



### Achievement Assembly

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

**Reception:** Rory    **Year 1:** Miles    **Year 2:** Eli

**Year 3:** Amelia    **Year 4:** Kieran    **Year 5:** Jack    **Year 6:** Faith

### Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.1%

Well done to Year 6 for best attendance this week at 99%!

### Dates for Diary

#### Clubs running from week 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Monday - Rights Respecting and Eco - every week until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Monday - Dance - every week until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday - Performing Arts will continue into the summer term

Friday - Karate will continue as usual

### Other dates

- From week 9<sup>th</sup> March - new after school clubs commence until week 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> & Thu 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations: booking system will go live Monday 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief 2026**
- Break up for Easter: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Rights Respecting Article of the month: Article 17



Well done to our February Rights Respecting Pupils of the Month award winners. They have all shown respect around Article 28 - I have a right to an education.

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Mollie

Year 3 - Jenson

Year 4 - Rose

Year 5 Jazmine

Year 6 - Jessica





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**Team Portobello news**

Hockey 🏑

A huge congratulations to our Hockey teams who both made it to the finals in their groups today, with everyone coming away with gold medals 🏆

Well done everyone 🍌 [#TeamPortobello](https://twitter.com/TeamPortobello)

**Health and Safety Notice: Motorbikes outside school**

We are aware and have seen a huge rise in illegal motorbikes along the path outside school recently. We have reported this to Police, as have residents too. If you see any of this activity, please join us and call the Police or report using their online portal. The more noise we can make about this issue, the more likely we are to see a Police presence and have this dangerous activity stopped.

<https://www.northumbria.police.uk/ro/report/>

Who to contact via Telephone:

999 - for an emergency or when someone is in immediate danger

101 - In non-emergency situations or Text 07786 200 814

**Comic Relief 2026 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Our online school donations page has now been published; you can find it on the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20408>

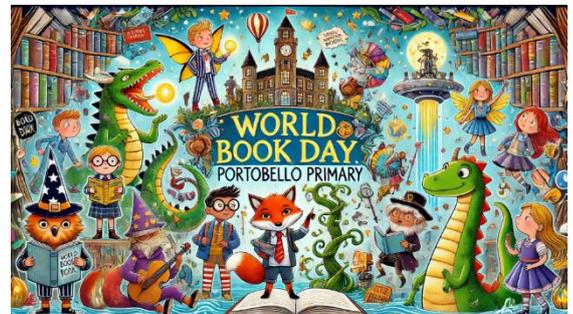
**Red to Toe non-uniform day**

Are you red-dy to put a new spin on non-uniform day? From scarlet socks to ruby slippers, a raspberry beret to a crimson cape, a red bow or homemade badge (or just a classic Red Nose or a Red Nose Day T-shirt), Everyone to wear something red in return for a donation. Bonus points to anyone who goes red from head to toe too.

**We Celebrated World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March - 'Read for Pleasure'**

World Book Day® champions reading for fun, because it seriously improves lives. This important charity has been sponsored by National Book Tokens for almost 30 years.

Reading for fun is the single biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful life - more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational backgrounds or their income. But here's the challenge: it's at an all-time low, with only 1 in 3 children now saying they enjoy reading. \*



World Book Day believe children are more likely to read if they enjoy it, so they're on a mission to encourage them to see reading as an entertaining, social, and fun thing to do. We want more children to grow up with a life-long life-changing habit of reading for fun, and all the benefits this brings.

This year, the celebrations will be Going All In to bring reading for fun to life for children across the UK and Ireland, with a jam-packed agenda full of author and illustrator appearances, activities, and events.

\*Source: National Literacy Trust, Annual Literacy Survey 2024

Which £1 book will they choose? 📖 World Book Day distribute over 23.5 million £1/€1.50 book tokens across the UK and Ireland through schools, nurseries, libraries, prisons and other charities. Each year, children can exchange their £1/€1.50 book token for a FREE brilliant £1/€1.50 book. This year's book tokens can be taken to bookshops to exchange until Sunday 15th March 2026. Where to redeem?

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>





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**Gateshead Council Events**

**Creative family workshops taking place this spring:**

Enjoy family time this spring with two creative events from our Learning and Skills team, including a Mother's Day pottery session (15 March) and an Easter air-dry clay workshop (9 April). Both events offer fun, hands-on activities for all ages and the chance to make something special together.

<https://intranet.gateshead.gov.uk/article/36637/Creative-family-workshops-with-Learning-and-Skills>

Join Gateshead Central Library's big birthday celebrations: Join Gateshead Libraries this Saturday 7 March for a day full of events and activities. <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/35413/Central-Library-100-Years-Celebration-Event>

**Gateshead Libraries**

**100 Years** North East Combined Authority **NE** Kim McGuinness North East Mayor

**Gateshead**

**100 Years Celebration Day**

**Gateshead Central Library**  
Saturday 7 March • 9am-4pm

Join us to celebrate 100 years of Gateshead Central Library with a special day of events and activities.

<b>Maker Place activities</b>	10am - 3.30pm
<b>Exploring Your Family History</b>	10am - 4pm
<b>Photomontage Workshop with Tommy Anderson</b>	10am - 1pm
<b>Family Storytelling with Chris Adriaanse*</b>	10.30am - 1.30am
<b>What's Behind the Door? Library tours*</b>	10.30am and 2pm
<b>How to Care for your Family Collections*</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Book Illustration Workshop with Josie Brookes</b>	1pm - 4pm
<b>Meet Author Peter James*</b>	2pm - 3pm
<b>GemArts Heritage Detectives Workshop</b>	10am - 12pm

All events **free** apart from **Peter James** (small charge) and those marked with \* are **pre-bookable in advance**.

Discover more at **Gateshead Libraries** **Gateshead Council**

**How to book parents evening appointments for week 16<sup>th</sup> March?**

Please go to the school website for further information:

[https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/eschools\\_help](https://www.portobelloprimaryschool.co.uk/eschools_help)

Parents appointments will be live by close of play on Monday.

