



# AUTUMN UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025



## What a Great 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term! Its Another Football Related Edition!

It has been a very busy and exciting start to the new term. It is hard to believe that we have now been back for 8 weeks. I have been extremely happy with the start that all classes have made to the new term. Children have been working very hard in lessons and following the rules in school leading to very high levels of behaviour. We have had many visitors to school in the last 8 weeks including: Head Teachers, Deputy Head Teachers, school inspectors and many tours for prospective new parents. All the visitors have commented on the warm, calm and inviting atmosphere in school. They have also commented on the excellent manner, behaviour and kindness our children show towards visitors and their friends. We do insist on high standards of behaviour. When this is not achieved, we will spend time with children helping them to improve their decision making and future behaviour.

Year 5 have had a very successful trip to Ford Castle. You might have seen some of the pictures on our Facebook page. Please visit our school website and Facebook page as we do try to post as many updates as we can on there for parents. Our football teams have been busy in action as well. The girls' football team has recently played in 2 tournaments and achieved some impressive results. They are giving the mighty Arsenal a run for their money by topping their respective leagues. Two of our girls were asked to attend trials for the Newcastle United Foundation Under 11's. They were both successful in being offered places at the foundation – congratulations to both and all our children who have represented the school in different sports this half term.

### Attendance

Caedmon's attendance last year was a record high. We ended the year on 96.6%. This is one of the highest across all Gateshead schools.

We want to keep pushing positive attendance in the hope that we can achieve 97% this year.

Below is a table showing this year's attendance since September.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Reception	95.97%
Year 1	94.90%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.27%
Year 4	96.63%
Year 5	92.53%
Year 6	96.31%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96%</b>



## Safeguarding

We are always talking to the children about online safety and accessing age-appropriate websites and apps. Can you please ensure that children are supervised at home and appropriate blocking is in place on devices, so children are not exposed to inappropriate content. It is also getting dark now as the dark evenings approach, so we have been telling the children it is also appropriate that they go home earlier of an evening if they have been playing out with their friends.

You will have also seen in the news that Saltwell Park was named as an area that could be dangerous for children who are there unsupervised. Please bear this in mind when children are going out to play.

Can I also ask parents who bring their dogs before school or after school to please move away from the gates. We have some children who are nervous or scared of dogs and this can contribute to a bad start or end to the day for people who are frightened of dogs. Even small dogs can cause distress. I would appreciate if you can stand well away from the entrances or across the road.

## Important Dates

### November

Mon 3- Year 5&6 Field of Remembrance Visit  
Tues 4 - Year 1&2 Esh Construction Workshops  
Tues 4 - Year 6 Shipley Art Gallery Visit  
Wed 5 - Reception RWI Parents Workshops  
Thurs 6 - Year 6 Sedgefield Racecourse Visit  
Thurs 6 - Year 1 Shipley Art Gallery Visit  
Tues 11 - Flu Nasal Sprays  
Tues 11 - Year 5&6 Remembrance Service Visit  
Wed 12 - Nursery Gateshead Library Visit  
Thurs 13 - Year 1,2&3 The Vue Cinema Visit  
Fri 14 - Children in Need  
Fri 14 - Year 6 Safety Works Visit  
Mon 17 - Parents Evening 1  
Thurs 20 - Year 5&6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops  
Mon 24 - Parents Evening 2  
Wed 26 - Year 5 Cineworld Visit

### December

Tues 2 - Christmas Craft Night  
Wed 3 - Christmas Craft Night  
Thurs 4 - Christmas Craft Night  
Mon 8 - Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Party  
Tues 9 - Whole School Trip to Pantomime, Tyne Theatre  
Wed 10 - Nursery & Reception Christmas Party  
Wed 10 - Year 3 Shipley Art Gallery Visit  
Thurs 11 - Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party  
Thurs 11 - Reception Gibside Visit  
Fri 12 - Year 1&2 Nativity  
Mon 15 - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Songs Slot 1  
Tues 16 - Reception Class Nativity  
Wed 17 - Christmas Extravaganza Day & Lunch  
Thurs 18 - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Songs Slot 2  
Fri 19 - Christmas Jumper Day  
Fri 19 - Parent Coffees on Yard  
Mon 22 - School Closed for 2 weeks

### January

Mon 5 - School Reopens to all pupils

## After School Clubs

The last week of clubs for this term is Mon 17 Nov to Fri 21 Nov.

The new list of clubs for the spring term will be advertised after the school break.

## More Football News!

Mr Wisby's new best friend - Newcastle's new striker, Nick Woltemade. He hid his Arsenal top whilst they were chatting!

