



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 24th April 2026

Welcome reception class of 2026!

Over the Easter break, some of our families got the news that their child will be starting reception class with us this September. We can't wait to put our new class together, as always we have a few children joining us from other pre school provisions so we can't wait to meet them too. This half term, we will be sending out more information about transition arrangements for them and for the other children moving classes in our school.

Data Checking Exercise

We are undertaking a data checking exercise in school and would ask that all parents fill in a new data form for each child in our school. We are then cross checking this information with our existing records to ensure we hold the most up to date information for each child. Please take some time to complete this for your child as it is essential we complete this exercise for every child on roll. [Data Checking Form - Fill in form](#)

School History Celebration

We can't wait to welcome you into school next Friday 1st May for our whole school May Day picnic from 12pm. We will be joined by previous members of school staff and will be celebrating the history of the school! Children can order a school packed lunch or bring in their own picnic to enjoy. There will be a variety of games, raffles and prizes to be won on the afternoon, as well as an ice cream van to purchase from. Any money raised will support the Y6 residential. We hope to see you there!

The children have also designed a school tea towel to which is currently being printed and will be available to purchase. These are a great way to remember your child's time in school. As soon as these are ready, there will be an order form sent out.

Sun Screen, water bottles and hats

Don't forget to send your children in with the above items (you can apply sun screen in the morning before you send them, you can also send in a named bottle for them to re-apply during the day).

Attendance

This term, every day a child attends school they will get a stamp on a chart earning credits to spend in our school shop. This will be opened from Monday next week, some children already have their eye on items they would like to buy!

Term dates for 2027-8 and INSET Days 2026-7

Term dates for 2027-8 have been released by Gateshead Council and are attached for your information.

Next school year (2026-7), we will be having staff training on Tuesday 1st September and Friday 5th February, school will be closed to pupils on those days. A full list of term dates for 2026-7 is also attached





REMINDER: Fidget Toys

We have an increasing number of children who are bringing fidget toys into school. We recognise the benefits these can bring to some children, however we do feel we need to implement some management into what is coming into school. We are understanding and supportive of these for some children. Teachers in our school have attended specific sensory focussed training and can judge when these are best used and whether they are proving supportive or distracting. We also have concerns about the safety of some of the items that could potentially come into school. If you feel your child would benefit from a fidget toy in school please discuss this with your child's teacher. We have access to some funding for sensory resources and will happily purchase appropriate fidget toys for children in school, with your guidance if needed. We are going to work towards children accessing school resources only rather than bringing these from home in the future but will need to have a transitional period so that we can ascertain the appropriate resources to buy and have conversations with parents about what children will need. This is to ensure everyone's health and safety in school.

Childcare Provision: Children can now be in school from 7.45am to 6pm each day.

To register for **Breakfast Club** please email birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

To register for **Wrap Around Provision after school** please complete this form: [After School Wrap Around Provision Registration Form - Fill in form](#)

Contact number for Wrap Around Provision after school office hours: **07734569973**

Contacting School: Email birtleyeastcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk Telephone 01914102551

Permission to Walk Home - Y5 and 6 [Walking home permission for children in years 5 and 6 - Fill in form](#)

