



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

Issue Number 8: Friday 24th October 2025

Wow, what a busy final week of the half term. On Monday, we welcomed Lesleyann into our school from Gateshead Food Bank. She delivered an assembly to all of KS2 to help them to gain an understanding of how the foodbank help people. She also thanked us for taking part in the cereal challenge and she can't wait to see our videos on facebook!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we held our discos. Everyone had a lot of fun, dancing and playing games and of course enjoying their snack. Thanks to everyone for making them a huge success.

On Thursday, Years 3 and 4 popped up to St Paul's church to lead a Harvest celebration. Thanks to Reverend Alison and her team for making everyone feel welcome and thanks to all of the children who sang their hearts out and spoke so clearly and confidently. We are all very proud of you as we know how difficult it can be to stand up in front of a large number of people.

On Friday, we ended our half term with Early Years hosting Harvest crafts. It was lovely seeing so many parents/carers and family members at this event. I hope you all had lots of fun completing the crafts with your child/children.

At the end of a half term, I always like to reflect back over the weeks. It has certainly been a busy half term with lots of different experiences across the whole school. Our children have moved up to new year groups, requiring some of them to get to know a new teacher or even moving buildings. I must say, as always, the children have done us proud; they have coped brilliantly with all transitions, settling in very well to the new routines within their year groups. They are absolute stars!

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for your continued support this half term in working together to ensure that your child can be the best they can be. As always, if you have any questions about anything at all, please do catch me when I am out and about on a morning or after school.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term holiday.
See you in November. *Mrs Chard*

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DEADLINES:

Year 6 parents/carers - the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school is 31st October 2025.



For Primary school admissions, the deadline is 15th January 2026.

CHILDREN IN NEED:

This year, we will be supporting Children In Need In school. On **Friday 14th November**, you child can wear something spotty, Pudsey clothing / accessories or come to school in non uniform. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link.



<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>



KLUBZ UPDATE:

Please note, on Friday 19th December Klubz will only be available until 4.30pm.

OCTOBER HALF TERM:

Please remember that school closes today for half term and will reopen on Monday 3rd November.

PARENTS EVENINGS:

As we hurtle toward half term, please note that parent night consultations will take place during the week beginning **17th November**. It is always lovely to welcome you into school to look at your child's books and give you the opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made since September. It is also a great way for you to ask any questions you have. You will be able to sign up for an appointment on **Arbor**. Please log on to and make a booking if you haven't already.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

This year's Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 9th November, with Armistice Day on Tuesday 11th November 2025. Within school, classes will be learning about this appropriate to their age. All classes will complete art work related to poppies, with the History ambassadors taking some over to Winton Court to share with the residents. Mrs Myers, Mrs Gott and our History ambassadors will also lead a Remembrance Day assembly within school, where we will take part in the two-minute silence. Poppies are available to buy at school for a donation.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025:

Anti-bullying week will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November. The theme for this year is Power for Good. We will be doing lots of activities throughout school to mark this important week. Odd socks day will take place on **Monday 10th November**; this is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK:

From 10th – 14th November, Early Years will be celebrating world nursery rhyme week. For more information about this event please click on the link:

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>



Keep an eye on our school facebook page throughout this week as Early Years will be using it to share lots with you. [Parkhead Facebook Page](#)

OPaL – OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY:

To celebrate Outdoor Learning Day, KS1 and 2 are going to having an additional OPAL session on the afternoon of Thursday 6th November. As we are getting near winter, please could all the children bring appropriate coats and wellies for playing outdoors if they are not already in school. Children are also welcome to bring waterproof trousers if they want to play in some of the more muddy areas of the site. As normal, Reception and Nursery will also be learning outside the classroom but within their area of school so do not need addition clothing.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

If you have requested a place for your child in next terms after school clubs, you should have received confirmation of their place. All after school clubs will be released on Arbor at the end of each term, ready for starting the following term.

Please note After school clubs will not run week commencing Mon 17th November or week commencing Monday 15th December.

CEREAL DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated boxes of cereal for the Gateshead Foodbank. They have emailed school to say “a huge **thank you!** We're so grateful— every single donation truly makes a difference”. We hope you enjoyed the cereal rallies on facebook.



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PLAY-ON-FAMILY-FUN-DAY

Please see attached link for information regarding Play on Family Fun Day. This is a family fun dates open to all ages and provides opportunities to improve health and wellbeing by being more active.

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/21698/Play-On-Family-Fun-Day>

SAFEGUARDING:

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN. As the clocks go back this weekend, it's more important than ever to make sure children can be seen. Please see the poster below for five top tips on how to be bright and be seen.

**5 top tips on how to
BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

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Star of the week

| Class | Star |
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| Seedlings | Evelyn |
| Acorns | Hunter |
| Saplings | Margaret |
| Beech | Jacob |
| Elm | Jack |
| Willow | Sienna |
| Cherry | Hunter K |
| Maple | Riley |
| Spruce | Ronnie |
| Cedar | Jakob |
| Oak | Will |
| Birch | Elicia |
| Pine | Kayden |

| Mrs Chard's Stars of the week | |
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| Early Years | Mya Malinsa |
| Key Stage 1 | Aryan |
| Key Stage 2 | Riley Raven Esme |

FunClub

Well done

