



(Article 3)



All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

Friday Letter



4th September 2026

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 23rd October - Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November - Return to school

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children to Bill Quay. We hope you have all enjoyed your first week with us!

Class Dojo

Just a quick reminder to please sign up to Class Dojo if you haven't already. This is our main method of communication between home and school, and it's where you'll find updates, messages from the class teacher, and important information throughout the year. If you experience any problems with setting up, please speak to the class teacher.

Swimming Lessons

Children in year 5 will begin swimming lessons at Heworth Leisure Centre on a Tuesday afternoon beginning Tuesday 8th September 2026. They will be transported to and from Heworth by coach. We politely ask that, if you are able to, each child contributes £3.00 per week towards the cost of the transport which can be paid using the SchoolGateway App.

NUFC After School Club

NUFC after school club will recommence on Wednesday 9th September for children in year 5 and 6.

Snack Attack

Snack attack will recommence on Friday 11th September.

Meet The Teacher

All parents are invited to meet their child's new class teacher and discuss the curriculum for the year. Meetings will be held after school in your child's classroom. Dates and times for each class are as follows;

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	8.9.26	3.30pm
Year 2	9.9.26	4pm
Year 3	8.9.26	4pm
Year 4	7.9.26	4pm
Year 5	9.9.26	3.30pm
Year 6	7.9.26	3.30pm

PE Days

Please see below your child's allocated PE days for this term. On these days children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.

Reception	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday (swimming) and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

Phonics Workshops (Rec/Year1)

Parents/carers of children in reception and year 1 are invited to school for the following phonics workshops.

Reception class - Wednesday 16th September @ 2.15pm

Year 1 - Thursday 17th September @ 2.30pm

Harvest Festival

Our School Council are once again looking for donations of non-perishable goods for Gateshead Food Bank. If you are able to donate any items, please hand them in to the school office week commencing 21st September.

SchoolGateway APP

We would like to inform any parents/carers who are new to the school that all school payments, including bookings for Breakfast Club, must be made via the SchoolGateway app. Once installed, please register using the email address and mobile number you have provided to the school. If you experience any difficulties downloading or using the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.

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**

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

Term Dates

Term dates for the 2026/27 academic year can be found on our school website.

School Photographs

Cotton Socks Photography will be in school on Thursday 1st October to take photographs of all children. If you have any questions you would like to ask prior to the day, please email info@cottonsocksphotography.co.uk

Could we please ask that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform for their photographs. Children who have PE on this day should bring their PE kit to school with them. Any parents/carers who wish to get family shots with siblings who do not attend Bill Quay please arrive at school for 8am and inform the school office prior to the day so that your QR code can be ready.

COTTON SOCKS PHOTOGRAPHY

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