



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Danny **Year 1:** Marvel **Year 2:** Zara
Year 3: Fabian **Year 4:** Harry **Year 5:** Lydia **Year 6:** Jacob

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.2%
Well done to Year 2 for best attendance this week at 100%!

Dates for Diary

Clubs have started

NB: the following clubs will run for x 5 weeks and end week 9th February:
Rights Respecting, Eco Club, Sports Club, Lego and Football

- 4th February - Y3 Trip to Segedunum Roman Fort
- Tuesday 17th February - Chinese New Year Menu and Pancake Day pudding: details to follow
- Friday 20th February - Inset day

Families Magazine

In your January/February magazine, you'll find interesting articles and features on education, early years and health. Discover the role of schools in children's mental health and the importance of allowing children to develop at their own pace. Plus, some great ideas for New Years Resolutions you'll be able to stick to!

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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.



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Gateshead News

What Are Autism Hubs?

Gateshead Autism Hubs offer parents and carers of autistic children and young people (0-25 years) information, advice and support on a range of challenges that can impact autistic young people and their families. The Hubs provide multi-agency drop-in sessions, parent support groups, and training for parents, carers, and professionals. The Hubs can also offer information and signposting on related cooccurring conditions, such as: FASD, ADHD, Sensory Differences, Social and Communication Differences, Mental Health, and Learning Disabilities. Gateshead Autism Hubs are free to access for parents and carers. An autism diagnosis is not required to access support.

Support Available?

The Hubs provide a range of parent / carer support sessions including multi agency drop-ins, peer support groups and learning opportunities across Gateshead.

View all information, including multi-agency drop-in locations and times, at:

<https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/gateshead-multi-agency-drop-ins/>

Find out more about upcoming parent support groups near you:

<https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/gateshead-parent-support-groups/>

Join the Gateshead Autism Hubs Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/gatesheadautismhubs/

Find out about learning opportunities and book sessions visit:

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Panto Christmas 2026 -Year 1 to Year 6 - [Payment is now live!](#)

After the fun and frolics at the Little Theatre last month we are delighted to have booked once again for December 26, we have booked Thursday 17th December AM slot, right before Xmas too, to get everyone into the festive spirit.

This year Bluebell Theatre Productions are delighted to be telling the tale of Robin Hood at the Little Theatre Gateshead.

Starring:

- Local icon Bella Bluebell as Dame Bella Batty
- From The Voice, Melissa Cavanagh as Friar Tuck
- Singing sensation Chris McCreery as Robin Hood
- TikTok star Laura Fulgenzi as Maid Marian
- Plus, a full supporting cast

Ticket price will remain the same at £20 per pupil which supports the overall cost of the ticket and return coach journey, ticket price is £15 per pupil and the remaining £5 goes towards the return coach journey (the transport is once again partly subsidised by school)

We will send out information in September regarding consents, if your child does not wish to attend, they will stay in school on the morning alongside our reception class staff team.

This trip is not part of the school curriculum therefore cannot be fully subsidised. You can make 4 x payments of £5 from week 12th January should you wish to part pay; all payments will need to be fully paid by the 30th of November 26.

If you require financial support for this event please email the school office with the subject heading: Panto 26 support, Mrs Humphrey will review and we will communicate thereafter.

