



# Windy News

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World Book Day

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Thank you to everyone who came along to support our school book fayre as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Reading is such an important life skill and in this digital age it is so important that we continue to support our children in developing a love of reading.

#### What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Easter Celebrations
- ◆ Punctuality

#### Free School Meals Holiday Vouchers

Some of you may have received an email offering you vouchers to attend holiday activities over the Easter holidays period. These are run by Gateshead council at various locations around Gateshead.

The children get access to a range of different activities as well as a meal.

Please take advantage of this free offer. If you need any support in accessing the vouchers please contact the main office.

#### Family Learning

Story Sacks course for parents and carers of Nursery and Reception pupils. Join our 4 week course to learn strategies for supporting your child's reading and create resources each week to build your family's story sack.

Wednesday 22nd April until 13th May at Windy Nook Primary 9-10:30.

#### School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has followed our school uniform requests. It has been great to see pupils wearing the correct school uniform. They look so smart. Can I just remind you that plain black leggings and plain black tracksuit bottoms should only be worn on PE Days.

Pupils not wearing the correct school uniform will be asked to wear uniform from our spare uniform.

The decorating of classroom doors allows the staff to showcase their artistic talents as well as brightening the school corridors. This year is the National Year of Reading and Mr. Brown will be arranging a number of different activities to help support this and help to encourage the children to develop a life long love of reading.

*Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education.  
Article 17: You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources.*

#### Mini Health Champions

A group of Year 5 children attended a Mini Health Champions event with Mr. Gibson at Gateshead leisure centre last week. They learned about healthy eating and oral hygiene, fires and how to stay safe, road safety (including making a leaflet for parents which will be sent out) and how to organise and play games with friends on the yard.

#### Healthy Lunches

As a school we continue to promote health lunches which means packed lunches should not include sweets or fizzy drinks. KS2 breaktime snacks should also be healthy and water bottles should only contain water. Please also remember that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies so packed lunches and breaktime snacks should not include any nut based products.

#### After School Wrap around provision

*Our after school club runs every day from 3:15-6pm in the Hive.*

*It is run by staff from within school and includes a range of different activities and a snack. We have recently received very positive feedback from parents whose children currently attend the provision.*

*Once you have completed the paperwork, you can book your child to attend the club using the Arbor system. If you need any further information please speak to a member of the office staff.*

*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.*

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### Help Please

Key Stage 1 are looking for donations to help enhance their playtime provision. If you have any of the following and it is still in good working condition please drop it off either at the school office or pass it on to a member of Key Stage 1 staff at drop off / pick.

Dolls + accessories  
Dressing up outfits  
Small world toys (dinosaurs, animals, cars, garages, fantasy figures)  
Building blocks/ duplo / lego

### 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 in later life.  
\*(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. After Easter, the Governor Attendance panel will meet with families whose children's attendance and punctuality is a concern.  
**Please ensure your child comes to school on time.**

*Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be*

## Dates for your Diary

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

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| Mon 23rd Mar  | Y6 Assessment week                     |
| Tue 24th Mar  | Dance Festival pm                      |
| Wed 25th Mar  | Cricket tasters                        |
| Thur 26th Mar | Y1/2 Athletics                         |
| Mon 30th Mar  | KS2 Rehearsal St Albans pm             |
|               | Easter egg designs brought into school |
| Tues 31st Mar | 9:20 am Easter Service St. Albans      |
| Wed 1st Apr   | Easter Egg competition judged          |
| Thur 2nd Apr  | School breaks up for Easter holidays   |
| Mon 20th Apr  | Back to School                         |
| Tues 21st Apr | New nursery start                      |
| Wed 22nd Apr  | Family Learning sessions EYFS          |
| Mon 4th May   | Bank holiday school closed             |
| Mon 11th May  | Year 6 SATS—SATs breakfast             |

## Easter Celebrations

*The Easter Service will take place at St. Alban's church on Tuesday 31st March at 9:30. As we are restricted on numbers of people in the church, we will be using a ticket only system for those parents of Year 5 pupils, Sign Squad and the musicians who have been asked to perform attend the church for the service.*

*We will also be holding our Easter Egg competition. Children can bring their egg design into school on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March. They will be displayed in the main hall and parents can view the Egg display from 8:30-9 am on Wednesday 1st April. We have limited space to display them so try not to let your designs get too big.*

*The eggs will be judged on Wednesday 1st April and the winners will be presented with their prize in their classrooms. assembly on Thursday 2nd April.*

### Sporting Success

**A huge thank you to Mr. Gibson and the other staff who have supported our teams in recent events.**

### Congratulations to

**Year 3 and 4 basketball winners**

**Boccia—Gateshead winners - qualified for county finals**

**Year 5/6 Basketball runners up on goal difference -Gateshead wider finals**

**Year 5 and 6 Netball 3rd in qualifiers**

**Performers at the Gateshead School Dance festival.**

### ART BYTES COMPETITION

That time of year again, where it's time to vote for your favourite art work (from the Year 5's) for the Art Bytes competition!

To vote:

Follow the link <https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/windy-nook-primary-school-530/>  
Underneath every shortlisted artwork on each schools' page you will see "VOTE NOW".

Choose one to vote for—When clicking on the vote button, you will need to enter your email, check for a confirmation email and click "confirm" to verify your vote.

Deadline for voting is 19th April. There are prizes for school with most votes.

Thanks for your help!