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Welcome Back to Autumn 2

Welcome back to the Autumn 2 term. We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break.

Last half term was incredibly busy, and we were impressed with how quickly and maturely the children settled into their new classes. They have continued to demonstrate our **RESPECT** values every day and have been excellent ambassadors for our school. It has been fantastic to see the children so engaged, confident and enthusiastic in their learning. Each class has achieved so much already, and we are very proud of all they have accomplished during their first half term.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term, with lots of enjoyable activities and special events planned as we approach Christmas.

Please take a moment to read the reminders below and check the important dates on the attached calendar. While we will do our best to send reminders about upcoming events, this may not always be possible during such a busy term. We therefore encourage you to make a note of any dates that are relevant to your child to ensure you do not miss anything important.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Attendance and Punctuality Matter

Every day really does count!

Regular attendance and arriving at school on time are some of the most important ways we can support children's success. Children who attend school consistently are more likely to make strong academic progress, build confidence, develop important life skills, and enjoy positive friendships as part of our school community.

Our school attendance target is **96% or above**, and we are grateful for the support families provide in helping us achieve this.

Please remember that **the school day starts promptly at 8:45am**. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly into their learning, participate in important morning activities, and start the day feeling confident and ready to learn. Even a few minutes late each day can add up to a significant amount of lost learning over the course of the year.

You can help by:

- Ensuring children attend school every day whenever possible.
- Arriving in school before **8:45am** so children are ready to learn when lessons begin.
- Booking family holidays during school holiday periods.
- Contacting the school no later than **9.30am** if your child is unwell or unable to attend.



Breakfast Club / Afterschool Club Bookings



Any sessions for Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club **must** be booked and paid for at least 48 hours in advance via ParentPay. These clubs are becoming very busy and therefore any last minute bookings might not be possible due to staffing ratio requirements.

School Dinner Orders



A reminder that School dinners must be ordered a week in advance by the **Thursday** each week. If you do not select choices for your children by the Thursday, your child will automatically be given the hot option each day.

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day 2026

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be participating in Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November to celebrate what makes us all unique!



Lockdown Drill



As part of our health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities, all schools are required to carry out regular lockdown drills, just as we routinely practise fire evacuations.

We will be carrying out our annual lockdown drill in the coming weeks. This is simply a practice exercise to help children and staff know what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Before the drill takes place, all children will be told that it is only a practice. Staff will explain the activity in an age-appropriate and reassuring way, helping children to feel comfortable and confident throughout. For our younger pupils, we may describe it as practising how to stay safe and quiet if an unexpected visitor, such as a dog, were to come into the building.

Our aim is simply to help everyone feel prepared and safe while minimising any worry or anxiety.

Careers Education

Exciting Careers Education Opportunities

This year, we will continue working in partnership with the **North East Ambition Primary Careers Team** to embed careers education across our curriculum and throughout all year groups.

Through this collaboration, children will have the opportunity to learn about a wide range of careers, develop aspirations for their future, and make meaningful links between their learning and the world of work. We are particularly excited to draw on local and regional partnerships to bring these experiences to life.

We have already established a number of valuable connections and have an exciting programme of projects, workshops, and events planned for the year ahead.

Please keep an eye on our **Class Dojo** pages for regular updates on the fantastic activities taking place.



Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines



Parking Reminder

We are proud to be part of a supportive local community and kindly ask all parents and carers to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

We continue to receive concerns about parking around the school and along Ringway, including blocked driveways, double parking, and vehicles stopping on the yellow lines. We appreciate that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, but these restrictions are in place to keep everyone safe, particularly our children.

Please park considerately, respect our local residents, and remember that the yellow lines outside school should not be used for parking or waiting at any time. By working together and setting a positive example, we can help keep our school community safe, respectful, and welcoming for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Pantomime

We have booked our annual pantomime trip for children in Years 1 to 6. This year, we will be visiting the Whitley Bay Playhouse to enjoy a performance of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* on Friday 11th December. Further details to follow.



Christmas Raffle Donations

Christmas Raffle and Christmas Fayre

On **Friday 20th November**, children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** in exchange for a donation to our Christmas raffle. Suggested donations include chocolates, sweets, bottles, toys, toiletries, gift sets, books and other festive treats. We would also be very grateful for any voucher prizes donated by local businesses, so please get in touch if you have any business contacts who may be able to help.

Our **Christmas Fayre and Shopping Evening** will take place on **Thursday 26th November from 5:00pm to 6:30pm**. There will be a range of stalls from local sellers, as well as a raffle, tombola and refreshments to enjoy.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely festive evening and thank you for your support in helping us raise funds for our school.



Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children are welcome to come into school wearing full non uniform (something bright, wearing pyjamas or something Pudsey/Blush).

Thank you for your support.



Class Dojo Points Tuck Shop



This half-term, our School Council will be re-introducing their school tuck shop. Children will have the opportunity to visit the tuck shop once every half-term to spend the Class Dojo points they have earned the previous term. The tuck shop will consist of:

- Science activities.
- Small toys.

Online Safety Guides for Parents



We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow this link for useful online safety guides from The National College.

School Calendar for Autumn 2 Term 2026

Monday 2nd November	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Children Return to School
Friday 6th November	House winners' non-uniform – Fire
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 11th November	KS2 School Council representing Ringway at Bomarsund Welfare Remembrance Day service
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Flu immunisations
Friday 20th November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre Donation
Thursday 26th November	Christmas Fayre Evening 5pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 1st December	Year 1 and 2 Xmas Film Evening
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 3 and 4 Xmas Film Evening
Thursday 3rd December	Year 5 and 6 Xmas Film Evening
Monday 7th December	Years 5 and 6 Performance 9.30am
Monday 7th December	Years 3 and 4 Performance 2pm
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery/Reception Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December	Years 1 and 2 Performance 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	Tiddlywinks Session – Nursery/Reception
Friday 11th December	Year 1 - Year 6 visit to Whitley Bay Pantomime
Monday 14th December	Rock Steady Concert 9.30am
Monday 14th December	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party (am) Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 15th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Wednesday 16th December	Year 5 and 6 Film afternoon (pm)
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	School finishes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

TERM DATES 2026/2027

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2026/2027

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Tuesday 1 September 2026	
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	Wednesday 2 September 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 2 November 2026	
October Mid Term 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	Tuesday 3 November 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 January 2027	
Christmas/New Year 26/27	Friday 18 December 2026	Tuesday 5 January 2027
Spring Mid Term 2027	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 12 April 2027	
Easter 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027	Tuesday 13 April 2027
MAY DAY	Monday 3 May 2027	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Friday 28 May 2027	
Summer Mid Term 2027	Thursday 27 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2027
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 6 September 2027	
Summer 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027	Tuesday 7 September 2027