



Portobello Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
2nd April 2026



Achievement Assembly

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

Reception: Danny **Year 1:** Harry **Year 2:** Bronn
Year 3: Aizah **Year 4:** Hastaaj **Year 5:** Frankie **Year 6:** Faith

Celebrating Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.1%
Well done to Year 3 & Year 4 for best attendance this week at 99%!



Dates for Diary

- From week 27th April - after school clubs run until week 18th May
- Wed 29th April - Jungle Book Performance details to follow
- Break up for Easter: Thursday 2nd April, return to school Monday 20th April

Rights Respecting Article of the month: Article 17



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>

STEM Update

Last Friday Mr Bone and Mr Chipchase were delighted to attend the Northeast Automotive Alliance annual awards dinner with school STEM sponsor SMS Technology. SMS were nominated for two awards and won both. As part of the awards SMS Technology were delighted to award their £1,000 winnings to Portobello to continue to develop our STEM offer. Pete Williams and his business SMS have now donated over £8,000 to school and look forward to extending the partnership into the next academic year. Thank you again from everyone at Portobello.



Parent/Carer Survey 2026

<https://forms.gle/kj4u7XypGWHoy9dR6> We value your input, please take a moment to complete.

Routine medical or dental appointments in school hours

We have seen an increase in numbers of children arriving late or leaving early since January, Routine appointments should be made outside of school time where possible. We understand appointments can often be difficult to navigate due to availability; however, we would ask you to try and plan future appointments during the 13 weeks of school holidays throughout the year. If you need to take your child out of school for a medical or dental appointment which cannot be arranged outside of school hours or during half terms or summer, please notify the school office with the accompanying appointment letter or slip, we would welcome this notification via email please send a screenshot of the appointment and advise what time we can expect your child to be in at the beginning of the day or a time when you will need to collect early during the day.

Please email using the general school address: portobelloprimaryschool@gateshea.gov.uk Thank you for your support.



Summer Term 1 After school clubs

Please review the options for summer clubs commencing week 27th April until week commencing the 18th of May.

Eco and Rights Respecting - Year 1 to Year 6 only (No charge)

<https://forms.gle/vwoKxukuQggkip8L7>

Reception, year 1 and year 2

<https://forms.gle/oEkxTn1ssKwuG2FD6>

Year 3 to Year 6

<https://forms.gle/rXY388Ae8pody1ng9>

If your KS2 child attends the Performing arts club on a Thursday, the first session back is week 1, on Thursday 23rd April. Please encourage your child to attend every session from this date onwards...it's not long until showtime, information will be shared school wide soon.

Thank you
Miss Tindale PE Lead

Staying Safe in Online Parent Groups

We would like to bring to your attention a recent concern raised by a parent regarding the security of online class parent groups. It has come to our notice that there may have been attempts by strangers to gain access to some of these groups. This serves as a timely reminder for all parents, carers, and group administrators to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to protect the privacy and safety of our school community.

Easter Egg Designs and Stand up for Benny Raffle

Easter Egg winners	Runner up	Winner
Reception	Ella Brumbill	Kady Cowan Haswell
Year 1	no other entries	Mollie Ward
Year 2	Evan Medd	Jessica Evans
Year 3	no other entries	Eliza Finlay
Year 4	Ben Gillespie	Dylan Watkins
Year 5	Harry Brumbill	Eloise Medd
Year 6	no entries	no entries
Stand up for Benny Raffle	Emily Reilly Y6	Adah Kelly Reception

Well done to everyone for taking part! The Stand up for Benny raffle raised a further £85 too!

