



Newsletter Autumn 1 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, spending quality time together as a family.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this morning, where they have been busy catching up with their friends and settling into their new classrooms and routines. A special welcome goes out to our new playgroup, nursery, and reception children who have joined our Ringway family; it truly is an exciting time for them all.

Myself and staff are all excited to get started with the academic year and look forward to continuing our partnership with you in supporting your children's learning.

As you can see, there has been lots of progress on the external parts of the site over summer. All works are due to be complete by 16th October. This will include our staff car park and larger playgrounds for the children.

Please ensure that you have read the 'September 2026 Information' letter that was sent home with the children in their new school bags on transfer day back in July. This letter is also available on our website under the 'Key Information' tab and provides important details about school systems and procedures.

As a reminder, I have attached some of the information to this newsletter. Important dates for the term are also included at the end of this newsletter; we will provide further information about each event as the dates approach.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support; it is truly appreciated.

Mrs L Robson

Breakfast Club/ Afterschool Club



Places at Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club must be **booked in advance** using ParentPay. We are now providing places for our playgroup children, and due to the smaller staffing ratio requirements for this age group, **we cannot book places on the day.**

School Dinners



School dinners will continue to be ordered through ParentPay. School dinners cost £2.40 per day, or £12 per week. We ask that orders are placed a week in advance, by Thursday each week. If you do not select meals for your child by Thursday, they will automatically be given the hot option each day.

Earrings



Where our uniform policy allows one small pair of stud earrings, we would also like to remind parents that earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons. If your child wears earrings to school, they will need to be removed either by the child or by parents before the school day, or covered with medical tape for PE lessons. This should only be done for a short period while ears are healing. Tape will need to be provided and applied by the child; staff are not able to assist children with this.

As per the Association for PE guidance and Places Leisure policy, earrings must be fully removed and cannot be covered during gymnastics and swimming sessions, even if the ears are still healing. Therefore, because pierced ears require six weeks to heal, we strongly advise that children do not get their ears pierced during the school year, as this will significantly affect their access to PE lessons in school.

School Times/ Lateness



School Start Times

School starts for all pupils at 8.45am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late. Anyone who is late must enter school through the main reception door to ensure that they are signed in.

School closes for all pupils at 3.15pm.

If your child has permission to walk home in Years 4, 5 or 6, written consent must be provided. They will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

Any absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence by 9.30am. Attendance and lateness will be recorded and monitored, and the school will follow the correct procedures to refer to the Educational Welfare Officer, if and when needed.

Curriculum Coverage



Parents can view the curriculum covered in their child's year group, detailing the topics and areas within the curriculum they will cover, on our school website. They will also receive topic overview letters electronically (via Class Dojo) each half term.

Water in Water Bottles



We are aware that this has been discussed in parent WhatsApp groups. Our school policy states that children should have plain water only in their water bottles. We would be grateful for parents' support in ensuring that only plain water is sent to school in water bottles. If staff are made aware that a child has something other than plain water in their bottle, they will remind the child of the expectation and ask that this is followed the following day.

Our Safeguarding Team



Home/School Communication - Abuse to Staff



Our team at Ringway works tirelessly to provide the best possible experiences and outcomes for our children, often going above and beyond in their roles. It is crucial that we foster a respectful environment in which all staff members feel supported. Therefore, I must emphasise that we will not tolerate any form of abuse towards our staff, either directly or over the telephone.

Our School Communication Policy and our Parental Conduct Policy clearly outline the steps we will take if any abuse towards our staff occurs. Our Policy can be found on this tab on our website [Parent Conduct Policy](#)

We always encourage positive relationships between staff and parents. Should you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact the school in line with our communication policy. A calm and collaborative approach is always the best way to resolve any issues together. We must set a good example for our children by demonstrating kindness and respect towards everyone.

Furthermore, if you become aware of any instances of abusive behaviour towards staff within parent WhatsApp groups, I kindly ask you to report them to the school so that we can take appropriate action.

If you would like to discuss a matter with a member of staff, a suitable time can be arranged by contacting the school office.

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Email: admin@guidepostringway.northumberland.sch.uk

Harvest/Coffee Mornings



In the week beginning 5th October, each class will host a small harvest assembly for parents and carers. We would like to invite you to stay afterwards and join us for a coffee morning. The dates are attached to the newsletter. More details will follow closer to the time.

This year, we would like to continue raising money for St Oswald's Hospice, and any donations collected at these mornings will be donated to them.

We will also be holding our usual harvest collection, and any donations for this will go to our local food bank.

Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines



I do apologise for having to include this in every newsletter, however traffic and parking continues to be a concern outside school, on the yellow lines and along Ringway. Unfortunately, at present staff are needing to park on the road too, which has taken up a lot of available space next to school. Please be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and remember that the yellow lines should not be parked on at any time. This is for the safety of the children and applies to all parents at all times during the day. Please also do not park over residents' driveways. We will continue to educate the children about the importance of this, but we do really need to rely on parents and carers to support us with this.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Please note a change to the original dates posted on our website. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 7th September 2027 after the summer break.

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

School Calendar for Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day
Monday 14 th September	Reception Baseline
Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day
Monday 5 th October	Assessment Week in School. Harvest Collection.
Monday 5 th October	LKS2 Harvest Performance/Coffee Morning (Year 3 and Year 4) 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Nursery Harvest stay and play/coffee morning 9.30am-10.30am. Reception Harvest stay and play/coffee morning 2pm-3pm.
Wednesday 7 th October	KS1 Harvest Performance/Coffee Morning (Year 1 and Year 2) 9.30am-10.30am
Thursday 8 th October	UKS2 Harvest Performance/Coffee Morning (Year 5 and Year 6) 9.30am-10.30am
Friday 9 th October	'Hella Yellow' Mental Health Day
Monday 12 th October	Parents Evening Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 13 th October	Parents Evening Nursery and Reception
Friday 16 th October	Autumn Reports sent to parents
Monday 19 th October	Parents Evening Year 1 – Year 6
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening Year 1 – Year 6
Thursday 22 nd October	School Photos
Thursday 22 nd October	KS2 Halloween Disco
Friday 23 rd October	Halloween Theme Day/ Nursery, Rec, KS1 Halloween parties
Friday 23 rd October	School finishes for Half Term at 3.15pm

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