



House Primary Nursery School



Newsletter 6 – 17th October 2025

Opal Platinum Play Party

We're so excited to share that our school has achieved the Double Platinum Award for OPAL! To celebrate this fantastic achievement, we'll be holding a Platinum Play Party on the afternoon of Friday 7th November for all children in school.



**Double
Platinum
Award**
2025 - 2026

Children are invited to come to school wearing platinum colours – silver or grey work perfectly! There's no need to buy anything new – you might have something shiny already, like tinsel, hair sparkles, a silver skirt, or a grey tracksuit.

Alternatively, children can decorate an old T-shirt show their favourite type of play – we'd love to see their creativity! Again, please don't feel you need to spend money for this.

The focus of the day will be on fun, friendship and play, with just a little extra sparkle to mark the occasion. All our usual OPAL play zones will be open – with a few special, sparkly surprises added in!

Our EYFS children will also be joining in with their own Platinum-themed celebrations. More details and permission forms will be shared on Arbor in the coming weeks.

[Article 31 I have the right to relax, rest and play.](#)

Charity Clothes Bank

You may have noticed that we now have a charity clothes bank on site! We'd really appreciate it if you could encourage your family and friends to use it to donate any unwanted clothing. Every donation supports a good cause and helps our school too.

The clothes bank is located next to the main pedestrian gate, and it's open for the whole community to use. Thank you for your support!!

Items that can be recycled.

- Adult clothes
- Children clothes
- Bags
- Accessories
- Paired Shoes
- Bras



Halloween Fun Day



HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

ON FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER WE WILL BE
HOSTING A HALLOWEEN FUN DAY IN SCHOOL.

CHILDREN MAY COME INTO SCHOOL WEARING
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND WILL TAKE PART IN A
RANGE OF HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

WE KINDLY ASK FOR A DONATION OF
£1 PER PUPIL WHICH WILL GO TO OUR
PTA FUND.

Reception Stay and Play



Reception would like to
invite you to our

Stay and Play!

On Tuesday 21st October
at 2pm.

Our Stay and Play will provide an
opportunity to play with your child,
find out what they have been
learning and find out how you can
support them on their phonics
journey.

Family Learning – Reception

YRA

YRB

If you would like to attend, please sign up for your child's session in Arbor under clubs.



Y3 Art Event



We would love to welcome Year 3 parents and carers into school on Thursday 23rd October from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the School Hall to share our artwork. During this session, the children will show you some of the things they have been learning in art, and you'll have the opportunity to work with your child to create a piece of art using similar techniques.

Don't worry if you're not confident with art — this topic is called "Painting with Scissors" and involves cutting and arranging shapes, so there's no drawing involved and it's not too messy! Due to the space available and the nature of the activity, we kindly ask that, where possible, only one adult per family attends, and that younger siblings do not attend.

Please note that 3A will not need Forest School clothes on this day. Their final Forest School session will take place on Thursday 16th October.

We're really looking forward to seeing you!

Extended Christmas Support

We are working with Local Charities to offer support to our families over the Christmas period. This may include, food parcels, toiletries and presents, for your family.

If you would like this support please see our Family Support Worker, Hannah before **Friday 24th October 2025**.



Please note, all conversations will be treated confidentially, this support is not means tested.

OPAL

Lunchtime play has looked a little different towards the end of this week. Our OPAL equipment and resources have been put away, fixed, and tidied up. At this time of year, we naturally store some equipment as our play offer changes with the weather. One of the great benefits of year-round outdoor play is that children get to experience our school grounds in different ways throughout the seasons.



Unfortunately, we have had some issues with equipment use that have not followed our school rules of *Ready, Respectful, Safe*. As a result, we've decided to reduce the number of areas open and reintroduce equipment gradually, closely monitoring how children are taking care of the spaces. Whilst this involves only a small number of children, the impact can be felt more widely, and we want to make sure everyone understands that disrespecting equipment and our grounds is not acceptable.

Some children may have mentioned that lunchtimes feel a bit quieter or less exciting at the moment. While we don't want anyone to feel bored, we do see this as a chance for children to appreciate the amazing play opportunities we usually have. What has been absolutely lovely to see, though, is the return of some classic playground games like Bulldog, Tag, Duck, Duck, Goose, and What's the Time, Mr Wolf? We've also seen lots of creativity and confidence shining through children's play! We look forward to reopening some areas next week.

Kids Looking Wonderful in Wellies

We've seen so many *Children Looking Cool in Coats!* Thank you so much for sending outdoor coats in, even on days when they might not seem necessary — as we all know, the British weather can be full of surprises! It's always best to be prepared.

The newest feature in our OPAL assemblies is... *Kids Looking Wonderful in Wellies!* This is the time of year when we need all children to wear wellies on any grassed areas. Wellies are part of our school uniform list, so please make sure your child brings theirs in and stores them in their class welly shed.

We do have a selection of wellies in school that we can loan to help keep costs down and promote recycling. However, this is no longer an open borrowing system — if your child needs to borrow a pair, please speak to your class teacher, the school office, or Hannah, our Family Support Worker. This helps us make sure we find the correct size for your child.

Please note: **all children will need wellies in school for the Platinum Play Party on Friday 7th November.**

Thank you for your continued support!



Article 31: I have the right

to relax, rest and play.

Article 27: I have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live.

Y1 Phonics Meeting



Nursery Stay and Play



Parents Data on Arbor

Please can you make sure that anyone with Parental Responsibility has at least one contact number and email address along with your home address.

Thank you – School Admin Team



Do you have any?

We are in need of spare underwear and socks in school to be used as spares. If you have any at home that we could be use for our students please donate to the school office.



Fixed Play Equipment

Polite reminder that children are not to play on the fixed play climbing frames before and after school.

Bikes

Could parents/carers please refrain from riding their bikes in the school grounds.

Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.

Smoking & Vaping

Reminder that our whole school site is non-smoking, this includes vapes and e-cigarettes. Please refrain from using these on school grounds.



Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.

Coffee Morning

Hannah, our Family Support Worker is continuing our coffee mornings. These take place every week, on a Tuesday morning from 9–10pm in the lodge. Please come along, everyone is welcome.



Article 5: We have the right to be given guidance by our parents

Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.

School Governor

Could someone you know help shape our school's future?

We're looking for passionate members of the local community to join our governing body as co-opted governors. No prior experience in education is needed — just a commitment to supporting our children and helping our school thrive. If you know someone who'd be a great fit and would like to find out more, please encourage them to get in touch and we can share more information.

Parking Reminder

Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to behave respectfully towards our local residents and fellow parents during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We have received a number of reports regarding confrontations and the use of inappropriate language around children. As a school, we do not condone this behaviour and ask everyone to help us maintain a safe and respectful environment.

When parking, please remember to:

- Park safely and responsibly
- Do not block driveways
- Avoid parking on yellow lines or pavements
- Be kind and considerate to our neighbours



Let's work together to ensure our school community remains safe, respectful, and welcoming for everyone.

Toys from Home

Toys from home are not to be brought into school as they may become lost or broken. If your child requires a 'fidget' toy, then school will supply your child with them from school's own bank of sensory resources.

The Bread & Butter Thing

The bread and butter thing.

In partnership with



New Hub Opening:

DECKHAM

from Thursday 12th June

at Deckham Family Hub, The Elgin Centre,
Elgin Road, Gateshead NE9 5PA

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 12pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- Everyone who signs up before 15 September 2025 will get their first order free.

It's really easy to sign-up:

1



Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: **"DECKHAM"**

2



Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.

3



You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 12pm.

4



Collect and pay for your goods from the DECKHAM hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted.)

SEND
LEGO CLUB

Tuesday 21st October

4:00-5:00pm

Chowdene Family Hub

Children under 12 with additional needs - come along
and join a LEGO building session!
Parents, carers and siblings welcome.

Contact: familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk
Phone: 0191 433 5052



Gateshead
**FAMILY
HUBS**

 **Gateshead
Council**

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Are you ever worried about your child's behaviour and aren't sure how best to help?

Do you want to better understand their needs and support them through those tricky times?

These workshops help parents think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good life for your child and your family.

GATESHEAD

Thursday 20th and 27th of November, and Monday 1st of December

10am - 2pm

Deckham Family Hub, Elgin Centre, Elgin Road,
Gateshead NE9 5PA

Booking is essential. Please note you need to attend all 3 days of the course.

I wish it was
available to all
parents.

I loved hearing
other people's
stories about their
own families!

I felt valued and
supported.



If someone in your family is **under 18**, and is **autistic**, **has a learning disability** or is **waiting for a diagnosis** of autism or a learning disability, please come along.

To **book your place**, get in touch with **Skills for People** and ask for the **PBS team**.

Tel: 0191 281 8737 or e-mail:
information@skillsforpeople.org.uk



Health Education England

NHS



Positive
Behavioural
Support
NORTH EAST & NORTH CUMBRIA



NHS

North East and
North Cumbria

Let's Celebrate!

Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime.

If any class has 100% attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	92.21%	Y3B	96.43%
YRB	95.23%	Y4A	93.55%
Y1A	97.76%	Y4B	92.22%
Y1B	95%	Y5A	96.67%
Y2A	95.89%	Y5B	98.1%
Y2B	85.63%	Y6A	95.33%
Y3A	93.09%	Y6B	96.44%
Whole School Attendance:		94.97%	

This Week's Superstars



I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly!

Our superstars for this week are as follows

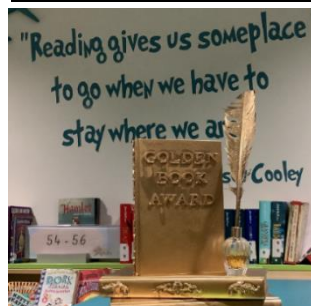
Year Group	
Reception	Arthur B & Srinish V
Y1	Stuart L & Esmay B
Y2	Spencer M & Francesca McL
Y3	Kendall R & Darcy C
Y4	Esmay M & Ross S
Y5	Benjamin M & Skye K
Y6	Lacey C & Ebony R

Times Table Rockstars



Highest Coin Earners		Class
1st	Logen D	Y4A
2nd	Dylan N	Y4A
3rd	Jace S	Y4A
Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed		
1st	Joshua L	Y3B
2nd	Alfie B	Y4B
3rd	Abbie D	Y6B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y4A		

Accelerated Reader



Children in Y2 - Y6 who have read the highest number of quizzes in their Year group this week are:



Name	Year Group
William G	Y2
Arya P	Y3
Lily O	Y4
JJ W	Y5
Lily D	Y6
Golden Book Winner	Y6B

The Golden Book goes to the Class with the greatest number of quizzes completed.

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
21 st October 25	Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents
22 nd October 25 9-10am 10.15-11.15	YR Autumn Crafts Family Learning	Reception Parents (please book via Arbor)
23 rd October 25	Y3 Art Event	Y3 Parents
24 th October	Halloween Fun Day	Whole School
24 th October	Last Day of Half Term	Whole School
27th – 31st October	Half Term	Whole School
3rd November 25	First Day Back	Whole School
7 th November	OPAL Day	Whole School
3 rd November	Y1 Phonics Meeting	Y1 Parents
15 th December	Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Parents
19 th December 25	Last Day of Term	Whole School

Out of School Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to office@lingeyschool.org

A Huge Well Done to... Owen!

Owen took part in the Restart a Heart campaign yesterday, learning how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

Well done Owen.



A Huge Well Done to... Preston!

Preston was out for dinner in London last Sunday when he spotted a famous author Michael Wayne Rosen who kindly took a picture with him.

Well done Preston.