February Newsletter

THANK YOU Mrs Hall

After 23 years (yes that's 23 years) the lovely Mrs Hall is retiring! Mrs Hall is a much loved member of our Falla Park Family and has been since March 2003. In her role as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant she has supported so many children as they started their journey into 'big school'. Mrs Hall also has a reputation in school for never throwing anything away! She has come in handy on lots of occasions when people are looking for radnom things. She could often be heard saying "I've definitely got one of those in my cupboard!" We also have to mention her love for Rod Stewart! Whenever the music came on in school, Rod was always the choice!

We will always remember Mrs Hall's kindness towards others, her forest school sessions and her fun and enthusiasm for everything. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Hall for choosing Falla Park. We are so grateful that Falla Park has had people like her in it for so long. We will miss her very much and hope her retirement is full of sunshine holidays, trips to Muffin Break with her sister and lots and lots of happiness.

Social Media

As you know each class in school has their own feed on X where they post photographs and updates about their class and what they have been learning about as well as other activities in school. After recent media coverage around safety concerns with X, particularly around AI, we have made the decision to stop using it.

Class Teachers will continue to post on Dojo in class story and we will also continue to use our Facebook Page.

Parent Coffee Morning

The Gateshead Parent Carer Forum will be holding another coffee morning in school on Wednesday 18 February at 9am. This is an opportunity for parents and carers of neurodiverse children to get together and chat about the challenges they are facing. Terrina, our Family Support Worker and Mrs Crellin, SENDCo will also be there. Please come along, grab a coffee and have a chat.

Swimming

Heworth Pool are offering a discount for school children who sign up for swimming lessons. The discount scheme will run until 7 August 2026. This is the discount code – SCHOOLS50.

This will allow children who are signing up to swimming lessons with Better to get 50% off the first membership payment.

Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50 % off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.

Better Swim School

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Dates for your Diary

February

16 – Year 5 Open Event (9.30am)
16 – Year 5 Visit to Winter Gardens
16 – Year 4 Open Event (2.15pm)
16 – Chinese New Year Lunch
17 – Year 5 Visit to Intu University
17 – Pancake Day Lunch
17 – Year 4 Visit to Synagogue
18 – Coffee Morning (9am)
18 – Year 3 Open Event (2.15pm)
19 – Year 2 Open Event (9.30am)
19 – Reception Open Event (2.15pm)
19 – School closes for half term (3.15pm)

March

2 – School opens after half term
4 – Reception Vision Screening Check
5 – World Book Day
16 – Coffee Morning (9am)
20 – Red Nose Day
24 – Reception Visit to Butterfly World
25 – Dance Festival (Year 3 and Dance Club)
26 – Key Stage 2 Church Visit
30 – Year 2 Farm Visit
31 – Key Stage 1 Church Visit

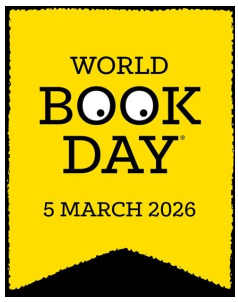
April

1 – Easter Disco
2 – School closes for Easter holidays (3.15pm)
20 – School opens after holidays

Themed School Lunch

On Monday 16 February the children will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special school lunch. This will be a change to the normal menu. The curry is always a popular choice on the menu!

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5 March 2026. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of fun activities around books, stories and authors. There will be a special themed lunch that day in place of the normal menu. There will also be competitions and prizes to be won.

At the end of the day children will bring home a book which will be theirs to keep.

We have decided not to dress up this year as we are very mindful of the cost implication for this and don't want to put families, especially those with more than one child in school, in a position where they are having to spend money on costumes. Children should wear uniform as normal.

Pancake Day

Tuesday 17 February is Pancake Day. Pancakes will be available for pudding that day.

World Book Day Celebration

Horrid Henry's Crispy Chicken Burger with lettuce and mayo

Moody Margaret's Miserable Morsels - veggie burger

Perfect Pete's Virtuous Medley - Mixed salad - veggie sticks, peppers or veg medley

Greasy Greta's Special Spuds - Homemade garlic wedges

The Purple Hand Gang's Secret Naughty Pud - Double chocolate chip chocolate muffin.