



AUTUMN UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2026



Mr Wisby's Welcome Back

Hello everyone and welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a great summer - the children have enjoyed sharing their news about days out and holidays since they returned. I am very sorry about Bruno leaving Newcastle and joining the champions of England. But we do not talk about Bruno! I did attend the Sunderland Arsenal match last weekend and had a great time. I have been impressed with the positive attitudes that the children have shown in the first few weeks - all the year groups are settled into their new classrooms and have already been working hard to impress their new teachers. Alongside this, our attendance is currently one of the best in Gateshead. It is so important as we approach the winter months, children continue to make every effort to attend school! There is an end of year McDonalds as a whole school prize if we achieve above 97%! We are currently averaging 99%.

School Council

Years 1-6 have chosen their school council representatives for the year. Everyone presented their manifesto to their classes before a vote took place. Mrs Carey is looking forward to working with the new School Council this year.

Year 1 - Ralph, Marnie, Riley

Year 2 - Jessica, Nina, Faize

Year 3 - Mohammad A, Ada, Logan

Year 4 - Autumn, Alfie, Tristan

Year 5 - Millie, Alfie, Rubee

Year 6 - Robin, Imogen, Joel, Mia

Time for Lunch!

Last year's school council worked with Mrs Carey to update the dining hall - there has been lots of work happening during the summer and everyone seems to love the new colour scheme.

School Yard

In the coming weeks we will be unveiling some exciting changes to our school yard at lunchtimes. We will be introducing new areas and resources to give everyone the opportunity to use their interests to play and spend time with their friends. Our aim is to create a range of options to allow for focussed and positive play.

Look out for more information coming out soon.

6Rs Badges



We have changed the 6R badges. Children will have the opportunity to achieve their badge each year. Good luck everyone!

Reception - Black

Year 4 - Green

Year 1 - Red

Year 5 - White

Year 2 - Blue

Year 6 - Pink

Year 3 - Purple

Headteacher Award - Gold

Attendance

We'd like to say a huge well done to all of the classes for their excellent attendance last year and in the first few weeks of this year.

2025-26 End of Year Attendance

Whole School	96.39
Reception	94.03
Year 1	97.39
Year 2	97.1
Year 3	96.64
Year 4	97.01
Year 5	94.33
Year 6	96.53

We would also like to thank all of our families for their support with ensuring that children are in school and on time every day - we all know that a consistent start to the day support children's emotional wellbeing and prepares them for their learning. Let's keep working together to maintain this excellent start to the year!

Safe Parking

There have been some near misses already this term with people parking on yellow lines around school making it difficult for pedestrians to safely cross the road. Please be mindful and park appropriately

Packed Lunches

Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any nut products - to keep everyone safe, we are nut-free school.

If children have grapes in their packed lunch, they must be cut in half lengthways this is part of safer eating rules to reduce the risk of choking.

Thank you for your support.

Birthdays

Children can come to school in non-uniform on their birthdays. We love to celebrate with them in class and can share birthday cakes which are store-bought and in unopened packaging. This ensures that we can manage any allergies appropriately.

Earrings

As part of our risk assessments, children should not wear earrings to school - if earrings cannot be removed, they should be covered with tape or an elastoplast. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the Diaries....

September

24th Early Years Multi Skills
25th Y5/6 Tag Rugby

October

2nd Flu Immunisations
9th Hello Yellow Day
14th-16th Y5 Ford Castle Residential
15th Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics
20th Y5 Hexham Racecourse Visit
21st School Photo Day
26th Half Term Holiday

November

2nd Return to school
3rd Y6 Sedgefield Racecourse Visit
10th Y6 Safety Works Visit
12th Y1,2,3 The Vue Visit
13th Children in Need Day
18th Whole School Music Workshops
24th & 25th Parents Evenings

December

1st, 2nd, 3rd Family Christmas Craft Nights
7th T1,2,3 Christmas Party
8th Whole School Pantomime Visit
9th Nursery, Reception Christmas Party
10th Y4, 5, 6 Christmas Party
11th Y1 & 2 Nativity
14th Y3,4,5,6 Christmas Songs
15th Nursery & Reception Nativity
16th Caedmon Christmas Day
17th Y3,4,5,6 Christmas Songs
18th Christmas Jumper Day
18th Parents Coffees on the Yard

Safeguarding

I do have a safeguarding update. Wendy our lollipop lady has approached me as she is worried that some children are not showing good road awareness. We do cover this in the curriculum. There have been two near misses recently where children have run across the road without looking. Wendy has also seen some children riding their bikes to school without helmets. Electric scooters should not be used on public roads and pathways.

