



## Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2024-25 | 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### School Health Questionnaire

This year the 0-19 service have changed the format for how they collect information for their yearly Reception and Year 6 School Health questionnaires.

The feedback will help them identify any areas where children or their families may need extra support. By gathering this information, they can gain a better understanding of each child's health needs and work together with families who may require their support.

The submitted information will go directly to the Growing Healthy Gateshead 0-19 Service. If parents or carers request support, their team will contact them directly.

[Year 6 Health Questionnaire - Fill in form](#)

[Reception Health Questionnaire - Fill in form](#)

### Year 6 Hoodies

Year 6 parents were sent a link to order hoodies earlier this week. Here it is again if you need it:

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

Orders must be placed via this link by 14<sup>th</sup> November. This may be the only opportunity to purchase leavers hoodies as we will need over 12 requests to reorder them in the future.

### Cycling Skills

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.

Year 3 - 20<sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas Show Dates

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) - 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm
- Years 1-6  
Relaxed performance (babies and toddlers welcome): Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
Main Performances: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Year 1 PE** Year 1's PE slot has changed to a Tuesday.

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## Bulb Planting

Our school councillors will be going out to plant bulbs in the community with Sheila Gallagher on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

## Parents Evening


We will be holding parents evening for reception to year 6 pupils on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments are available to book via eschools. As ever, we can be flexible where parents want separate appointments due to separation (although we would prefer to see separated parents together where possible) and we aim to accommodate parents who cannot attend the set evenings via meeting on alternative dates or via telephone appointments.

Nursery parents appointments will be held between 1.30 and 3.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. These will be available to book from 12pm today via eschools. You should get a notification when booking opens.

**School Photographs:** 25<sup>th</sup> November

**M&M pantomime (in school):** 26<sup>th</sup> November

## Little Wandle Meeting for current Reception class parents:



**A COMPLETE PHONICS RESOURCE  
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN**

Please come along to our parents' phonics meeting to learn more about Little Wandle and how you can help your child with phonics at home. The children are welcome to this meeting.

It will be held in the Early Years Classroom from 3.30-4pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

You will enter and exit via the Early Years Door.

**Teach reading:  
change lives**

Parent workshop: Phonics and early reading

## Baby Week

Gateshead Family Hubs have asked us to share the link below which has lots of activities available on it for babies and toddlers.

<https://babyweek.co.uk/gateshead/>



## 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>

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