



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 | 15th May 2026

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all our amazing year 6 pupils - you smashed it this week!

Sports Day - Y1-6

We are planning to hold our sports day for children in years 1-6 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. Early Years and ARMS children will have a sports day in June.

Tea towels

We still have a few of our personalised tea towels available. We will be selling these next Thursday at Sports Day if you haven't managed to get one yet. They cost £5 and can be paid by cash or via parent pay.

REMINDER Data Checking Exercise PLEASE SPEND 10 MINUTES COMPLETING THIS FORM!

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

Shelter Practice

As part of our emergency response planning, classes will take part in a shelter in place practice individually next week. You do not need to talk to the children about this but we wanted to inform you so that if the children come home describing a game of hide and seek or similar you know not to worry! You might hear practices such as this referred to as 'lockdown' but that is an inappropriate term to use in a primary school setting.

Collection from Wrap Around

This is a polite reminder to all parents using wrap around that our whole site is locked up at 6pm, so if you are close to 6pm for pick up you will need to leave the site promptly to allow the completion of this task. Ideally, parents should aim to arrive between 5.4-5pm and 6pm. We understand emergencies happen and so there is provision in the charging policy to apply an additional charge if we cannot lock up by 6pm.

Asbestos Contamination - H&S advice

To reassure you as parents, we are aware of the reports relating to schools in North Tyneside and the finding of asbestos containing products in these schools and in play sand. We are not aware of any of these products being in our school and will act on any further advice from H&S/manufacturers as and when these are issued. It is more likely that people have these products in their homes and for your information I am including the link to the government web page listing all recalled products so you can check whether you have these in your homes:

[asbestos - Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls - GOV.UK](#)

1. If you have any of the products in your possession, stop using it immediately.

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2. If the product is un-used, place in a heavy-duty plastic bag, double tape it securely, label and return to the supplier. (Store in a safe place away from children if this cannot be done immediately).
3. Where the sand has been used, wear disposable gloves and a mask, clean with a wet cloth, avoiding generating dust and double bag the contents securely together with the gloves and mask. Do not allow children near the area until it has been thoroughly cleaned.
4. It is preferable for products to be returned to the supplier, but if you are unable to do this then they can be disposed via household waste if double bagged and secured.

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 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

