



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
9th January 2026



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Rorik **Year 1:** Spencer **Year 2:** Jessica
Year 3: Daniel **Year 4:** Rose **Year 5:** Millie **Year 6:** Maisie

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.1%
Well done to Year 3 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Dates for Diary

Clubs start Monday 12th

Monday - Rights Respecting, Eco and Dance Club - collect at 4.15pm
Tuesdays - Sports Club with an external coach from Sportscool - collect at 4.30pm
Wednesday - Lego Club - collect at 4.15pm
Thursday - Football and Performing Arts Club - collect at 4.15pm

If children are doing an active club, can you send in an extra sports kit instead of using PE kit, please?

NB: the following clubs will run for x 5 weeks and end 9th February:

Rights Respecting, Eco Club, Sports Club, Lego and Football

- Thurs 15th January - Menu change Census Day - no jacket potatoes available
- Tuesday 17th February - Chinese New Year Menu change - details to follow
- 4th February - Y3 Trip to Segedunum Roman Fort



RECEPTION 2026

The closing date to apply for a Primary School Place in Reception for 2026 is midnight on the 15TH of January. This applies to all children whose birthdays fall between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place and may not have visited our school yet, please pass on our telephone number or email address, they can give us a call, and we can arrange a visit to suit.

[Primary school admissions September 2026 - Gateshead Council](#)



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

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

They have had a fantastic year with Goldilocks and the Three Bears; 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 Monday 12th January should you wish to part pay; all payments will need to be fully paid by the 30th of November 26.