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Attendance:

	Mars Nursery	Mars Reception	Jupiter Y1	Venus Y2	Earth Y3	Neptune Y4	Saturn Y5	Mercury Y6
Weekly Attendance %	87.3%	95.8%	93.4%	99.6%	94.9%	94.1%	100%	95.7%
Whole School attendance %	95.4%							

News

Free School Meals

You shouldn't have to worry about your child getting the nourishment they need to grow strong and healthy. Free school meals offer a varied menu to cater for all tastes and use quality ingredients from local suppliers.

Did you know:

- you can claim free school meals if you receive Child Benefit and any of the benefits mentioned below
- your child's school will get extra funding if you apply
- it could save you around £500 a year

It's quick and easy to apply - you can do this online or over the phone.

- in most cases you do not need to provide any evidence, however, if we do need any, we will contact you
- no one will know your child is getting free school meals on the basis of your income
- your children will get access to free holiday activities and food with our Brighten the Day - holiday activities and food programme

Your child will qualify for free school meals if you meet **all** the following criteria:

- you or your partner receive Child Benefit (for the child you are applying for)
- the child is in full-time education, under 19 years of age
- the child attends a local authority school or sixth form (but not a sixth-form college). If your child attends nursery, attendance must be full time and your child must attend before and after lunch in a nursery run by Gateshead Council

In addition, you and your partner must receive **one of** the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA - IB)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA Income Related)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (see section 'Families with no recourse to public funds' for information)
- Universal Credit - with a net earned family income of less than £7,400

Even if you are not sure if you qualify, it is worth submitting an application, as eligibility criteria has recently changed.

Please follow this link for more information and to apply: <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

This Week's Achievers are...

Achievement for All

School value: Ambitious

Theme: Excellent art skills

Mars: Aidan Dolan

Earth: Nyla Burdis

Jupiter: Ellis Scattergood

Neptune: Olivia Green

Venus: Kali Bell

Saturn: Lily Brown

Mercury: Fable Newns

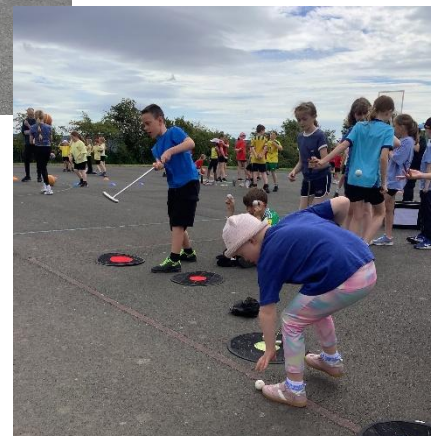
Sports week

What a fantastic start to Sports Week we had, with our visit from Lucy Turner and Chris Kirk. Our first theme was passion - and we saw lots of it as all children across school took part in their sponsored fitness circuit. It was wonderful to see our children motivating each other, with the older ones helping out the younger ones along the way. Lucy then did an assembly for us, where she told us all about her journey to representing GB as a heptathlete.

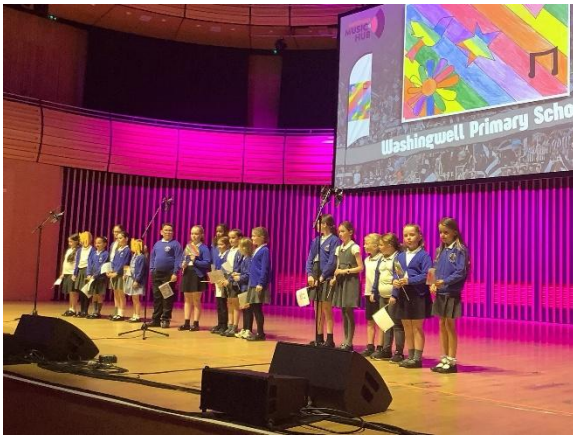
Thanks to everyone who has sent in sponsor money so far. We have until **Monday 22 June** to collect in anymore. You can either bring cash and the sponsor form into school or use the following link to set up a profile <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/119224/promo>



We also enjoyed an exciting Sports Day on Thursday full of fun, friendship and determination. Congratulations to Columbia who were this year's winners and thanks to all of our families who came along to cheer us on.



The Summer Sing



Our school choir had an amazing time performing at The Summer Sing at The Glasshouse on Wednesday. They took to the stage and sang This is Me from The Greatest Showman and The Fate of Ophelia by Taylor Swift, before joining in with another five songs performed by a live band, with a theme of unity and inclusion. I think we may have the next generation of Taylor Swifts on our hands. Well done everyone!



Community

The Raring2go! SUMMER magazine is out now - read it here: [Raring2go! Newcastle, North Tyneside & Gateshead](#)

It's full of ideas for things to do and places to go, many of them FREE.

Holiday camps

Previous attachment **WHERE**

- Week 1 - Emmanuel College, NE11 0AN**
Monday 20th July - Thursday 23rd July 9am - 3pm
- Week 2 - Kenton School, NE3 3RU**
Monday 27th July - Thursday 30th July 9am - 3pm
- Week 3 - Whickham School, NE16 5AR**
Monday 3rd August - Thursday 6th August 9am - 3pm

Age - 4 years to 8 years

Price - £75

To Book:

Email: jtemple@littlekickers.co.uk

Tel: 0191 4066224

#MoreThanJustFootball



Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st August,
9.30am-3pm
£130 per place early bird until 1 June,
£140 thereafter.

Timetable

Tuesday Street Dance day
Wednesday Musical Theatre day
Thursday Pop Inspired day
Friday Get Creative day
EVERY DAY Bring the Energy.



Reminders

Parking around school ...

Please think about the safety of all and park away from the school. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our streets a safe place for all.

'Be cool, park SAFELY away from school'

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mrs Erskine	Saturn	Monday 22 June 2026 – am/pm	Mr Graham
Mr Phillips	Jupiter	Tuesday 23 June 2026 – am/pm	Mr Graham
Miss Tweedy	Earth	Thursday 25 June 2026 – am/pm	Miss Thompson

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Reception Sports Event – 12.30pm Whickham School
Year 1 Forest School Showcase – 1.15pm – *sign-up required*
Year 2 Forest School Showcase – 2.15pm - *sign-up required*

Friday 26 June 2026

Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival – Gateshead Stadium
Year 3 Forest School – pm

Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July 2026

Transition days – all children move up to their new classes
Year 6 visit their respective secondary schools

Tuesday 30 June 2026

Meet the teacher – 3.20pm – parents invited to visit new classroom and meet teacher

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Year 4 Cricket @ Whickham CC

Thursday 2 July 2026

Mars Stay & Play – 2.00pm – parents invited

Friday 3 July 2026

Year 3 & 4 visit to Broom House - *parental consent required*
Year 5 Forest School – pm

Tuesday 7 July 2026

Judo Taster day – all classes – PE kit to be worn
Year 6 SATS Results Day
SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Wednesday 8 July 2026

SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Thursday 9 July 2026

SEND Reviews – end of year reviews with current & new class teacher

Friday 10 July 2026

Annual Reports issued
Year 6 Forest School – pm

Monday 13 July 2026

Break the Rules Day - *more information to follow*

Tuesday 14 July 2026

Whole school visit - South Shields Beach - *more information to follow*

Wednesday 15 July 2026

Leavers Assembly & BBQ – Year 6 parents and family invited

Thursday 16 July 2026

Year 3 visit to Wagamamas - *parental consent required*

Award Ceremony 2.00pm – *not open to parents*

Friday 17 July 2026

Break up for summer holidays 3.20pm – No Whizz Kids tonight.

A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and in line with our policies and procedures, we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

Designated Safeguard Lead: Mrs Hall. Deputy Safeguard Lead: Mrs Tough; Mrs Erskine, Mrs Mustard, Mrs Gardner.