



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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Reception 2026 – Applications Open

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 – a message from the Schools Immunisation Team and a reminder to complete the consent form

Dear parent / guardian,

As you will know, all school children in the UK are offered their flu vaccination in school in the autumn or early winter before the flu season typically starts in December or January. This ensures your children have the best protection when flu starts to spread. The flu season usually starts in October, but it is usually worse from December to March. The School Aged Immunisation Team offer the flu vaccination to over 130,000 children in 487 schools. Some schools will be given a date in November or December. The children will still get protection even if they are vaccinated late in the school term.

We change our planner every year, so the same schools are not visited at the end of the flu season.

Please see the link below if you require any further information.

[https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/#:~:text=The%20children%27s%20flu%20vaccine%20is.children%20\(Reception%20to%20Year%2011\)](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/#:~:text=The%20children%27s%20flu%20vaccine%20is.children%20(Reception%20to%20Year%2011))



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

Wrap Around Care

We are currently advertising for 2 roles to set up a Wrap Around provision at school. The aim is to have the provision open from as soon as staff are employed and clearances are through. There will be a charging structure in place for parents who want to access this and we will take payment in the same ways as we do for breakfast club. The charging structure will be

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confirmed when we have staff in posts and an opening date. The provision will be open until 6pm and will be managed by us as a school rather than being run by an external provider. There are no particular formal qualifications attached to the roles, experience of working with children and relevant qualifications will be an advantage. We will provide training for staff employed. The closing date for applications is 26th September so if you or anyone you know is interested they are advertised here:

[Job profile](#) (Wrap Around Provision Assistant)

[Job profile](#) (Wrap Around Provision Co-ordinator)

The jobs are advertised as temporary but the intention is to make the roles permanent if the provision is financially self sustaining.

Governing Body Vacancies

We have some vacancies on our Governing Body and would be interested to hear from any parents, or members of the community, who would like to be considered for these. We already have one parent interested in becoming a parent governor and so if we have any more parents come forward we will hold an election. Please use this form to let us know if you are interested:

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

School Uniform

Please make sure that your children's names are clearly marked inside their uniform. Please speak respectfully to staff at all times. Items of clothing will turn up and be returned if they are named, if they are unnamed they may eventually be put in the lost property box outside the main entrance but there is much less chance of them being returned to you.

