



(Article 29)



Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Friday Letter



26th June 2026

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 17th July - Break up for Summer

Summer Events:

Summer Fayre - Friday 3rd July

Non-Uniform Day

A reminder that children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform on Monday 29th 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

Sports Day

We hope you agree that our sports day at Monkton Stadium was once again a huge success. A massive thank you to those parents who very kindly helped out-we couldn't have done it without you! We have had a very busy week and our pupils have had so much fun trying different sports.

Year 5 - Bikeability

For parents/carers of children in year 5 who have received a consent form for Bikeability, your child indicated they would like to take part in the course and will do so on the following dates:

Monday 29th June

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 2nd July

Please ensure the consent form is completed and returned no later than the morning of Monday 29th June.

Year 6 Metrocentre - Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 will be attending a careers workshop at NUFC Career Hub, Metrocentre on Thursday 2nd June. School uniform to be worn and all children will have an early lunch before they leave. The cost of this trip is £5 per pupil 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 2 Beach Trip - Tuesday 7th July

Year 2 will be visiting South Shields Beach on Tuesday 7th July. Children will have the opportunity to get an ice cream or ice lolly while they are at the beach. If you wish for your child to receive one, please ensure £5.00 is paid using the SchoolGateway app. This covers the cost of the ice cream and the metro. A link to the consent form containing further information has been sent to you via email.

Term Dates

Please find attached an updated list of term dates for the 2026/27 academic year.

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 the attached application form. It is imperative that applications are made as soon as possible to ensure that no charges are incurred for meals taken in September.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of universal credit and feel that you may now be entitled to means tested free school meals, please apply following the instructions sent out via email earlier today.

Nursery Graduation

There will be a graduation on Wednesday 15th July for all children who are moving up from Nursery into Reception in September. This will begin at 1.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend school from 1.15pm.

Summer Fayre Help

As you are aware, our summer fayre will be held on the afternoon of Friday 3rd July. If any parents/carers are able to help out with running stalls, please contact the school office to put your name down. Thank you for your continued support.

Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant starting in September. If you or anybody you know might be interested, please express your interest in writing to Mrs Devine. This can be emailed to billquayprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk.

Year 6 Leavers Shows

Children in year 6 will be performing 'Cinderella' in their end of year shows on Tuesday 14th July. This year there will be two shows, details are as follows;

1.30pm (relaxed performance) - any parents/carers who wish to attend with younger children should attend this show.

5pm - no children under the age of 6 allowed.

Tickets will be available for parents/carers of children in year 6 and in the choir and can be purchased on the SchoolGateway app at £3.00 per person from Monday 22nd June. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family until Friday 10th July. Any spare tickets after this date will be offered on a first come first served basis.

All children taking part in the show will need a packed tea on this day. Children will be staying in school at 3.30pm in readiness for the second performance.

End of Year Celebration Assembly - Year 6

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

Year 2 - The Glasshouse

Year 2 will be visiting The Glasshouse on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th 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.

Summer Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now available to buy at £1.00 per strip and can be purchased using the SchoolGateway app. Tickets must be bought before Friday 26th 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 3rd July. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.



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Anxiety around ADHD

This free workshop helps parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available

Monday 13 July
7pm to 9pm
Online via MS Teams

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To book your place, call **Lesley** on **020 4522 8701**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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