



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly this week celebrated children who have shown us they are "ready to learn" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Thomas **Year 1:** Harry F **Year 2:** Eliza

Year 3: Mason **Year 4:** Leighton **Year 5:** Harry **Year 6:** Lacey

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96%

Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 100%!

Dates for Diary

- Tues 14th Jan - Y3 Trip
- Wed 29th Jan - Chinese New Year Menu change

Rights Respecting

Article 32 - Children have the right to be protected from doing work that is dangerous or bad for their education, health or development. If children work, they have the right to be safe and paid fairly



Team Portobello Sports news!

Our Year 5/6 Netball team played 4 games in the competition this week and won all 4, conceding 0 goals all afternoon. A fantastic achievement and we are looking forward to the Gateshead finals! Well done everyone. #TeamPortobello

Wed 29th January Menu change (jacket potatoes will be available too)



RECEPTION 2025

The closing date to apply for a Primary School Place in Reception for 2025 is midnight on Wednesday 15th January. This applies to all children whose birthdays fall between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

Anyone who would like a place in our Reception class, needs to apply for a school place starting in September 2025.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a place and may not have visited our school yet and would like to, please ask them to call us and we can arrange a visit.

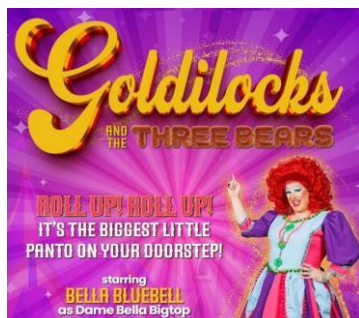
<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2796/Primary-school-admissions>

Panto 18th Dec 2025 Year 1 to Year 6

After the fun and frolics of Peter Pan at the Little Theatre last month we are delighted to be booking once again for December 25, we have booked the Thursday AM slot right before Xmas too to get everyone right into the festive spirit. Children had an absolute ball with hilarity from two of our staff members Mr Chipchase and Mr Malia who took to the stage too.

Ticket price will remain the same at £20 per pupil which supports the overall cost of the ticket and return coach journey. We will send out information in September regarding consents etc.

Payment can be made anytime from Monday 13th January up to the end of November 25.



Warning over water beads

Doctors in the UK have issued a safety alert concerning the use of 'water beads'. These are small, soft, colourful, plastic beads (see image below) that are also known as jelly balls, gel beads, sensory beads or water crystals. The water beads might be used for crafts or as a sensory item.



Water beads can expand to 400 times their original size within 36 hours when exposed to liquid. If swallowed, it can lead to a bowel obstruction and may be fatal. They can also be a choking hazard.



Birtley Library Refurbishment

Birtley library will temporarily close from 20th January

- You may borrow additional books during the refurbishment
- You can also borrow and return books at another Gateshead Council library – please ask staff for more information
- Readers at Home is a FREE service for those with mobility issues who can't visit another library - please ask staff to arrange
 - Rhymetime will continue at the Family Hub, Harras Bank on Tuesdays at 9.30am
- Please contact Gateshead Central Library 0191 4338410 or Leam Lane Library 0191 4336418 for enquiries
- Why not try the BorrowBox app for FREE E-books and E-audio books

We look forward to welcoming you **in spring 2025** with a bright new layout, children's area and Active Travel Hub