January Newsletter

We would like to wish all our amazing children and their families a very Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week and hear all their stories about the holidays. They have settled straight back into the school routine. We are looking forward to a happy spring term.

Children in Need

Thank you to all of you who made a donation and supported Children in Need back in November 2025. We raised £211 which has now been sent to the charity.

Year 6 SATs

The Statutory Assessment week for Year 6 children is scheduled to take place from Monday 11 May 2026 to Thursday 14 May 2026 (inclusive).

Children must be in school all week. Thank you.

Welcome to Terrina

We would like to welcome Terrina Barnes to Falla Park. She has taken over the role as Family Support Worker in school. She has spent her first week getting to know the staff and children in school and has already met some parents/carers too.

Terrina's role is to work alongside school staff and other local services to provide emotional, social and practical support to children and their families. Another part of her role is to monitor school attendance and support families where concerns arise. Terrina will also work with children 1:1 and in groups. She also works closely with mental health professionals, health visitors and school nurses to support your child's physical and emotional development.

Terrina is available to offer advice and information regarding housing, benefits and finances, careers and parenting. Gateshead has some excellent resources and services for local families which Terrina can signpost parents/carers to if needed. Falla Park also has links with local foodbanks and charities which she can refer families into.

Terrina has lots of experience working with and supporting families so please contact her if needed. She is available Monday to Friday, 8.00am - 4pm. You can contact her on 0191 4334011 or by email terrinabarnes@gateshead.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary

January

15 – Special lunch (Chicken curry, quorn curry, jacket potato with beans and cheese, egg mayo sandwich)
15 – Year 5 Careers visit to Metro Centre
30 – Year 3 visit to Beamish
30 – Coffee Morning (10am)

February

3 – Year 3/4 Bikeability
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6 – Progress Reports to Parents
13 – Year 1 Open Event (9.30am)
13 – Year 6 Open Event (2.15pm)
16 –Year 5 Open Event (9.30am)
16 – Year 4 Open Event (2.15pm)
16 – Chinese New Year Lunch
17 – Pancake Day Lunch
18 – Coffee Morning (10am)
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
16 – Coffee Morning (10am)
25 – Dance Festival (Year 3 and Dance Club)

April

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

After School Clubs

Children have brought home a letter last week about the after school clubs we will be offering in the spring term. If your child has been allocated a place then they will bring home a letter. The clubs will run until the Easter holidays.

Change of Date

The staff training day will now be on Friday 20 February 2026. School will be closed to children this day. This means school will be open on Monday 1 June 2026. The holiday list on the school website has now been updated to reflect the changes.

Attendance

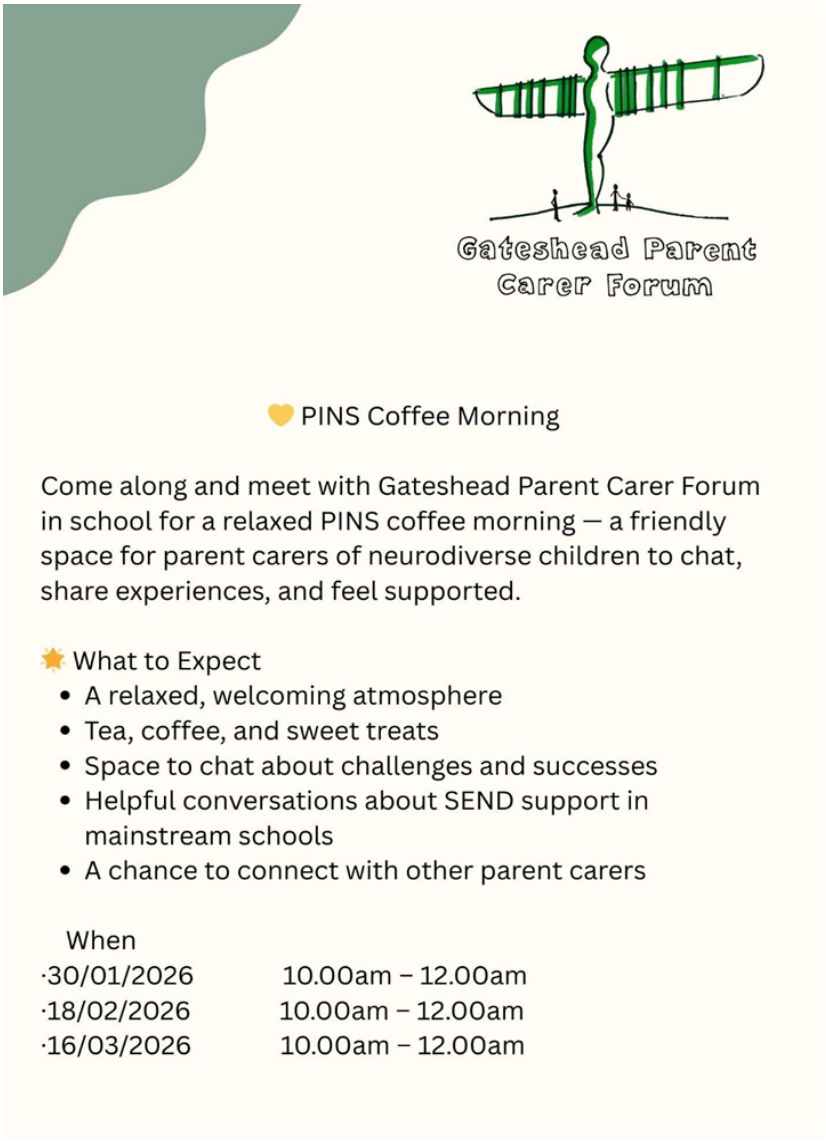
I am delighted with the attendance of the majority of children in school this term. Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was 95.9% which is a huge improvement on the previous year. This is the attendance for each class in school for the autumn term.

Class	Percentage
Nursery	88.5%
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	96.5%

Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance in the autumn term.

Parent Coffee Morning

The Gateshead Parent Carer Forum will be holding coffee mornings in school over the Spring Term. 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 Family Support Worker and Mrs Crellin, SENDCo will also be there. Please come along, grab a coffee and have a chat.



Communication

We will continue to communicate with you via email, text message or through Class Dojo. It is really important that you regularly look on ParentPay and on Class Dojo so you can keep up with important information.

All newsletters are sent out by email and on Class Dojo. They are also available in the parent section of the school website using this link Falla Park Community Primary School - Newsletters

Just a reminder that messages about illness, absence or change of address should not be sent through Facebook or Dojo as these may not be seen during the school day.

FALLA PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAYS 2025 - 2027

Holiday	School Closes at 3.15pm this day	School Re-Opens at 8.55am this day
2025		
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025
Autumn Half Term 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
2026		
Spring Half Term 2026	Thursday 19 February 2026	Monday 2 March 2026
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May Day 2026	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
May Half Term 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Occasional Day	Friday 19 June 2026	Tuesday 23 June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Autumn Half Term 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	Monday 2 November 2026
Christmas 2026	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2026
2027		
Spring Half Term 2027	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027	Monday 12 April 2027
May Day 2027	Friday 30 April 2027	Tuesday 4 May 2027
May Half Term 2027	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2025
Summer 2027	Friday 16 July 2027	Tuesday 7 September 2027