



Have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 2nd March 2026

PE Days – New for Spring 2

SG - Tuesday AM

GD - Wednesday

TY - Monday and Thursday

FN - Monday and Friday

MLK – Tuesday (swimming / PE for those swimming) and Wednesday.

FWD- Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

BR – Tuesday (coach) and Thursday

MY – Tuesday (coach) and Friday

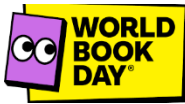


No Class news for: Nursery, Reception GD, Y1 TY

Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings will take place week beginning 9th March. If you do not have an appointment booked, please contact Mrs Hutchinson in the school office to arrange a suitable time.

Thank you



World Book day – Thursday 5th March 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 5th March (that's the first Thursday back after half term).

To help make the day special, we have created a 'jigsaw' of options for you and your child to choose from, depending on what you feel you would like to do. You can opt in to any, and as many, of the pieces of the jigsaw as you wish! As you can see above (in Mr Firth's beautifully created design), the options are to:

- 1 - Dress up as a character from a book
- 2 - Bring in a favourite book and share a section with the class
- 3 - Send in an Extreme Reading photo
- 4 - Send in a Book Review (which can be audio, video or written)

We look forward to sharing what you decide to do on World Book Day, when we will all come together to celebrate the power that books and reading have to enrich our lives. Thank you!



**Gateshead West uniform Scheme
World book day costume available**

GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME

Only 2 pay-as-you-feel markets before **WORLD BOOK DAY** (Thurs 5th March), so come along soon to browse our fancy dress costumes!

Please try to donate any out-grown fancy dress costumes that your kids no longer need, before World Book Day.

Who are we?
We are a registered charity, operating in Gateshead West since 2021.
We provide good-quality preloved and brand new school uniforms to our community from our site in Blaydon - behind Morrisons.
We operate on a pay-what-you-feel basis.

Come and get your World Book Day outfit sorted!

Saturday 21st February 2026
9:30am - 11am
&
Monday 23rd February 2026
6pm - 7pm

St Cuthbert's Church Hall
Blaydon, NE21 5PT



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**World Book Day Stall at
Gateshead central Library**

Gateshead Libraries

CELEBRATING WITH **WORLD BOOK DAY**

**World Book Day
Pop-up Book Stall**

Gateshead Central Library
Thursday 5 March 3pm to 7pm and
Saturday 7 March 9am to 4pm

We will be offering all children the chance to choose a World Book Day book for free with their £1/£1.50 World Book Day book token. While stocks last.

Made possible with support from National Year of Reading and World of Books.

Discover more at **Gateshead Libraries** Gateshead Council

After School Clubs – Year 2 to 6 only - Spring 2 - 5 weeks – 02.03.2026-02.04.2026

- Tuesday – Football - Year 2 to Year 6 - 5 weeks £15.00
- Wednesday – Waste Warriors with Pickle Palace Year 3-Year 6 - 5 weeks £15.00
- Thursday – Music - Year 3 to Year 6 - 5 weeks £15.00

All clubs run 3.15pm-4.15pm, must be paid for in advance and are first come first served.

If your child would like a place on any clubs, please email school on highspen@gatedu.org and a payment request with consent will be sent via School Gateway. Thank you

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates

Our PE days will be **Monday and Friday** after half term. For the first two Fridays (**Friday 6th and 13th March**) children will be going to Forest school for the morning session. Please ensure you send your child in warm clothing and waterproofs. The woods are so muddy so children must wear boots (not trainers) please. Children are welcome to bring a small snack to eat in the woods if they wish. We will return to school for lunchtime so please send a bag of dry, warm clothes including socks and indoor footwear so children can get changed out of wet, muddy clothes and shoes. Thank you for all of your support with this, Mrs Coates

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

Hello, Our PE days have changed now to a Tuesday and a Wednesday. On the Tuesday session, 11 children from Y3 will be going swimming with Y4 and those families have been informed. The children who are not swimming will be doing a PE session in school at the same time so can come into school in PE kit. If your child is swimming, they need to come into school with their costume on underneath their PE kit already and have their towel, goggles, a hair tie (if needed) and underwear to change into after.

We will be starting our wonderful Pickle Palace sessions after half term on a Wednesday afternoon. The first week is a whole class session with no adult helpers needed but from weeks 2-4 we will be splitting into 3 groups and each group will do one afternoon of cooking with Hannah. Your child’s week for cooking is shown on the table below, it would be great if you (or someone from your family) could come along to help your child in their week. Thank you and have a lovely half term! 😊

Week 2 - Wed – 11 th 1-3 PM	Week 3 – Wed 18 th 1-3 PM	Week 4 – Wed 25 th – 1-3 PM
Frankie, Jessica, Ellis, Edward, Rebecca, Sadie, Jenson, Molly, Hallie, Jaimaya	Jayce, Leo, Alfie, Naylah, Kyra, Robyn, Ayda, Arianna, Jack, Harley	Leah, Rosa, Sky, Scarlett, Milana, Austin, Daniel, Reggie, Peter,

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson – Mr Fumoleau

Hey, Firstly, Year 4 have a change of PE days, we will be having our swimming on a Tuesday and our other PE session on a Wednesday so make sure children have their PE kits ready.

As you may be aware the time has come for all of Year 4 to attend swimming lessons, these will be on a Tuesday, please ensure all children come to school with their swimming outfit on under their uniform. Children should bring a towel, goggles and dry underwear to change into.

We will have a lovely half term., enjoy your break though and see you all when we return. Mr Fumoleau

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi all 😊, please remember that we have now completed our swimming sessions for this year. As listed above, our PE will now be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our next Forest School session will be on Friday 6 March (and we’ll have one more on Friday 13 March). We will be going after lunch but children can come dressed for the woods in the morning. Please ensure they have plenty of layers, waterproofs and suitable footwear. The woods are extremely muddy and wet at the moment so children will need waterproof boots or shoes. They can bring these in a bag and wear other shoes or trainers during the morning. Thank you!

Have a good half term week everyone. Looking forward to seeing you for parent and carer meetings in March!

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

Please note that our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday after the February half-term. No homework this week other than to have lots of rest ready for a busy five weeks in the run up to Mock SATs the week commencing 30th March. Have a great break and see you after the holidays.

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

Date	Event
Friday 20 th February	Last day of Spring term 1
23 rd – 27 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd March	First Day of Spring Term 2
Thursday 5 th March	World book day
Thursday 26 th March	Wear a Hat day
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of Spring Term 2
3 rd – 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	First Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 20 th April	That History Bloke
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Summer Term 1
25 th - 29 th May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 st June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 19 th June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22 nd June	Occasional Day (School closed)
Monday 29 th June	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Visit
6 th – 10 th July	Sports Week
Wednesday 15 th July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Summer Term2