



Rain!

Thank you to everyone for being understanding about the cancellation of our Sports Day. We will keep you informed as to whether we can rearrange it either in full or in part after half term. Hopefully the weather will be kinder next week.

Remember: the children are off next week and return on Monday 3rd June.

Parking Safety Around School

This week we have had a call from a resident who has had a near miss with a child crossing the road as her view was blocked due to cars parked near a junction close to our school. Please park safely and, if at all possible, leave the car at home and walk to school. Click the link below for further information:

[Parking near schools - Gateshead Council](#)

Information attached from local services

There is information being sent out with the newsletter this week from Northumbria Police and from the Benefits section of the local authority.



Have a lovely, and safe, half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school and ready to learn on Monday 3rd June. We will be getting the children ready to move on to their new teachers next half term and will let you know our plan for transition activities.

Ready

Respectful

Safe



Kielder Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets to support the fundraising efforts for the Kielder Challenge this year. We have raised over £180 which is a fantastic amount. The tickets were drawn in assembly on Thursday and prizes given out to the lucky winners. We will continue to sell ice pops on Friday playtimes for 50p each until the end of the school year to add to the fundraising.

School Football Team

Unfortunately, the school football league games were cancelled again this week due to the heavy rain and waterlogged pitches. This game will not be rearranged. The last games of the season will be held at Edmondsley Primary School on Thursday 6th June. In our final games we will be playing Edmondsley Primary and Portobello Primary School.

#INSPIRE Torch Relay

Gateshead SSP have arranged a torch relay in the lead up to Gateshead Athletics Festival. They have designed a torch that will be passed around Gateshead schools. On Friday 7th June, we will have the #INSPIRE torch for the day, and we will be displaying it proudly on a walk around our local area during the afternoon.

Go Run for Fun

Well done to everyone who took part today - at last a dry day! Have a look on our school website for lots of photographs of the fun we had today:

[Go Run for Fun! | Birtley East Primary School](#)





Rise
and
Shine!

Changes to Breakfast Club from September 2024

For a long time we have been able to run breakfast club as a free provision for children. As you will be well aware, the financial climate is very challenging at this time. In addition to this, we now have a larger proportion of working families with children attending our school, meaning we get less 'pupil premium' funding.

There have also been changes to legislation around the supervision of under 5s. The legislation now requires us to have a level 3 or higher qualified member of staff who also has a current paediatric first aid certificate present with our younger children. This has meant changes to our supervision arrangements at lunchtime and impacts breakfast club. Lastly, for a while now we have had requests from parents for places for nursery age children in our breakfast club. **From September 2024**, our 'Rise and Shine' before school childcare provision will replace breakfast club and it will take all ages of children, including nursery, but will become a chargeable provision costing £5 per child per day. There will be a level 3 member of staff in the provision each day and fees will be payable in advance. The provision will be staffed by existing school staff. Sign up arrangements will be shared with parents after half term but we envisage there being enough places for all those wanting to attend. In September, all children will continue to be offered free toast every day and so no child will ever be without a breakfast.

There will be no change for the remainder of this school year.

We know that this change may be difficult for families but it is totally unavoidable. It been discussed at length and agreed by senior leaders and by governors.

Dates for your Diary

Please note, we include as much information as possible about upcoming events on this newsletter but please also look out for separate communications from your child's teacher.

New or changed dates are highlighted in a different colour.

WB 27 th May	HALF TERM
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During June, *statutory assessment* will take place in the following year groups:

Phonic Screen; all of year 1 and some of year 2: WB 10-6-24

Multiplication Tables Check; Year 4: WB 3-6-24 (and the following week if needed)

EYFS Profile Assessment; reception class
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REMINDER: School is closed to pupils for our occasional day on Monday 1 st July



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