



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2024-25 | 20th October 2025

Halloween Dress up

Children, except Y6, can come to school dressed up for Halloween on Wednesday 22nd October. Year 6 can come dressed up tomorrow as they are on a school visit on Wednesday. This is just for fun and is at the request of the children. It is not compulsory and we are not raising money for anything.

Year 6 Hoodies

Parents of children in Y6 will be sent information later this week about ordering leavers hoodies for the children. Once these arrive the children in Y6 can wear them to school as part of their school uniform.

Dates for next half term

We have various dates for things like parents evening, photographs and Christmas dates coming up next half term. We will send out a list of dates for you before half term.

Cycling Skills - updated dates

Richard Rothwell will be in school again this term to support the children with their cycling skills. Each class will have a full day of small group sessions where they will learn to ride and improve in their cycling ability. Children in EYFS up to Year 3 should bring their own bikes and helmets, if they are in good working order, to use during their session. Children in Years 4-6 will be provided with bikes and helmets from the cycling instructor.

Monday 20th October - Nursery & Reception

Tuesday 21st October - Year 1

Wednesday 22nd October - Year 2

Monday 3rd November - Year 6

Tuesday 4th November - Year 4

Wednesday 5th November - Year 5

Year 3 - 20th November

Christmas Show Dates - Advance Notice!

We know some parents like to book in time off work to come and see our Christmas shows so the dates for these are included below:

- **Early Years (Nursery and Reception) - 10th December, 2.15pm**
- **Years 1-6**

Relaxed performance (babies and toddlers welcome): Monday 8th December 1.30pm

Main Performances: Tuesday 9th December at 9am and 2pm

Families will be able to request up to 2 tickets for the Y1-6 shows will be able to apply for more tickets if we have any capacity available.

We will also invite families to join us on the last afternoon of term to sing carols together at 2pm.

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Reminder: 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](#)

You can apply for your child's place online via this link:

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2796/Primary-school-admissions-September-2026>

A copy of the full admissions booklet is attached to this newsletter email for your information.

