



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the summer holidays. They came in happily and full of smiles on the first day and we have had a very settled start to the term. Children are enjoying their new year groups and getting to know their new teachers.

A Big Falla Park welcome to our new Busy Bees who have settled into Reception so well. We are really proud of them all – Neemat, Hallie, Calvin, Ayla, Alan, Ajay, Aria-Mae, Jamie, Robert, Arabella, Hayden, Ada-Lynn, Olivia, Anya, Isaac, Riley R, Riley T, Sienna, Amber and Brody. A warm welcome to our other new children who have joined different year groups too – Aminata, Emily, Annalia, Fynn and Navy.

September

- 17 – Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm
- 17 – Year 6 Residential Meeting 3.30pm
- 18 – Flu Vaccinations
- 21-25 – After School Clubs begin
- 23 – Year 3 Beamish Visit
- 28-2 Oct – Year 6 Intu University Week

October

- 5 – Year 4 Farm visit
- 7 – Year 5 Centre for Life visit
- 7 – Year 3 Farm visit
- 13 – Year 2 Discovery Museum Visit
- 16 – Reception Seven Stories Visit
- 19-23 – Parent Meetings with Class Teacher
- 20 – Year 4 Bikeability
- 21 – Year 6 Centre for Life visit
- 22 – School Photographs
- 23 – School closes for half term 3.15pm



November

- 2 – School reopens
- 2 – Year 6 Open Event 9.30am
- 2 – Halloween Themed School Lunch
- 2 – Halloween Disco
- 3 – Year 6 Nissan Visit
- 3 – Year 2 Open Event 2.15pm
- 4 – Year 3 Open Event 9.30am
- 4 – Year 5 Open Event 2.15pm
- 5 – Reception Open Event 9.30am
- 6 – Year 1 Open Event 9.30am
- 6 – Year 4 Open Event 2.15pm
- 9 – Year 6 Safey Works visit
- 11 – Nursery Stay and Play
- 13 – Children in Need Day

Dates for your Diary

December

- 7 – Year 1 Beamish Visit
- 9 – Christmas Movie Night
- 9 – Nursery Christmas Stay and Play
- 10 – Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 Christmas Concert (9.30am)
- 10 – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Play (2.30pm)
- 11 – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Play (9.30am)
- 11 – Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 Christmas Concert (2.30pm)
- 14 – Reception Christmas Party
- 15 – Pantomime visit (Reception/Year 1/Year 2)
- 15 – Year 5/6 Christmas Party
- 16 – Christmas Shop (wrap a present)
- 16 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 16 – Christmas Lunch
- 16 – Nursery Christmas Party (12.30pm)
- 17 – Year 3/4 Christmas Party
- 18 – Pantomime visit (Years 3-6)
- 18 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 – Year 1/2 Christmas Party
- 18 – School closes for Christmas 3.15pm

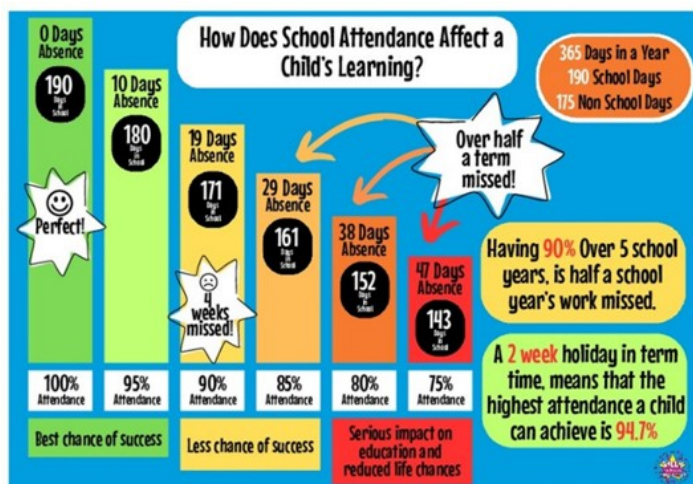


January

- 4 – School reopens



ATTENDANCE



Our attendance continued to improve last year with only a small number of children who were persistently absent. I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring the children attend school regularly. We will continue our focus on attendance this year and will expect our children to attend school every day. This is so they get the best start they can in life. We will, as always, be following up absences and contacting you if we have concerns about your child's attendance. Terrina, our Family Support Worker, is available to speak to should you need any support or have any concerns around your child's school attendance.

Poor attendance at school can significantly affect both children's learning and their social development. Children can often struggle to make and maintain friendships if they miss school on a regular basis and are at risk of becoming socially isolated. All children should have school attendance of at least 96%. If your child's attendance drops to 90% or below they are classed as a persistent absentee and further action will be taken.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must contact the office before 9am on the first day of absence. Messages about absence should not be sent through Facebook or Class Dojo. Wherever possible, medical or dental appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and holidays should be taken when school is closed.

School starts at 8.55am. Staff are in the playground to meet the children from 8.45am. Just before the bell goes at 8.55am the children will go into school so they are ready to start learning. At 8.55am the doors and gates will close. By this time all children should be in school. Please make sure your child is in school on time so they feel happy and settled when school starts.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

FLU VACCINATION

The nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Friday 18 September. Vaccinating your child against flu will help protect them, their vulnerable friends, staff and family members by reducing its spread. To ensure your child gets the vaccination please complete the online form as soon as possible by following the link below:



<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to put in the Falla Park school code which is **NB108358**

If you need any support to complete the form, please call in to the school office and they will be happy to help.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know there have been some changes to free school meals from September 2026. It is important that you apply for free school meals even if you have previously not been entitled. Families in receipt of universal credit will now be entitled to free school meals under the new system. Please fill in the online form as soon as possible using the link below:

[Gateshead Council - Apply for free school meals](#)

If you need any support then please call into the school office where they can help you to complete the form online or fill in a paper copy and return it for you.

UNIFORM

All children are expected to wear school uniform every day. Children need to wear:

- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or red cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers, grey skirt, grey pinafore
- Red gingham dress
- Black shoes (trainers are not allowed)



Leggings, joggers or trainers are not part of our uniform and must not be worn for school. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied up every day.

On PE days children need to come into school wearing school PE kit. Our school kit is:

- Red t-shirt
- Plain black joggers
- Plain black hoody
- Trainers

Children wearing the correct uniform will be awarded dojo points each week.

CLASS PE DAYS

PE days in September 2026 for each class will be:

Reception - Tuesday
Year 1 - Friday
Year 2 - Wednesday
Year 3 - Tuesday
Year 4 - Thursday
Year 5 - Friday
Year 6 - Monday



Children will need to wear their school PE kit for school on their PE day.

TRIPS AND VISITS



To enrich the curriculum we will continue to take the children out of school on visits around the North East. These opportunities are so important for the children. They had some fantastic experiences last year.

We will continue to heavily subsidise visits from the school budget as much as we can. We will also continue to apply for grants and funding to support the subsidy of trips. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult with the reduction in funding and the rising costs of everything, particularly coach travel. The Key Stage 2 children will travel by Metro where they can as this significantly reduces the cost as we have bought a yearly class pass.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

INTO UNIVERSITY

This year we are lucky enough to be able to continue our partnership with Into University. Into University offers an innovative programme that supports young people to attain their chosen aspiration, including further and higher education, employment and work-based training. Their mission is to provide local support that can open up new opportunities for young people and believe that, with support, every young person can progress to an excellent post-school destination and are committed to helping them on this journey. They work with children from age 7 to 18. They provide daily Academic Support with homework, coursework and personal study needs which some of our children accessed last academic year and found really useful. They also run a focussed programme of subject-specific activities for both primary and secondary schools.

This year children in Years 3 to 6 will work with Into University both in school and at the Into centre to learn about careers and training in the future, supporting us to keep children's aspirations for the future high.