



**Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!**

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Another extremely busy week this week, with only two more left to go before we break up for the Christmas holiday. This term is certainly flying over! Christmas activities are now well under way across school. Nursery are enjoying learning their Christmas songs for their sing-a-long, Reception are working very hard on practising their Nativity, Key stage 1 are busy perfecting their performance, Year 3 and 4 are working very hard with Mrs Fildes and their teachers on polishing their Christmas songs and Years 5 and 6 are continuing to learn their carols and readings ready for our carol service. We are looking forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks at these events. On Monday, we welcomed Reverend Alison into school; she led our assemblies, looking at advent and what this means for Christians. On Wednesday, our Y6 children visited Northumbria University (see page 2 for further information). On Thursday, students from Gateshead College came into school to perform a pantomime for Reception and Key stage 1 (Oh yes they did!). It was great to see all of our children engaged in the show; great fun was had by all. A massive thank you to Gateshead College for coming into school to do this for us. We ended our week with our cosy Christmas day, where the children came to school in their pyjamas / comfy clothes and completed various craft activities, decorated their class Christmas trees and watched a film together. It was a lovely end to the week.

As always, thank you for your support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Chard*



## **CHRISTMAS:**

Please remember our parent Christmas events will all be starting from next week. We have Christmas craft sessions for KS2, our nursery sing-a-long, Reception telling the nativity story and KS1 performing their play. During the final week, Year 3 and 4 will be surrounding you with their beautiful Christmas singing and Year 5 and 6 will be sharing reading and carols with you during their service in church. Please see dates which have been sent out separately.

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL:**

As we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please can you be mindful if supplying a packed lunch that there are no items that include nuts of any kind. This includes chocolate spread or peanut butter sandwiches.

**THIS SCHOOL  
IS NUT FREE**



## **PUNCTUALITY:**

We still continue to see some of our families coming to school after the gates have closed. Please remember the gates close promptly at 8.45 (EYs and KS1) and 8.50 (KS2) every morning. Being late for school can get your child off to a bad start, cause your child to fall behind with their work and may be embarrassing for them walking into the class in the middle of a lesson.

### **Lateness = Lost learning**

Each minute of school missed is a minute of your child's education. Persistent lateness can add up to days of learning lost over a school year as shown below:

5 minutes late each day	=	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days lost

**WINTER RUNDERLAND:**

We are well underway with the Winter RUNDERLAND challenge. This is a Christmas themed, physical activity challenge set by the Gateshead School Sports Partnership for schools in Gateshead. The aim is for children to take part in as much physical activity as possible to earn carrots to feed the reindeers, which will give them enough energy to travel around the world. There will be a treat for the winning class at the end of the challenge. Keep going everyone!

**SCHOOL CHOIR:**

Miss Brown, Miss Coates and some of our Year 4s will be popping over to Winton Court during the last week to sing some Christmas songs for the residents, who we know will absolutely love listening to their beautiful voices. It is always great getting our children out and about in the community.

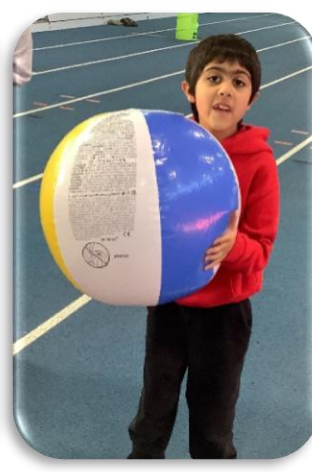
**YEAR 6 TRIP TO UNI:**

Y6 had a great time visiting Northumbria University this week to learn all about being a glaciologist. They learnt about what a glaciologist does and why. They explored ice and described how it might feel to visit Antarctica, using their imaginative vocabulary to write their own poems. You can find some of their poems on the following website:

<https://nustem.uk/activity/underneath-the-ice/>

**PANATHLON EVENT:**

On Tuesday some of our children attended a Panathlon event joining five other schools in the competition. The children had a lovely time and made us all proud. It was great to see them getting stuck into the games and enjoying themselves.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:**

If you have signed up for any of the after-school clubs in the spring term, you will be notified by email if your child has a place by end of next week.

**KLUBZ 19<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2025:**

Please note, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Klubz will only be available until 4.30pm. This will show as a separate payment item in Parentpay.



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**SAFEGUARDING:**

Please see attachment on your email named Setting up Apps.

**CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:**

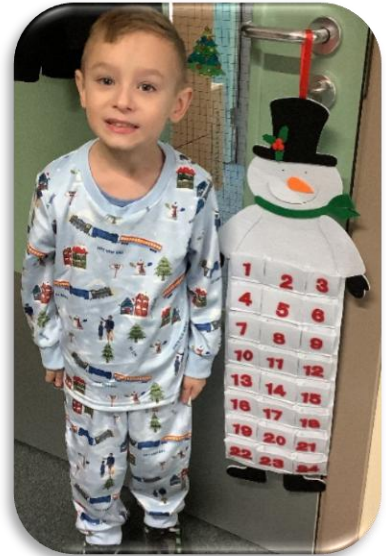
This week it was lovely celebrating swimming achievement. Please remember children can share their medals and trophies during assembly on a Friday.



# FunClub



Well done



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# Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Harper
Acorns	Elina
Saplings	Summer
Beech	Inaaya
Elm	Louis
Willow	Zoey
Cherry	Darcy-Leigh
Maple	David
Spruce	Olivia
Cedar	Mila
Oak	Dylan
Birch	Cole
Pine	Danny

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Carson
Key Stage 1	Evie
Key Stage 2	Frankie Kyran



## WINTER RAFFLE: purchased during events except the Christmas carol service

Our wonderful winter raffle will be on sale from next week. £1 per strip with many prizes to be won.

Top prizes include football boots signed by the one and only Sean Neave. There are also tickets for Newcastle V Aston Villa game January 2026. Please note, these tickets cannot be sold nor transferred.

We also have a children's digital camera, mengadash kids tablet, blue tooth earbuds, 2 vouchers for Activate in the Metrocentre, a family of four voucher for the upside down house, Greggs voucher, toys, games, hampers and various other prizes.

Look out for our winter friends selling tickets over the next few weeks or you can buy tickets on Parentpay.



# WINter Raffle