



October 2026 Newsletter



Pride in Place

Thank you to everyone who attended our Pride in Place event earlier this month.

It was lovely for parents and children to be able to share their thoughts and have a say in what they would like to see in our community.

All of your feedback has been recorded and will be evaluated by the board so they are able to guide any investment plans. Direct feedback from those that live in our neighbourhood is so important to help ensure that the chosen projects reflect the real priorities of Biddick Hall residents.



Parent Governor Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy available for a Parent Governor and will be holding an election to fill this position.

Becoming a Parent Governor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure our pupils get the best possible education.

Please note no formal qualifications or experience is required however governors are expected to uphold utmost confidentiality at all times and will need to undergo relevant checks prior to being appointed, including a DBS check.

I would like to offer any interested parents the opportunity to meet with me to discuss this further. Hopefully this will help you make an informed decision as to whether you would like to stand for election. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor could I ask that you please call the school on 0191 9330830 to arrange a convenient time to attend a discussion meeting.

As we approach the end of this half-term, we are saying a fond farewell to our dedicated Admin Officer, Gemma Newton.

Gemma has been at the heart of our school office offering a warm welcome and supporting staff and families. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work and kindness and ask you to join us in wishing her all the best in her new chapter!

Applications for Nursery 2027

We are now accepting applications for nursery for September 2027.

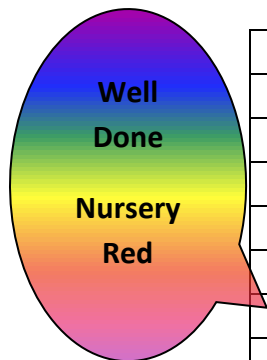
If your child is due to start nursery September 2027 and you have not yet applied for a nursery place, please collect an application form from the school office.

Applications for Reception 2027

Nursery Parents – It is essential you complete an application for a place for your child in reception for September 2027.

Applications can be found at:
<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1494/Apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place>

PLEASE NOTE – A PLACE IN OUR NURSERY DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU A PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL
Please complete your application as soon as possible
APPLICATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY



	11/9/26	18/9/26	25/9/26	2/10/26	9/10/26	16/10/26	Total
Nursery (AM)	92.2	89.7	90.4	90.4	97.4	89.9	91.8
Nursery (PM)	97.6	87.1	90.6	88.2	96.5	92.2	92
Nursery (Red)	100	97.5	97.5	97.5	97.5	100	98.2
Orange	93.7	97.4	89.5	94	94	85	92.2
Yellow	97.4	92.1	92.6	92.1	91.1	88.6	92.6
Green	91.2	82.4	92.8	96	92	90.7	90.9
Blue	100	96.4	97.2	97.6	91.2	96	96.4
Indigo	97.9	97.2	94.8	89.7	96.3	88.9	94.5
Violet	94.7	90.7	92.7	97.3	95	96.7	94.3
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Harvest

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Hospitality & Hope will be coming into school to collect all of your donations. I know they will be thrilled with what we have achieved and very grateful for your support.



Please note all KS1 PE lessons are now on the following days:

Class	PE Days
Green	Tuesday & Thursday
Blue	Tuesday & Thursday
Indigo	Monday & Wednesday
Violet	Monday & Wednesday

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 19 th October	Y1 Trip to The Marine Park
Monday 19 th October	Yellow Class Reading Talk 1.30pm
Monday 19 th October	Orange Class Reading Talk 2pm
Monday 19 th October	KS1 Exhibition – Those invited to attend have received a separate message
Tuesday 20 th October	KS1 Exhibition – Those invited to attend have received a separate message
Tuesday 20 th October	Nursery Stay & Play (Morning Children 10.15am/Afternoon and 30hr children 2pm)
Friday 23 rd October	Y2 Oracy Café - Further info to follow
Friday 23 rd October	Last Day – Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Back to School
Monday 9 th Nov/Tuesday 10 th Nov	Reception Vision Screenings in School
Thursday 12 th November	Indigo Class Parents Meetings – Further info to follow
Thursday 12 th November	Y1 Trip to South Shields Museum
Friday 13 th November	Violet Class Parents Meetings– Further info to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Green Class Parents Meetings – Further info to follow
Friday 20 th November	Blue Class Parents Meetings – Further info to follow
Thursday 26 th November	Reception Parents Meetings – Further info to follow
Friday 27 th November	Rec/Y1/Y2 to The Customs House Panto
Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery Trip to Winter Wonderland
Tuesday 15 th December	Nursery Sing Along
Wednesday 16 th December	Y2 Trip to Preston Park
Friday 18 th December	Last Day Break up for Christmas