



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2024-25 | 14th November 2025

Lost Property

Lots of lost coats have been put in the lost property box at the front of school.

Reminder: 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](#)

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 - 20th 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) - 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.

Bulb Planting

Our school councillors will be going out to plant bulbs in the community with Sheila Gallagher on Monday 17th November at 1.30pm.

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Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended their appointments this week. If you were unable to attend please get in touch as teachers can arrange to give you a call or meet with you at a mutually convenient time to update you about your child's learning and progress.

Nursery parents appointments will be held between 1.30 and 3.30pm on Thursday 20th November. These are available to book via eschools.

School Photographs: 25th November

M&M pantomime (in school): 26th 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 27th November.

You will enter and exit via the Early Years Door.

Teach reading:
change lives

Parent workshop: Phonics and early reading

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>

