of the summer term.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support. We know these small gestures will make a big difference to the children and families involved.

School Lunches - September 2026

For children who have food allergies or require a special diet, the catering team from Gateshead Council will be in school on the following dates to meet with parents/carers to complete and update the necessary dietary forms:

Friday 5th June (9am)

Monday 8th June (3.30pm)

It is important that you attend one of these sessions if your child has special dietary requirements. Could we please ask parents/carers to email us at billquayprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk to let us know which session suits you best. If your child has a medical need that requires a special diet, the catering team have asked that you provide a copy of the most recent medical evidence for your child's dietary requirement. Unfortunately, if these forms are not completed before we break up for the summer, your child will be given a limited meal option when they return to school in September.

School Meals - Current Year 2

Children currently in year 2 who are going into year 3 in September will no longer be entitled to universal infant free school meals. If you believe your child is still eligible for free school meals, you will need to apply to the means tested scheme. Parents and carers can apply by either calling the free school meals line on 0191 4333729, via free school meals on the Gateshead Council website or by completing an application form which can be collected from the school office. It is imperative that applications are made as soon as possible to ensure that no charges are incurred for meals taken in September.

Year 1 - Bake Sale

Children in year 1 will sell cakes to all pupils in school on Friday 22nd May. Any year 1 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.

Summer Fayre - Raffle

We would be most grateful if any local businesses or individuals would be willing to donate a prize to our raffle which will be drawn at our Summer fayre on Friday 3rd July. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Swimming Lessons - Year 4

Children in year 4 will begin swimming lessons at Heworth Leisure Centre on a Tuesday afternoon beginning Tuesday 2nd June. They will be transported to and from Heworth by coach. We politely ask that, if you are able to, each child contributes £2.00 per week towards the cost of the transport which can be paid using the SchoolGateway App.

Sports Day (Year 1-Year 6)

On sports day, children will be taking part in their family tree groups. If possible, we would like your child to come to school wearing a coloured t-shirt depending on their family tree group. If you are unsure of which family tree your child is in, please contact the school office.

Family Tree	Colour
Beech	Blue
Maple	Red
Chestnut	Black
Willow	Green
Birch	Yellow
Oak	White

Gateshead Harriers Athletics Activity day for ages 8 - 13



Gateshead International Stadium
Thursday 28 May
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

Booking essential at:
www.gateshead.gov.uk/may26sports

