



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 21st November 2025

Dates next week

Rearranged Bulb Planting

Our school councillors will be going out to plant bulbs in the community with Sheila Gallagher on Monday **24th November** at 1:30pm.

School Photographs: 25th November

M&M pantomime (in school): 26th November

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 27th November**. You will enter and exit via the Early Years Door.

Teach reading: change lives

Parent workshop: Phonics and early reading

Year 5 Kielder riders training ride: Friday 28th November

Christmas Parties

We've started getting so queries about Christmas parties so here are the dates:

Monday 15th December: Years 3 and 4 (PM)

Tuesday 16th December: Year 5 and 6 (PM)

Wednesday 17th December: Early Years

Thursday 18th December: Year 1 and 2

The arrangements are the same as previous years - children in years 1-6 should come to school in school uniform with party clothes to change into at lunchtime as their parties are during the afternoon. Children should bring a party tea packed for them to eat towards the end of their party. We will provide drinks. Miss Coxon will let you know about any specific arrangements for the Early Years party but these will be similar to the rest of the school =with the exception of that children in Early Years come to school dressed in their party clothes. We cannot accommodate parents coming to change their children during lunchtime and we would strongly discourage parents from taking their children home to change over lunchtime as it is actually part of the party experience to all get ready together, they get very excited!

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Christmas Show

Scripts and parts have been given out for the Y1-6 Christmas play - 'Groovin' The Nativity'. We will let you know if you need to provide any costume items once we have been through our school stock of costumes. If your child has a part, please spend some time practising their lines with them at home as (with the exception of the narrators) they need to be **off their script by the end of next week**.

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) - 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

TICKETS: 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. **There will be a link on next week's newsletter for you to order tickets for the day you want to attend.**

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

PE kits

It is fine for children to come to school in their PE kits however please consider whether fabric trainers are practical in this cold and wet weather.

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>

