



Halloween Activities



Following the success of our Pumpkin Parade last year we are looking to do the same this year. Children can design and make their pumpkin creation at home and then bring it into school on Wednesday 21st October. There will be a small prize for every pumpkin entered as well as a winning entry chosen from each class. Get your creative hats on and glue guns ready! We will also be selling Halloween colouring sheets from the office where children (and adults) can enter our spooky colouring competition 50p per entry—enter as many times as you like. There will also be a Halloween Hamper raffle tickets on sale from the office from next week. We also have a selection of 3D printed Halloween decorations which we will sell after school during the last week of half term Children in Reception—Year 6 are invited to the Halloween Disco at school on Wednesday 21st October 4pm-5.15pm £3 per ticket including a drink, hot dog and snacks.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery— Annabelle

Reception— Harlow

Year 1— Marwa

Year 2— Isla

Year 3— Kara-El

Year 4 – Andaman

Year 5 – Kenzi

Year 6— Star

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 6th October	Y4/5 Great North Museum Visit
Wednesday 7th October	Y2/3 History Workshop in school
Thursday 8th October	School Photograph Day
Friday 16th October	Wear Red Day in support of Show Racism Red Card
Wednesday 21st October	Halloween Disco 4.00pm Reception
Wednesday 21st October	Pumpkins into School
Friday 23rd October	3.20pm School Closes for Half Term

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Key Stage 1 Athletics

This week a team of Key Stage 1 children attended an Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium. We were so impressed by how well the children behaved and took part in a wide range of activities. A big well done to everyone involved.

Operation Encompass

We are an Operation Encompass School. Along with this week's newsletter, you will also have received a letter about Operation Encompass. In school we have key adults to support with this programme. These adults are Mrs Louise Cuthbertson (Headteacher) and Mrs Kirsty Armstrong (Deputy Headteacher).



Just a reminder that in school our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Cuthbertson and Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Raine and Mrs McGuire are all Deputy Safeguarding Leads. If you have any concerns linked to a child please speak to one of us. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Our Whole school target is 96%

Last Weeks Whole School Attendance was

96.1 %

	Last Week	This Year	Lates last week
Nursery	84.8%	86.1%	0
Reception	99.5%	95.3%	1
Year 1	94.9%	95.0%	1
Year 2	95.1%	94.7%	2
Year 3	96.5%	95.8%	0
Year 4	98.2%	98.3%	0
Year 5	96.7%	96.4%	0
Year 6	97.7%	96.9%	7

A big well done Reception!

School 360 Points

This weeks total in school:

9029



School Photos

Next Thursday the photographer will be in school. Anyone wishing to have a photograph with any children who do not attend Barley Mow can come into school via the main entrance from 8.30am. Children in school will have individual photographs and with siblings as applicable.

Online Safety!

This week in assembly we have looked at what we can do to keep ourselves safe online. We shared what to do if the children see something online that makes them worried or scared and how they can report it.