



(Article 21)



You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.

## Friday Letter



5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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### Dates for the diary:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for Summer

### Summer Events:

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

Sports Day (Year 1-6) - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Fayre - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

### Reception West Boldon Lodge - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Children in reception class will be visiting West Boldon Lodge on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June to take part in pond dipping, den building and participate in a mini beast hunt. The cost of this trip is £16.00 per child and can be paid online using our SchoolGateway App. A link to the consent form containing further information has been sent to you via email.

### Year 2 Washington Wetlands - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 will be visiting Washington Wetlands on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June to take part in workshop including pond dipping, a mini beast hunt, Otter feeding and to visit the flamingos. The cost of this trip is a £15.00 per child and can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. A link to the consent form containing further information has been sent to you via email.

### Year 5 River Study - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 will be visiting Bulby's Wood in Alnwick on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June as part of their Geography topic. They will be travelling by coach school leaving at 8.30am, could we please ask that children are in school to be registered no later than 8.20am. The cost of this trip is £10.00 per child which can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. A link to the consent form containing further information has been sent to you via email.

### Reception Balance Bike Training

Children in reception class will take part in a Balance course in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit with a waterproof coat or sun cream depending on the weather.

### End of Year Celebration Assembly - Year 6

Our end of year assembly will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. Parents/carers of children in year 6 are welcome to attend and should arrive at school for 1.45pm.

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Further to the information letter and order form sent home by Mrs Messenger, leavers hoodies can now be paid for via the SchoolGateway app. Prices are as follows:

Age 9-10 or 11-13 (£21.50)

Adult XS, S, M or L (£26.50)

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> June (9am)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Year 4 Swimming - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

We have been advised that as part of drowning prevention week which commences on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026, children in year 4 will be taking part in a water safety session during their lesson on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

These lessons will give the children an understanding on the dangers of open water as well as teaching them the vital Float to Live message. Could we please ask that on this day, children bring an old pair of pyjamas along with them as this is a vital element of the session. These should be;

- Long leg and long sleeve
- Not too baggy or made of heavy materials
- An old pair is best as they will be going into a chlorinated pool

Make ensure children have their swimming costumes as well as they will be removing the pyjamas during the lesson.

## Year 3 - The Glasshouse

Year 3 will be visiting The Glasshouse on the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to take part in the 'Summer Sing'. School uniform to be worn. Mrs Kitson has sent a link via Dojo for any parents/carers who wish to buy a ticket to watch. The cost of this trip is £7.50 per child and can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. The consent form containing further information has been emailed to you.

## Year 2 - The Glasshouse

Year 2 will be visiting The Glasshouse on the afternoon of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June to take part in the 'Big Sing for Mini Singers'. School uniform to be worn. Unfortunately, parents/carers are unable to attend this event. The cost of this trip is £12.00 per child and can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. The consent form containing further information has been emailed to you.


## Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Instead of the usual cash donation, we ask that pupils bring in a small unopened/unused prize which will go towards hampers for our summer raffle or tombola. These can be left in the foyer outside of the office where they will be collected.

Nursery/Reception/Year 1	Sweets, chocolates or biscuits
Year 2/Year 3	Toiletries
Year 4/Year 5/Year 6	Bottles

## Summer Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now available to purchase at £1.00 per strip and can be purchased using the SchoolGateway app. Tickets must be purchased before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and will be sent home with your child. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Please find below a list of our prizes so far.



# *Bill Quay Primary School*

## *Summer Raffle 2026*

The poster features a tropical beach scene with palm trees, a beach umbrella, and a beach ball. The text is centered and lists the prizes for the raffle.

- Family Pass To Hall Hill Farm
- £20 Voucher for Red Fox Garden Centre
- Family Bowling Voucher for NAMCO Funscape (Metrocentre)
  - Family Pass to Jarrow Hall
- Family Pass for Round the Twist Soft Play
- X1 free term of classes for Baby Movers/Little Movers
  - Wine
  - Chocolates
  - Mixed Hampers



# Kate Osborne MP

## Advice roadshow

### Thursday 11 June



2pm - 3.30pm

**Gateshead**

5pm - 6.30pm

**South Tyneside**

**Open to all constituents of Jarrow and Gateshead East**

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Come along and receive help and advice on a range of different issues including but not limited to: housing, welfare benefits, education, energy bills, health and social care, carer support, support for veterans amongst much more.



KATE OSBORNE MP

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Monkton | Pelaw Heworth & Bill Quay | Primrose | Wardley & Leam Lane | Windy Nook & Whitehills