



No Class News for: Nursery SG, Rec GD, Y1 TY & Y4 FWD.

PE Days



SG - Tuesday (Morning)
GD - Wednesday
TY - Monday and Thursday
FN - Monday and Wednesday
MLK – Tuesday and Friday
FWD - Tuesday and Wednesday
BR - Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday
MY – Tuesday (including swimming for some children) and Friday

Individual school photographs



Individual school photographs will be taken at school on the morning of Wednesday 24th September. If you would like a photograph of siblings together (or with siblings not in school) please arrive at school for 8.30am, we will do them on a first come first served basis, and will start individual photos after these.

Sibling photographs will not be taken as a blanket group unless requested beforehand.

The return of Pink, Green and Gold Day (inc. Cake Sale) – Friday 26th September

Isn't it amazing what an old photo can steer?

Over the summer I was backing up old photos from our old Twitter accounts – the political pantomime left me feeling it was time to delete the accounts and focus on the kindness and optimism our school wishes to spread. I was met with an old photo of the irrepressible Mrs Burrell alongside an ever-youthful Mrs Coates and a much less haggard Mr Firth – all dressed in Pink, all with huge grins as we skipped down the pupil created catwalk!

'We need to reinstate our Pink, Green and Gold Day' I thought.



All we need now is your support!

Next Friday (26th Sept) all children, staff (and grown-ups dropping off, if you are feeling brave) are invited to come to school, blinged up in anything Pink, Green and Gold. Bring in £1 donation should you be able too. Historically, we have split any money raised between FACT, Macmillan and the Children's Cancer Ward (RVI).

We recognise the colours may create a challenge for those going to Forest Friday. By all means bring a change of clothes (but you won't be turned away at the school gate if you don't!)

We invite families to donate cakes (bought or homemade) so we can hold a cake sale in the afternoon, collecting money to be shared amongst the three charities. School will be matching whatever we make on the cake sale.

Please avoid anything with nuts in (we are still a nut free school – even at cake sales!) Thank you.

Library books - we need your help!

We have been checking how many books are currently loaned out to our children and previous pupils and it is a lot! I heard 63 at the last count. Mr Firth has had his calculator out and at an average cost of £5 a book that is over £300. Enough to worry anyone - let alone a Yorkshireman. Please, please, please can you look under the bed, behind the sofa and wherever else you can think of to see whether you have some of our lovely books at home. To help you find them, they should have a label on the side which matches one of those in the image below and inside there should be a sticker which says 'Added by Sorted'. Please send in with your child (rather than drop-off at the school office) and hopefully we will have full shelves once again.

Happy hunting!



Voice 21

This year, we are excited to be working with Voice 21, the national Oracy charity. We will be working together to improve students' speaking, listening and communication skills in lessons and across subjects. (See letter below for further information).



Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

On **Wednesday 24th September** is photograph day therefore, please can children come into school wearing school uniform but please wear a pair of trainers so they can have their PE lesson in the afternoon. Trainers will not be visible in the photograph and saves time getting the children changed from uniform to PE kit. If children prefer to wear school shoes and bring a pair of trainer to change into, this is also an option. Many thanks.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

A reminder that our last forest school session is next Friday the 26th. As it is 'pink, green and gold day' on the same day, they may want to bring a separate outfit of those colours to get changed into once back from the woods. After this final forest school session, we will go back to PE on a Friday. We will get the chance to go back to forest school in Y3 later in the year. Thank you!

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hello everyone 😊

Firstly, thank you for your help with homework last week. Every child returned it in time for us to be able to go through the tasks together in class – fantastic!

This week, every child has also had the chance to choose a book by our Y5 Featured Author David Walliams. This can be used for homework reading if children wish. Once finished, these books can be returned any time and swapped for a different one. DW is a prolific author so we have plenty of titles to choose from!

On Monday 22nd, we will be having a **STONE AGE ART DAY** in Year 5! We'll be looking at early examples of human art and having a go at some prehistoric drawing ourselves using a range of media. As it could get a little messy, please send your child in with an old, oversized top or T-shirt that day. Thank you!

Y6 residential 2026-27 - a message from the Y6 team but for Y5. Confusing I know. Please watch out for an online Google Form making its way to you. It is time to think about booking the Y6 residential for 2026-27 and we need an expression of interest from you to help us make the correct booking. Please reply yes/no either way so we know everyone has seen the form.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai – Mrs Heron/Mrs Lawson

No messages for next week but we did want to give a huge shout out to congratulate everyone for settling so well into Y6. I have a feeling we have an amazing year ahead!

Message from Bringing Words to Life

We are a local literacy charity based in Rowlands Gill that will be providing support through one-to-one sessions around Literacy, Numeracy and IT and the Rowlands Gill Community Centre from Friday, September 26th. We would really like to engage with as many local people as possible. These sessions are free and have been funded through Gateshead Council.

The logo for 'The Friday Club' features the text 'The Friday Club' in a large, orange, stylized font with a drop shadow. Below it, in a smaller black font, is 'for all your digital, literacy and numeracy support'. To the right is a simple line drawing of a computer mouse with a cord.

Bringing Words to Life
Registered Charity 1151661

When? Every Friday from 26/9/2025
Time? 1:00-3:00pm

Where? Rowlands Gill Community Centre,
Strathmore Road NE39 1JB

**TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT US ON
07947 955500 OR AT
MELANIE@BRINGINGWORDS.ORG**

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS SERVICE, BUT YOU MUST LIVE IN GATESHEAD

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Setting up phones
- Getting you online
- Writing letters
- Online shopping
- Staying safe online
- How to use iPads
- Basic Literacy skills
- Household budgeting
- Job searches
- Filling out forms
- Basic Numeracy skills
- Help with apps
- CV writing
- PLUS LOTS MORE**

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.

Voice 21 – ‘Oracy education’



To everyone at home

This year, we are excited to be working with Voice 21, the national Oracy charity. We will be working together to improve students' speaking, listening and communication skills in lessons and across subjects.

‘Oracy education’ means learning to speak, listen and communicate, and also to learn through speaking, listening and communicating. These skills are important for many reasons. They help improve school outcomes, including reading, writing and maths. Oracy can also boost confidence and help young people find and succeed in work.

Voice 21 works with over 1100 schools across the country. In Voice 21 Oracy Schools, you will hear students solving problems collaboratively in maths and dissecting arguments in history, talking through conflicts in the playground and leading assemblies. We will be working with their expert team to develop a high-quality Oracy education across our school life, including our culture, curriculum, and teaching and learning.

Oracy and SEND

Oracy plays an important role in helping all children thrive, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

A focus on Oracy has been shown to support young people’s social and emotional development, build confidence and foster a sense of belonging at school.

It’s important to know that Oracy education will support, not replace, any specialist support your child currently receives. In fact, schools that prioritise Oracy often find they are better able to recognise Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) earlier, helping to put the right support in place at the right time.

For updates on our Oracy work please check our school website.

For further information on Voice 21 please visit www.voice21.org .

We look forward to sharing more over the course of the coming weeks, months and years!

Thank you

Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term 1 and 2 2025/2026

Date	Event
Wednesday 24 th September	Individual school photos
Friday 26 th September	Green, Gold and Pink Day
Wednesday 1 st Oct – Friday 3 rd Oct	Robinwood Trip
Wednesday 8 th October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 24 th October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
27 th October – 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	First day of Autumn term 2
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper and Bring a bottle
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 and KS2 Performances
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 and KS2 Performances
Thursday 18 th December	KS1 (PM) and KS2 (AM) Party
Friday 19 th December	Christingle and last day of Term 2

2025/2026 Term dates

Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 1 September 2025	27 to 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

Spring term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 5 January 2026	23 to 27 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026

Summer term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 20 April 2026	25 to 29 May 2026 (Bank holiday 25 May)	Friday 17 July 2026

All dates are inclusive. In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on Monday 4 May 2026 (Bank Holiday).

Two days within the above terms are to be used for professional development for staff. These dates are to be determined and agreed by individual school governing bodies. (01.09.25 and 19.06.26)

In addition, one occasional day within the Summer Term 2026 is to be utilised for the purpose of closure for possible election purposes, this day to be used near the end of the summer term and agreed by individual school governing bodies. (22.06.26)