



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 8th May 2026

Sports Day

We are planning to hold our sports day on the afternoon of 21st May, this will be from 1.15pm and parents will be welcome to join us for the afternoon if they wish. Further details will be included on next week's newsletter.

REMINDER 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](#)

PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS/CARERS COMPLETE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Year 6 SATs

Children in year 6 will be completing their statutory assessment next week. These tests will run from Monday to Thursday and will take place during morning sessions. There is a breakfast club specially for year 6 and they are all welcome to come in and get a free breakfast in order to help them settle into school in plenty of time to do their assessments.

Transition

Year 6 transferring to Lord Lawson or Grace College will be attending those schools on 30th June and 1st July. We are going to hold our transition event in school on Wednesday 1st July. Children will find out on that morning who their teacher will be in September and will spend the day with them. On this day, children joining our reception class in September 2026 will come together for either a morning or an afternoon session. Further information for parents of children joining reception in September will be sent out next week by email.

Safety Advice

After a couple of worrying reports about events in the community we have reminded the children again today about safe and unsafe adults and what to do if they feel unsafe - head straight home. We have advised them not to play out on their own, they should have at least one friend with them and only go to safe areas agreed with adults at home.

REMINDER: Fidget Toys

Following the finding of unsafe chemicals and asbestos in some children's toys we want to remind parents about our policy on 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

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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

Do you think your child may have

ADHD OR AUTISM

or maybe they are already on the
neurodevelopmental assessment pathway?

**Come along to one of our
Neurodevelopment support events to
talk to organisations who can help!**

Running throughout 2026, these free, drop-in sessions offer practical advice, early help and information from local services.

Find all dates, times and exhibitors here:



  

www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support





BIRTLEY TOWN JUNIORS MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

26TH TO 29TH OF MAY 2026

- 9.30 TILL 3PM EACH DAY
- BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, FULLY QUALIFIED FA COACHES.
- SAFE, FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.
- CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN PACKED LUNCH.

**£20 per day or £70
for the week**



THIS CAMP IS SUITABLE FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 4 TO 12 YEARS. CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE AN EXISTING MEMBER OF THE CLUB AND WE WILL CATER TO ALL ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE.

CONTACT CALLUM ON 07825440998

