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Our values are at the **HEART** of our school.

Weekly Bulletin 2: Friday 11 September 2026

Weekly Attendance:

Mars (Nursery)	Mars (Reception)	Jupiter	Venus	Earth	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
	97.8%	96.9%	100%	100%	95.5%	99.6%	97.7%

Whole School: **96.6%**

Forest School Resources

Mrs Hedley has asked if anyone in our community can help with the donation of the following to support children's learning during Forest School sessions. If you are able to help with any of the items, please let Mrs Snow in our school office know:

- Solid, large cable reels
- Pallets
- Planks of wood – sturdy enough for children to balance on
- Jerry can with a tap
- Utensils for the mud kitchen – no pots or pans please.
- Garden hose

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Admissions to Reception / Year 7 in September 2027

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2027, the application process enabling you to choose a school for your child is now open. To apply please visit www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions and complete the online application form.

The Year 7 Secondary School deadline is 31 October 2026.

The Reception Primary School deadline is 15 January 2027.

Year 6 open evenings for those transferring to secondary school in September 2027 are as follows:

Whickham School

Thursday 17 September 5.00pm or 7.00pm

Tuesday 22 September 5.00pm or 7.00pm

Bookings can be made on the Year 6 section of their school website.

Kingsmeadow

Thursday 24 September 2026 5.30 pm – 7.30pm

Book your place at <https://forms.gle/ZZT2NVcbarXkwtgb7>

XP Gateshead
Monday 28 September 5.45pm

All of the information regarding the event and the form to sign up to our open evening are on the XP Gateshead website:

<https://xpgateshead.org/year-6-open-evening-monday-28th-september-2026-booking-is-now-open/>

XP operate a Fair Branding process and a Musical Aptitude Admissions option.

More information on our fair banding and musical aptitude admissions can be found here:

<https://xpgateshead.org/how-to-apply-for-a-place-at-xp-gateshead/>

Prospective Parents for Nursery/Reception 2027

If you know of parents who have children who will be starting either Reception or Nursery in September 2027, school tours can be arranged via our school website; www.washingwell.org.uk

Date ammendment

Please note, the return to school date for the Spring term is **Monday 4 January 2027**

Dates

Wednesday 16 September 2026 4.00pm – Early Years parent welcome meeting in Mars classroom. *(Information shared via email from Miss Archibald)*

Friday 18 September 2026 1.15pm – Neptune forest School session.

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Hood	Venus	Wednesday 16 September 2026	Mrs Wright
Mr Sayers	Neptune	Wednesday 16 September 2026	Ms Parker