



Happy New Year!

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 9th January 2026

Wrap Around Childcare

We have successfully opened our wrap around provision this week, Mrs Shelley and Mrs Blackie have been enjoying getting to know the children attending. We already have several children registered, but if you do want to book your child in for this service please use this link: [After School Wrap Around Provision Registration Form - Fill in form](#) The direct contact number for staff in the provision is within this registration form, calls to this number will only be answered between 3pm and 6pm on weekdays during term time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please can we draw the attention of all parents to the paragraph highlighted in yellow below - this applies to all children collected late. We have a persistent issue with some families collecting their children late on a regular basis. Staff in school will no longer supervise children who are late being collected as they can be cared for in the wrap around provision. **However, this will incur a charge.**

After school childcare	Reception - Y6 Possibility of places for nursery children dependant upon capacity.*	£10 for whole session (end of school day - 6pm) £5 for part session (end of after school club - 6pm) <i>Amendment: Charges will be payable each Friday in arrears.</i>
Children can attend either the full session (at a charge of £10 per night) or a half session (attending after an after school club) for £5 per night. Unless children are attending an after school club the full £10 charge will apply regardless of the time they are collected. Children collected late (after 6pm) will incur a £10 late collection charge. Additionally, children who are late being collected from school at either home time or after an after school club will be placed in the wrap around provision and this will incur a £5 charge for that night (or a £10 charge if they attend the full session). There will be a grace period of 10 minutes before this is applied.		

*Initially, we will be offering places to nursery children but we will stop admitting nursery children when we reach ratio for Early Years.

Reminder: INSET day closure

We will be closed for staff training on Friday 13th February. The full school calendar for this school year is attached for your information.

St Oswald's Hospice

Mrs Ward, Corrina and some of our older School Council members will be visiting the hospice on Friday next week (16th January) during the afternoon to hand over the fundraising cheque.

Forest School Club

There will be no Forest School club on Friday 6th February due to staff training, please contact the main office if you need childcare after school that night as our Wrap Around Provision will be open and you can book a place in this if needed (please refer to the paragraph above regarding charges and registration).

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Hub Hang Out

Hub Hangout is now running on Mondays 3.30pm till 4.30pm at Birtley Family Hub on Harras Bank. This is for ages 4-8 year olds. There is a range of age appropriate activities allowing parents and carers some one on one time with their child.

Reminder: Reception 2026 - Applications Open CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY

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 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>

