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

Weekly Bulletin 8: Friday 23 October 2026

Half Termly Attendance:

Mars (Nursery)	Mars (Reception)	Jupiter	Venus	Earth	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
95.2%	92.6%	94.9%	98.2%	98.4%	95.5%	96.3%	96%

Whole School: 96.2%

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated cereal for Gateshead Foodbank. We donated 208 boxes in total and had a very successful Domino Challenge. For those who haven't seen it, please check out our Facebook page. It was a huge success with all our children.

Our House Challenge winners are as follows:

- 1st Discovery - 65 points
- 2nd Endeavour – 55 points
- 3rd Atlantis & Columbia – 44 points

School Photos

You should have received the proof of your child's school photo today. Please return orders to school and post in box which is situated in the main entrance. The deadline for orders is **9.00am Monday 9 November 2026**.

Teacher Training Day

Monday 2 November is a staff training day, so school will be closed to all pupils. School will re-open 7.30am for Whizz Kids, then 8.40am for the whole school on Tuesday 3 November 2026.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation meetings will take place Monday 9, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 November 2026. Appointments are now open for booking via Arbor. Please ensure you sign up as appointments cannot be made outside of these dates due to staff having after school commitments.

Poppy Appeal

Our School Ambassadors will be selling poppies and other merchandise leading up to the Whickham Remembrance Parade on Sunday 8 November, 10.45am at Whickham Cenotaph. Our School Ambassadors will be on the Key Stage 1 yard each morning and after school from Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 November. Please support this good cause and wear your poppy with pride.

Themed School Lunch

On Friday 6 November our school meals provider will be serving a Women's World Cup themed lunch. If you wish your child to enjoy this lunch, please sign up via ParentPay.

Mains: South American Chicken or Veggie Burger in a bun with lettuce & tomato

Sides: Oven Baked Spicy Wedges, Ketchup and Crisp Southern Salad

Dessert: Ice Cream with Peaches & Strawberry Sauce

Community

Neuro network events

Think your child has ADHD or Autism? Our community network events are free and provide advice and support on a range of neuro-diversity topics. Upcoming dates include:

- 25 November – Deckham Family Hub, 9.30 to 11am
- 16 December – Chowdene Family Hub, 12.30 to 2:30pm

https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/36207/Neurodevelopment-support-events?utm_source=Gateshead+Families+bulletin&utm_campaign=fdba9a99ad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2026_10_16_02_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-fdb9a99ad-610344728

Family Information Service (FIS)

Did you know we have a Family Information Service which offers free, confidential and impartial advice and guidance on childcare and early years services in Gateshead?

For information and to see what is available, visit the FIS website.

https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2696/Family-Information-Service-and-directory?utm_source=Gateshead+Families+bulletin&utm_campaign=fdba9a99ad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2026_10_16_02_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-fdb9a99ad-610344728

Parent Talk

If you are looking for parenting advice and support Parent Talk is a great website. Find answers to parenting questions or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free and no topic is too big, small or embarrassing.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Dates:

Sunday 8 November – Whickham Remembrance Parade, 10.45am Whickham Cenotaph

Monday 9 November –Parent consultation meetings 3.30 – 6.00pm, all classes

Tuesday 10 November – Parent Consultation meetings 3.30 -6.00pm all classes **except** Mercury

Tuesday 10 November – Flu immunisations, consent already given

Wednesday 11 November – Parent Consultation meetings 3.30 – 5.00pm Mercury

Thursday 12 November – Saturn transition event at Whickham School, German 1.15pm

Monday 16 November – Anti-Bullying week 'Break the Silence' *more information to follow*

Tuesday 17 November – Mercury, transition event at Whickham School, Science 1.15pm

Wednesday 18 November – SEND Review meetings, invites sent

Friday 20 November – Children in Need *more information to follow*

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Miss Archibald	Mars	Tuesday 3 November 2026 – pm Wednesday 4 November 2026 – am/pm	Mrs Wright
Miss Hood	Venus	Tuesday 3 November 2026 – am/pm Wednesday 4 November 2026 – am/pm	Miss Davidson