15th May 2026

We are all very proud of our year 6 children. They have shown such resilience and tenacity this week and we know they have done the very best that they can! We hope they all have a relaxing weekend ready for our exciting sports week next week.

What's happening next week

Monday 18th May	Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Booster Club (after school)2 **Year 2-6 Non-competitive sports**
Tuesday 19th May	Reception PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school) **KS2 Competitive Sports**
Wednesday 20th May	Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) **KS1 Fun Afternoon**
Thursday 21st May	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Year 4 Football Tournament (after school)**
Friday 22nd May	KS2 Oakfield Band (after school) **Saltwell Park Fun Run Year 1-6**

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
w/b 18/05/26	Sports week	
22/05/26	Gateshead Saltwell Park fun run	
22/05/26	Break up for half term	
Half term Holiday		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
w/b 01/06/26	Learning plan review week	tbc
04/06/26	Rec and Y1 parents meeting	
w/b 08/06/26	KS1 Phonics check week	
w/b 15/6/26	Diversity Week	
15/06/26	Class photographs day	
19/6/26	Non uniform Day	
22/6/26	SEND Coffee Morning	
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
02/07/26	Y1 and Year 2 Washington Wetlands	
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
09/07/26	Reception trip Tynemouth Aquarium	
10/07/26	**South shields leavers trip**	
13/07/26	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
14/07/26	Reception summer picnic	pm
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

Curricula enrichment activities throughout the year		
Year group	Destination	Date
R	Northern Stage Theatre	11/12/25
	Tynemouth Aquarium	9/07/26
	Trip to the library	tbc
1 /2	Centre for Life	05/11/25
	Washington Wetlands	2/07/26
	Church and Library	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
3	Panto	11/12/25
	Laing Art Gallery – Sketching	21/01/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Jewish Community local walk	tbc
	Durham University Oriental Museum– Egypt	03/06/26
4	Sunderland winter Gardens Geography Trip	21/10/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Jarrow Hall – history trip	20/04/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
5	Panto	11/12/25
	Shipcote Art Gallery – in school workshop	tbc
	Centre for life – Science day	27/01/26
	Shipcote Art Gallery – Art (awaiting booking window to open)	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
6	Lockerbie Manor residential	26-28/11/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Field work enquiry	tbc
	Trip to South Shields – Leaver's celebration	10/07/26

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/25 – 23/10/25 03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1 Spring 2	06/01/26 - 20/02/26 02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1 Summer 2	20/04/26 – 22/05/26 01/06/26 – 16/07/26
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/25 24/10/25 05/01/26 04/05/26 – bank holiday 17/07/26 - occasional day

Arrangements for next year

In Key Stage 1 next year there will be 1 Reception class and 3 mixed age Year 1 / 2 classes. We have already sent out a date for a meeting for parents from current Reception classes and Year 1 on Thursday 4th June at 5pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out how the curriculum is organised to suit the mixed age classes. This meeting was held last year for current Year One parents so it will be explained how the next part of the two-year Curriculum cycle works if they wish to attend again.

The children currently in Year 2 will move to Year 3 in September as 2 separate classes. They will return to their original classes from last year. We would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for their support and understanding with these changes. It would be very helpful if current year 1 & 2 parents could complete the form attached to an email giving us feedback from last year as we continue to work hard to provide the best possible experience for the children in our care.

School Sport Arrangements – WB 18th May

We have made the week beginning 18th May our annual sports week this year (here is hoping the weather gods cannot hear us!). Over the week there are a range of competitive and non-competitive events, some as a whole school, some as an individual.

Monday 18th May (Year 2-6)

Children will participate in a carousel of 10 different sporting events in their class while representing their house. Every child has the opportunity to participate within their house team in events as diverse as Wang the Welly, Shuttle Relay, Bean Bag Shoot. On this day children need to attend school in their house colours.

Alnwick – Green **Lindisfarne–White**

Bamburgh – Blue **Warkworth –Red**

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

Tuesday 19th May

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. In a change to previous years, pupils will compete in all the running, jumping, and throwing events in a round robin way. Again, the Junior drive gate will be open from 12.45pm for parents who wish to come and view. As with Tuesday, would children please come to school in their PE kits, wearing trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team:

Alnwick – Green **Lindisfarne – White**

Bamburgh – Blue **Warkworth – Red**

Year 2 lists for parents will follow. Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Could parents who wish to attend, please enter school by the junior school driveway from 12.45pm and be seated on the bank below the infant yard. Finally, should the weather prohibit any event taking place, we will contact parents at the earliest opportunity.

Wednesday 20th May (Key Stage 1 Pupils)

This is the day of the Key Stage 1 fun afternoon. The children will be participating in lots of fun sports activities. This is for the children only as parents have been invited into school for the picnics in the last school week of July. A**ll children from Reception to Year 2 to wear PE kit that day.**

Saltwell Park Fun Run - Friday 22nd May (Years 1-6)

The children will be taking part in a Fun Run at Saltwell Park on Friday 22nd May; you have already been contacted for permissions and school lunch arrangements. Can all children attending in these year groups, please be in school by 8.30am so they can be registered promptly and then start their walk to the park. Year One will be going by bus. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the park - weather permitting. As with sports day, could sun cream be applied before school and children attend school with hat, water bottle and waterproof (just in case!).

There is also an opportunity to sponsor your child while participating, to raise funds for the Bobby Robson Foundation. If you wish to do this, please see below how to donate using the QR code. Thank you.

The #INSPIRE Gateshead Primary Schools Fun Run 2026

This year The #INSPIRE Gateshead Primary Schools Fun Run will once again be supporting The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.

Sir Bobby Robson launched his Foundation to help find more effective ways to detect and treat cancer, after a request for help from his oncologist Professor Ruth Plummer. She was treating Sir Bobby as he faced cancer for the fifth and what he knew would be the final time.

She needed to raise £500,000 to equip a new cancer drug trials centre at the Northern Centre for Cancer Care in Newcastle upon Tyne and asked him if he knew anyone who might like to donate.

Sir Bobby responded by launching a charity to get the money she needed. He described it as like being at the helm of a team again. What he called his last and greatest team.

How to support The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation:

Pupils taking part in The #INSPIRE Gateshead Schools Fun Run can fundraise for The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation in 2 ways:

1. **ONLINE -** Please scan the QR code below or click '**GIVE NOW**'
THIS WOULD BE OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF FUNDRAISING.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE!

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Want to contact us?
Phone: 0191 213 7235
Email: nuth.nhcfundraising@nhs.net
Website: https://charity.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/get-involved/

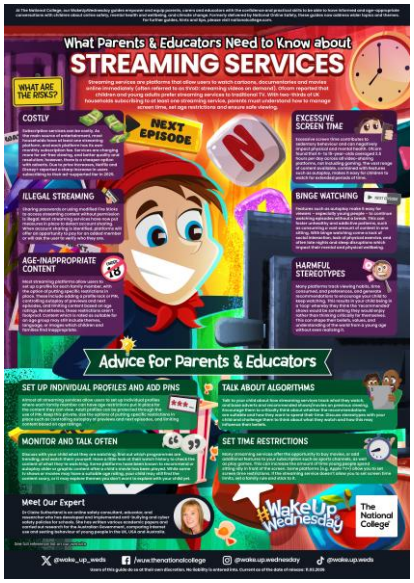
Year 5 Orienteering Festival

Well done to our fantastic group of Year 5 children who attended the Gateshead School Sports Partnership Orienteering Event at Gibside last week!

The children showed great teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the day. They navigated the course brilliantly and we were so impressed with their map reading and observation skills. It was a wonderful day of outdoor learning and adventure!

Star points total per week				
	20/04/26	27/04/26	4/05/26	11/05/26
R	152	96	207	638
1	564	397	78	331
2	891	519	101	285
3	54	190	108	527
4	157	342	218	310
5	216	360	144	233
6	174	153	150	2'953

Safeguarding



Streaming services have become the go-to entertainment choice for many families, with children often favouring on-demand platforms over traditional television. This edition explores the realities behind these services, from rising subscription costs and advert-supported tiers to the impact of autoplay and endless content libraries on young viewers' screen time and wellbeing.

It also highlights key safeguarding concerns, including age-inappropriate material, binge watching, algorithm-driven recommendations and phishing scams. With clear, practical advice for setting profiles, PINs, and time limits – alongside tips for discussing algorithms and stereotypes – this guide supports parents and educators in promoting safer, healthier streaming habits.

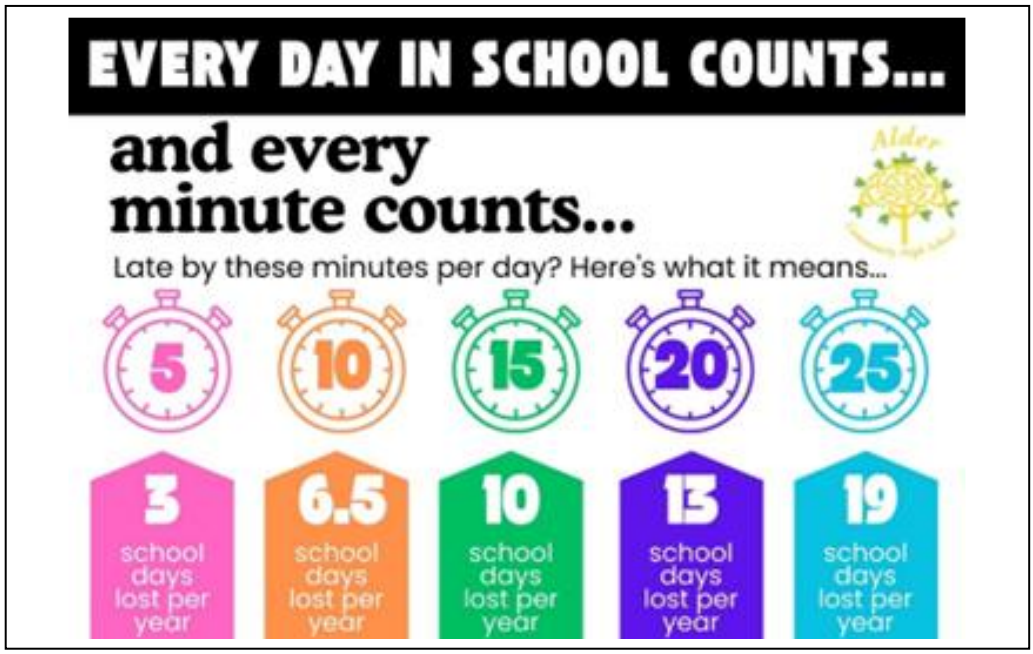
Primary Times

Please find a link below for May's addition of The Primary Times – Newcastle edition.

Primary Times

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance							
	Summer 1							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 3	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	96.0	0.63	95.2	0.55	96.7	0.28	95.7	0.18
Infant Overall	97.8	1.06	96.0	0.26	96.0	0.79	93.3	1.0
6	99.7	0.58	97.6	0.8	99.0	0.35	99.1	0.0
5	94.4	0.37	94.4	0.3	93.7	0.0	96.1	0.0
4	93.7	0.65	94.4	0.3	97.6	0.78	94.1	0.74
3	95.4	0.85	94.3	0.5	96.2	0.0	96.3	0.0
2	98.8	1.02	96.6	0.0	96.3	0.82	97.0	0.26
1	94.4	1.39	93.9	0.46	97.7	0.56	88.8	1.39
R	99.5	0.81	96.7	0.41	94.1	0.98	92.9	1.83

Thank you all for a fantastic week and well done on really strong attendance. We appreciate your support.

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