



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Eleanor **Year 1:** Finn **Year 2:** Solomon **Year 3:** Miles
Year 4: Oscar **Year 5:** Lucy **Year 6:** Rose

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.7%.

Well done to Reception for best attendance this week at 96.7%!

Dates for Diary (an annual parent planner will be made available in due course)

NB: Change of menu Thursday 2nd October

- Mon 13th October - Individual School Photos AM (younger siblings welcome from 8.50am, for example who currently attend a nursery, who do not attend Portobello, parents/carers please bring children via main entrance and photos will be taken before school starts)
- Thurs 16th Oct - Reception 2026 - Open event from 4pm, applying for Reception 26? please come along or share the date & time with friends/family
- Tues 21st October - Reception Vision Screening AM
- Fri 24th October - break up for Half term 27th to 31st
- Thurs 6th Nov - Reception 2026 - Open event from 4pm, applying for Reception 26? please come along or share the date & time with friends/family
- Thur 4th Dec - PM Xmas Fayre all welcome
- Mon 8th Dec - Y2 A Christmas Journey at Birtley Methodist PM
- Thurs 18th Dec - Y1 to Y6 Panto Trip AM @ Little Theatre (Payment via Schoolgateway please)
- Break up for Xmas Friday 19th December!

Farewell Mrs Wilson

Next Friday we say farewell to Mrs Wilson who has supported many of our children over the last few years. We thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to Portobello and wish her well in her new ventures.

Design Technology - we need your support!

Our DT curriculum is going from strength to strength with our children developing some exciting new skills and knowledge!

To support themes this year such as exploring and tasting a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, creating a menu and cooking various food items such as cakes/biscuits/stir fries, pizza or bolognese dishes, sculpting with clay, modelling with wood and designing and creating mechanisms, a one-off £10 annual DT/Food contribution would be greatly appreciated. This will go a long way towards helping create future Technology experts. Payment can be made via schoolgateway. Thank you for contributions so far!

Rights Respecting - Article 5



My family should help me know and use my own rights



Governments should support my parents to help me realise my rights.



My family should support me to know and use my rights and make more of my own decisions, as I get older.



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EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENT
2026-2027 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

We invite you to come and explore our Reception setting – meet the team, discover the space, and see how we help children thrive from day one.

Event Details

- First Open Event - 16th October at 4pm
- Second Open Event - 6th November 4pm
- If required, please call the school office to arrange a different time to visit.

 Tamerton Drive Birtley Chester-le-Street Durham DH3 2LY

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eSchools APP?

If you haven't yet, can you please download the APP to view texts/emails and other correspondence. Costly push notifications stopped on Friday 12th. The APP is free to download from your mobile phone APP store.

To stay in touch and be connected to what's going on in school, receiving texts and emails is incredibly useful. Can we please ask you to download the eSchools APP if you have a mobile phone, and haven't done so yet, it would be useful for all parents/carers to be able to access communications from us on a weekly basis.

We currently have 113 of 284 parents/carers with responsibility for using the APP. Two more since last week, thank you!

Contacts (Parental responsibility) (113 of 285)





PIZZA

OCTOBER CENSUS MENU

THURS 2ND OCT

**MAIN SCHOOL & VEGGIE
MEAL CHANGE
MARGARITA PIZZA & CHIPS
WITH VEGGIE STICKS**

**DELI OPTION
CHEESE & HAM PANINI MELT**

**PUDDING OPTIONS
ICE CREAM
CHEESE & CRACKERS
FRESH FRUIT**



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
26th September 2025



For Harvest we will be collecting donations for the Gateshead Foodbank. Donations will be welcome in school from Thursday 9th October with our deadline being Tuesday 14th October. This means items will be on display in the hall in time for our KS1 and KS2 Harvest assemblies. Items will then be collected by the warehouse team and distributed accordingly.

All food distributed by Gateshead Foodbank is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are vital in the ability to give everyone referred a balanced and nutritious Seven-day supply of food. Gateshead Foodbank are in urgent need of the following items:

- Beans
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tea
- Coffee

They are also delighted to receive all types of toiletries including sanitary products, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant and toothpaste. They have plenty pasta.

If you would like to know more about Gateshead foodbank you can use the following link to the website.

<https://gateshead.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Trussell Trust has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least seven days' worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families. A typical food parcel includes Breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits and snacks.

Kind regards,

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