



## Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Christmas Show - Reminder

Please can all cast members bring in a black top and black bottoms. The rest of the school and the narrators will be wearing Christmas jumpers if you have one, otherwise they can wear normal uniform.

### Dates

- 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

**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.

Here is the link to order tickets:

[Christmas Play Ticket - Fill in form](#)

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

### Dog and puppies should not be brought onto school grounds please

Please refrain from bringing dogs/puppies onto our school site - even carried. We love dogs, but dogs and children do not mix and the last thing anyone wants is an over excited or startled dog nipping a child when they go to stroke it. When we have had dogs in school to work with the children we have had them assessed and insured, we cannot do this for dogs you might have and no amount of assurances about a dog's temperament from owners can change our position on this.

### A Cosmic Christmas Caper

Our Drama Club Christmas Show is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 4:30pm.

Tickets are on sale. Tickets cost £1 and all proceeds go towards the club. The children have all been working really hard and can't wait to show you their performance. We hope to see you there!

### Festive Friends Fun Run and Christmas Lunch: 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please find attached information about our fundraiser for St Cuthbert's Hospice next week. On the same day all children who have ordered one will be having a Christmas lunch. ALL children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers (if they have one) on this day.

### Attendance

Please take a few minutes to complete our attendance survey if you have not already done so. Here is your link: [Attendance Survey November 2025 - Fill in form](#). It's the same survey for everyone and you can

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complete the survey anonymously. The survey will close on 12<sup>th</sup> December and we will work on any changes after Christmas. The results of the survey and any changes we propose will be shared with you. The survey is very short and it is really important we gather as many views as possible so that we can work together to encourage learners to attend as much school as possible and get our response to attendance right for all of our school community.

## Y6 Christmas Stall

Thank you to all of you who have supported Y6 who will be continuing to make Christmas themed products to sell on a stall at the end of the school day. There will be a range of things, which may change, such as sweet treats, reindeer dust and handmade decorations. All money raised will go towards supplementing their end of year residential.

## Magic 123 Course

Please find attached a flyer for 123 Magic parenting course which will be delivered here in school on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. Parents and carers must attend both sessions. Parents and carers can contact Corrina for more information or to book a place.

## Christmas Parties

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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Years 3 and 4 (PM)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 5 and 6 (PM)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Early Years

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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!

## Forest School Club

There will be no Forest School Club on the very last Friday of term (19<sup>th</sup> December).

## 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>

