



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Reception 2026 – Applications Open

It's that time again all of a sudden! If you have a child who is due to start reception in September 2026 then the window to apply for their place in school is now open. You will already have received information earlier this week from the Local Authority about applying for your child's place, everything is also available here: [Primary school admissions September 2026 – Gateshead Council](#)

If you, or anyone you know, are applying for a child's place in reception class for September 2026 you are very welcome to book in for a tour of our school. We do tours individually rather than having an information meeting and try to arrange visits during the school day if possible so that families can get a feel for our school in full operation. We can accommodate tours after the end of the school day if families prefer. We were inspected by Ofsted in October 2024 and this report is available here: [Birtley East Community Primary School – Open – Find an Inspection Report – Ofsted](#)

Flu Immunisation

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to have the vaccine

- 1. Protect yourself**
The vaccine will help protect you against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect your family and friends**
Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid lost opportunities**
If you get flu, you may be unwell for several days and not be able to do the things you enjoy

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect you against flu

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Immunisation will take place in school for all children in Reception to Year 6 on 7th October. Flu is an unpleasant illness whatever age you are but is dangerous for young children and the vulnerable. Please use the information below to consent to the immunisation for your child:

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

The school code is: NBI08337

Further information is also attached to this email.





Hub Hangout



Reception Vision Screening

Vision screening will take place for children in reception class on 21st October.

Macmillan Coffee 'morning'

We are planning to have our Macmillan event on 30th September in the afternoon. Save the date and look out for information about when to send your cakes!

Brilliant Bones

Mrs Spencer spoke to the children about this competition in assembly on Thursday and the poster is included below for information if your child is interested.



Brilliant Bones - Poster Competition

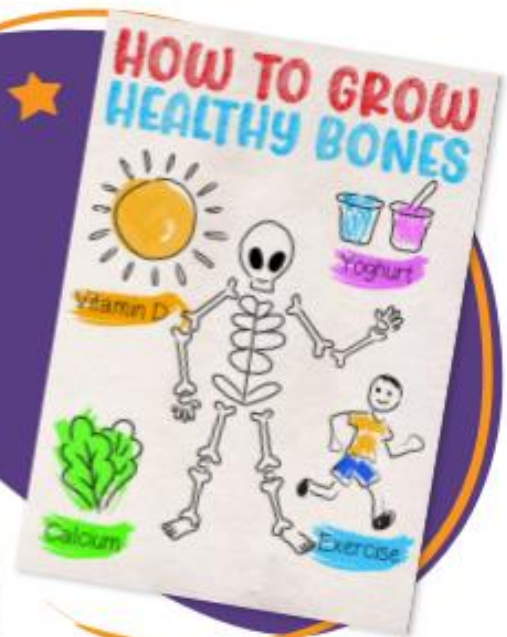


Your challenge:

Your mission is to make a **bold, brilliant poster** that shows off everything you've learnt about what we need to grow healthy bones. Use drawings, captions, and fun facts to help spread the word and teach others.

What will you include in your poster?

I needed lots of things to help my bones grow, like vitamin D, calcium and exercise.



Big prizes for brilliant posters!



Pupil prizes

There will be two winning pupils in each age category. Each winner will receive a **£250 family experience voucher** – perfect for an unforgettable day out.

Five runners up in each age group will win a **set of Tom Fletcher books** for their school library. A brilliant treat for the whole class.

School prizes

And the fun doesn't stop there!

One winning school in each age category will receive a **£500 voucher for PE equipment** – to help keep those healthy bones growing.

