



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2024-25 | 10th January 2025

Parent Governor Vacancy

Before Christmas parents were asked to put forward their names if they were interested in becoming a school governor, a parent has come forward showing interest - many thanks. We can appoint more than one person to our governing body at this time and so if you also want to be considered please complete the survey on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WzMAvucnNN>

Reception Places for September 2025

The deadline for applying for your child's reception school place for September 2025 is 15th January. We will have contacted you this week if we cannot see an application made for your child if they are eligible to start Reception but please ensure you have done so if you need to.

Games Club Request

Miss Armstrong would be very happy to receive donations of games you no longer use at home for her games club.

KS2 PE

The children in all KS2 classes will be doing some of their PE lessons outside, if the weather is dry enough. We understand that it is cold at this time of year, but they need more space to develop their skills and play games linked to the sports they are learning. Could you please therefore ensure your children bring warm clothing as part of their PE kit, joggers and jumpers would be perfect.

Reminder regarding vaping

Please remember that it is not OK to vape anywhere on our premises - regardless of whether it is before or after the children have been dismissed.

Swimming

Year 5 have resumed their swimming lessons as part of their PE offer and it is brilliant to see the progress they are making. Learning to swim is a life skill that is incredibly important, and we are very lucky to have Birtley Community Pool open once again. This is just a reminder that children can go swimming from the age of 8 years old without an adult being in the pool with them so if you are happy for your children to go swimming, either with or without you in the pool, and get some extra practice it would be brilliant for their confidence.





Pringle Tubs

Year 4 are beginning a sculpture unit in their art lessons based on totem poles and need empty pringle tins to use as their bases. If you have any empty full-size tins and could send them into school with your child, Mrs Small would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO AFFORD FOOTBALL BOOTS, TRAINERS, SCHOOL SHOES OR OUTDOOR FOOTWEAR FOR YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN?

HOW WE CAN HELP...

Grassboots is a local project that offers support to families and individuals in the Tyneside area by providing low cost, new, or pre-loved items of footwear (and sports clothing) to those who really need them the most. We believe that every person should have the opportunity to engage in sport, outdoor play and other activities without cost becoming a barrier.


Our **click and collect** website now has a selection of footwear and clothing available on-line. Not all of our items are uploaded and we are regularly adding stock so please ask if you can't see what you need.

If you have questions, or would like to find out how you can access this service or make an appointment to visit our Wallsend base, please check out our website or get in touch:

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Birtley Library Refurbishment

Birtley library will temporarily close from 20th January

- You may borrow additional books during the refurbishment
- You can also borrow and return books at another Gateshead Council library – please ask staff for more information
- Readers at Home is a FREE service for those with mobility issues who can't visit another library - please ask staff to arrange
- **Abvmetime** will continue at the Family Hub, Harras Bank on Tuesdays at 9.30am
- Please contact Gateshead Central Library 0191 4338410 or Leam Lane Library 0191 4336418 for enquiries
- Why not try the **BorrowBox** app for FREE E-books and E-audio books

We look forward to welcoming you in **spring 2025** with a bright new [layout](#), [children's](#) area and Active Travel Hub

