



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Rory **Year 1:** Thomas **Year 2:** Elias **Year 3:** Karter
Year 4: Roman **Year 5:** Katelyn **Year 6:** Ruby

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.7%

Well done to Year 3 for best attendance this week at 99%!

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

- Wed 8th October - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Pedestrian training AM
- Fri 10th October - Wear something Yellow/Non-Uniform Hello Yellow Day
- 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
- Tues 21st October - Y3 @ Birtley Library PM
- Wed 22nd October - Y2 to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens
- Wed 22nd October - Reception Class Halloween Party
- Thur 23rd October - Y1 to Y6 Halloween Disco 4pm to 5pm
- 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!

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 12

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I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously

When adults are making decisions that affect children they should ask them what they think.

Adults should take account of children's views when making the decision.

Children should be supported to give their views in a way that is best for them.





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 - Urgent

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 115 of 284 parents/carers with responsibility for using the APP.

Contacts (Parental responsibility) (115 of 289)





Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
3rd October 2025



Let's start the day right - let every minute count

Arriving on time sets your child up for a calm, confident start to the day. At Portobello, we value punctuality as an important life skill - helping pupils be organised and ready to learn.

Even small amounts of lateness add up. Just being 10 minutes late every day means over 30 hours of lost learning each year.

Tips for supporting punctuality at home:

- Set a consistent bedtime and morning routine.
- Prepare bags, uniform, and lunches the night before.
- Aim to arrive at school 5-10 minutes early.

If you are finding punctuality difficult, please contact us. We are here to support you and your child. Together we can ensure all pupils are present, on time, and ready to achieve.



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,

School Council



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World Mental Health Friday Day 10 October

Next Friday we will be taking part in I'm wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day and raising vital funds for YoungMinds.

This Hello Yellow Day Portobello Primary will join thousands of individuals, schools and communities across the country to raise money and show young people that they're not alone with their mental health by wearing yellow and making a donation of £1 via our online donation page or cash.

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/4535/4537>

Right now, more than 1 in 4 young people have a probable mental health condition. Many aren't getting the help they need, when they need it. Some don't even know where to turn, who to talk to, or if anyone else feels the same. But we can change this.

By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day (10 October), and donating what you can, you can show young people that they are not alone and that things can get better.