



(Article 39)



You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

Friday Letter



10th July 2026

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 17th July - Break up for Summer

Reports

Your child's end of year report has been sent home with them tonight with the exception of year 6 who will receive theirs next week.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to all of the parents who helped us at the summer fayre last week. We raised a grand total of £1200.

Toy Day

All children are invited to bring a small, inexpensive toy to school on Friday 17th July.

Inset Day

A reminder that school will be closed for an inset day on Tuesday 1st September.

NUFC After School Club

Unfortunately, there will be no NUFC after school club on Wednesday 15th July. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Blue Day - Wednesday 15th July

In March this year, one of our pupils experienced the tragic loss of his younger brother.

The family is now raising funds to form a charity in his memory. This will be an independent support network to families who feel uninformed or need advice to follow up care and treatment for their child. The group will offer guidance and clarity to ensure no family feels unsupported through their journey, after diagnosis.

We are asking our Bill Quay families to help.

On Wednesday 15th July we would like to invite all children to come to school wearing blue, as the sibling's favourite character was 'Bluey'. Please support Year 2 in their sponsored walk around the local community by bringing in a cash donation. Any donation, big or small will help get the charity started.

Let's do our bit to support our own and show our strength as a community around this Bill Quay family.

Snack Attack

Due to other events in school, there will now be no snack attack until we return in September.

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.

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.

Outstanding Payments

Now that we're nearing the end of term, could we please ask that any outstanding payments are settled using the SchoolGateway app.

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.

Y6 Leavers Show

Could we please ask all parents/carers who are coming to watch the year 6 leavers shows on Tuesday night to enter and exit using the door by the mural in the KS1 yard. When the show is finished, please walk round to collect your child from the KS2 door.

Flu Immunisations (Rec-Year 6)

The school nurses will be in school on Friday 2nd October to administer the flu vaccine to all children whose parents/carers wish for them to receive it. Could we please ask that you follow the link below to complete the consent form. If you do not wish for your child to receive this, we would appreciate that you still complete the form to opt out.

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The school code is: **NB108357**

Menu Change

On Thursday 16th July, the school kitchen will serve burgers with roast potatoes instead of pie.

Girls Cricket

Please find below the link for a girls only summer camp hosted by Durham Cricket at Bill Quay Cricket Club on the 23rd of July 9:30-2:30.

This code entitles you to a free space: **WX7E2**

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/7708b77a-737c-40ee-88cc-9284653b6794?venue=DurhamCricketBoardLtdCCB>

The Cycle Partnership - Free Sessions

Please find attached information regarding free cycle sessions during the summer holidays.



Myself and 3 good friends are attempting to summit the highest peak in Western Europe, Mont Blanc on 22nd August to raise funds for CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund).

CHUF supported me and my family when my daughter had life saving open heart surgery at just 5 weeks old.

Chuf's vision is to support pioneering services that will positively impact heart families, inspire hope and enable Heart Heroes to reach their full potential. Chuf supports children and families who receive treatment at the Children's Heart Unit based at the Freeman Hospital and the many other hospitals providing care for cardiac patients throughout the North of England.

Scan the QR code below to follow our expedition to the summit. If CHUF is a charity that you would like to support, a link to donate can be accessed as above or directly here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/richard-berrisford-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Thank you for reading,
Rich Berrisford
Rex and Pippa's Dad

A message from Opal

As you know, your child is fortunate enough to attend an OPAL school; a school who take play seriously. Outdoor play is essential for children's health, development and wellbeing, but has almost disappeared from their lives.

Evidence from more than 2,000 OPAL schools shows that having a plan for play transforms behaviour, equality, wellbeing and learning.

OPAL believe that every primary school needs a plan for play.

We are reaching out to you, parents of children who thrive by accessing high-quality play daily, to support OPAL's (Outdoor Play and Learning) Plan for Play campaign.



"We call on the Government to require every primary school in England to publish a plan for outdoor free play at breaktimes and lunchtime, and for the Department for Education to produce statutory guidance defining what quality provision looks like, with Ofsted required to inspect against it."

As a fellow organisation who recognise and value the need for play within our local communities, please support this campaign by asking colleagues and visitors to sign the petition to ensure all primary schools are required to demonstrate how they provide quality outdoor free play for every child.



Are you one of the 89% of parents* who agree daily outdoor free play is essential for every primary child?

If so, then please sign the petition to ensure all primary schools are required to demonstrate how they provide quality outdoor free play for every child.

Just scan and sign



* Based on a May 2026 poll of 2,002 primary parents

Please show your support by:
- clicking this [link](#) to complete a quick online petition.

Huge thanks for any support you are able to offer this campaign.