



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Indi **Year 1:** Thomas **Year 2:** Iqra

Year 3: Jamie **Year 4:** Ellie **Year 5:** Charlie **Year 6:** Jacob



Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96%

Well done to Year 1 for best attendance this week at 99%!

Dates for Diary

- From week 9th March - after school clubs run until week 30th March
- Mon 23rd - Rocksteady Performance
- Mon 23rd - final dance club ahead of performance
- Break up for Easter: Thursday 2nd April

Rights Respecting Article of the month: Article 17



Comic Relief 2026 Friday 20th 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>

We were red-dy for Comic Relief, well done everyone for coming in wearing something red and in non-uniform too. We have had a fun packed day designing red noses for the Hooters Hall of Fame - 2 of the best designs from each class will win a "design your very own red nose" to put their own design on. We will be celebrating and finding out 'Why Portobello support Red Nose Day' and research all about Red Nose Day with children creating their own posters. At the end of the day each class found out how a joke is structured and how to create their very own jokes too and performing them for the rest of their class in a 'Mini Class Comedy Show' too. Lots of fun was had whilst supporting Comic Relief 2026.

Our team of comic relief bankers have counted our school donations, and we have raised a very handsome £93.50



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Fundraising update "stand by Benny"

On the 19th of February we had a non-uniform day for Benny for which you kindly sent in donations to help support his treatment.

Following that two of our wonderful children Ellen and Ewan have helped raise further funds via a tombola at Birtley Methodist Church, additionally "I make things", Jason Crome and his sons who were at our Christmas Fayre, selling their amazing 3D creations, also donated. So, so far, the amount raised is £749.87, which through Jason and his team at Barclays have set up as a match fund from their charity, which is increasing the amount further. How utterly amazing everyone has been, so incredibly kind and generous helping Benny and his family too. Well done!

Sport update

Hockey

Both of our Year 5/6 teams did very well in the event this week, working well in their teams and showing determination. One team came away with bronze medals. Well done everyone! #TeamPortobello

Easyfundraising. Exciting news!

You can help Portobello Primary School raise huge £125 donations this month if you are planning on a holiday this year and book with TUI holiday via easyfundraising.

Our school will receive a £125 donation for every holiday booked with TUI this month! It's a part of TUI's Classroom Commitment in partnership with easyfundraising.

If you or anyone else you know is thinking of booking a holiday, then please share our link below and follow these steps:

Sign up to support us on easyfundraising, if you're not already doing so:

Visit TUI's website via easyfundraising's website or app.

You'll see a pop-up that says your donation has been enabled.

Then, search for and book your holiday as usual - don't worry, the holiday will cost you the same. And that's it! Our school will receive the £125 donation, which will make an incredible difference to our school and pupils.

We are saving up for new outdoor play equipment as our wooden structures are fading fast.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/portobelloprisch/N7TLLL/c2s/ucOKLOgX/CE073/facebook/>

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>

Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource which addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?

Their guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

