



Windy News

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Year 6 and Year 2 Sats

May 2023

Over the past fortnight Year 2 and Year 6 have been sitting their SATS. They have all worked incredibly hard all year and although Sat results are important, they often do not reflect the true progress both academically and socially your child might have made. We are proud of all of your children and their achievements in school.

It was great to see the Year 6 children attending the SATS breakfast club and I'd like to thank all of the staff who helped make this happen. As you may have heard in the media, there has been some level of controversy about the Year 6 reading paper. It was difficult and some of our children did find the paper stressful. The staff did everything they could to reassure our Year 6 pupils they could do it and just to give it their best shot. We hope that the DfE listen to Headteacher and teacher's views about this paper.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

King's Coronation Day

Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange our King's Coronation celebrations, in particular Mrs. Short, who organised a number of events throughout the day. It was lovely to see the children and staff dressed in red, white and blue. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us for us to enjoy our picnic lunch outside but we did get outside for a bit of dancing at the end of the day. Please visit the school website to see photographs from the day.



Article 30: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose.

Food in school

We have a small number of children in school with nut allergies, we would therefore ask that you avoid sending products containing nuts into school either as a snack or part of a packed lunch.

It has come to our attention that some children are sharing food from their packed lunches with friends. Whilst we appreciate that this is a kind gesture, food should not be shared due to the risk of allergies and dietary requirements for some children. Staff will be speaking to children about this in school but we would appreciate your support in sharing this message at home. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

What's happening?

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Free School Meals / Holiday Vouchers

Regardless of which year group your child is in, if you think you may qualify for means tested free school meals, please contact the main office for a claim form, or apply online at <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, you may receive food shopping vouchers for school holiday periods from Gateshead Council. This May half term holiday you will receive vouchers of £15 per child per week. Our school will also benefit from the grant attached to each pupil who is eligible. Currently, this is worth £1,300 per pupil and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim.

This grant is used to provide extra staffing in school. If you need any more information, please

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School Trip voluntary contributions

As more school trips begin to take place, we would like to remind you that although we request payment by voluntary contribution, if enough contributions are not made to cover the cost of the trip then it cannot go ahead and the trip will be cancelled.

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution. The Governor Attendance panel will meet with families whose children's attendance or punctuality is a concern on Wednesday 24th May.

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Mon 22nd May	Science week
Fri 26th May	Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park
	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Back to school
	Year 4 Multiplication check
Tues 6th June	KS2 Online anti-bullying workshop
	KS1 visitors from church
Thur 7th June	Year 5 Crank it up Visitor
	FGB 5PM
Fri 9th June	Y6 visit Durham University
Mon 12th June	Y1 Phonics check
Wed 14th June	Y6 residential Kingswood
Mon 19th June	School Assessment week
Tues 20th June	Y5 Beamish visit
Wed 21st June	UKS2 Parents water cycle workshop
Thur 22nd June	KS1 Sports Day am
	KS2 Sports Day pm
Fri 23rd June	School closed Occasional Day
Wed 28th June	KS1 Parents water cycle workshop
Thu 29th June	Y6 Orienteering event
Mon 3rd July	School transition Day
	New reception parents meeting 4pm
Tues 4th July	School Transition Day
	New nursery parents meeting 4pm
Thur 6th July	Summer music concert
Fri 7th July	School Games Day
Mon 10th July	Nursery stay and play session
Wed 12th July	School council visit Hydrogen works
Thu 13th July	Art show for parents
Mon 17th July	Sports Assembly
	Reports to parents
Wed 19th July	100% Attendance assembly
Fri 21st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly

Holiday in Term Time

A quick reminder now we are approaching the holiday season, that holiday in term time is not allowed by this Government unless there are exceptional circumstances. As harsh as it may seem, having an affordable holiday or set work holidays are not considered exceptional.

Penalty Notices can be issued to parents who have taken their children on holiday without the school's permission. This costs £60 per parent, per child so can add to a considerable amount.

Changes to the start time of the school day

Just a reminder that school lessons will start at 8:45 in September. The school gates will be open from 8:35 until 8:45 so that parents can drop their children off. The gates will be shut at 8:45 and any child coming to school after that will need to go to the main entrance for a late mark.

Staffing updates

Miss Hogg and Mr. Reay have decided to move on at the end of the summer term. They will be missed by staff and pupils alike and I'd like to thank them for the commitment they have shown during their time with us.

Miss Smith will return to school on a full time basis in September 2023.