



Achievement Assembly

Our achievement assembly celebrated children who have shown "curiosity" this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Leighton **Year 1:** Tommy **Year 2:** Aizah
Year 3: Georgie **Year 4:** Sofia **Year 5:** Emily **Year 6:** Lily

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.6%
Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 98%!

Date for Diary

- Mon 24th March - Y5 Easter celebration workshop @ Birtley Methodist Church
- Thur 27th March - Whole School Easter Disco (Booking closes at 6pm)
- Mon 31st March - Reception class trip to Hall Hill Farm
- Tues 1st April - Y4 walk around Birtley
- Thur 10th April - Easter Celebration special lunch (menu on website calendar)
- Friday 11th April - Break up for Easter - Returning Mon 28th April
- Thur 8th May - Reception class trip to Safetyworks
- **Mon 2nd June - Inset day - school closed to pupils**
- Fri 4th July - Summer School Fayre 2pm
- **Monday 7th July - Occasional Day - school closed to pupils and staff**
- **Mon 1st Sept - Inset day - school closed to pupils**

Rights Respecting

Article 15: I have the right to meet with friends and join groups.



Free School Meal eligibility is changing

The government are making changes to FSM eligibility as of April, if you qualify by 31st March 2025, your child will retain free school meals for their current phase of education, up to end of Year 6 in primary and if you have any children in secondary up until the end of the secondary school phase too.

The government has extended free school meal eligibility to include some families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) who receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. Please see the section headed 'Families with no recourse to public funds' below for information or contact the team direct on 0191 433 3729 or at benefitsfsm@gateshead.gov.uk

Click on the link below or contact Mrs Lister for a paper copy of the form, once you have completed the form, Mrs Lister can then scan direct to the FSM team too.

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

Comic Relief Red Nose Day 40th Anniversary

Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief Red Nose, children have enjoyed their non-uniform day, and the pupil karaoke went down a storm with amazing performances from all taking part. Well done to our school council and Miss Wyatt for planning the event. Once all donations are in, we will update you. You can also pay any donations online through schoolgateway too, we have a dedicated Red Nose option available.





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Easter Disco/Party

Please complete the google form if your child will be attending:

<https://forms.gle/fV6BiTFqSmJ5Eoko9>

Get ready for Rocksteady Music

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at {SCHOOL NAME}! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

Here's what else you need to know:

- *There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.*
- *Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.*
- *Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.*
- *Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.*
- *You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.*

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

September Back to school uniform orders

School Uniform cut-off date for back to school is midnight 20th July 2025 (For Home Delivery) and Midnight 15th June (FREE to School Delivery). Emblematic will do their utmost to get your order delivered before the start of term, subject to supplier stock availability. Orders after this date are not guaranteed and can take over 28 Days due to supply and demand over the summertime.

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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