

# Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

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 week, 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 will know, we have a very busy yet exciting year ahead! Over the summer, significant building work has been underway with our new build, which is still on track for completion in April 2026 with the children moving into the new building after the Easter break.

Additionally, we are in the process of renovating the onsite caretaker's house, which will become our two-year-old provision nursery space later this year.

Please ensure that you have read the 'September 2025 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 'Letters Home' 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. Due to staffing ratios, we can not guarantee places booked on the day.

#### **School Dinners**



School dinners will continue to be ordered using ParentPay. School dinners cost £2.40 per day (£12 a week). We request that these are 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.

## **Earrings**



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

As per the Association for PE guidance and Blyth Sports Centre policy, earrings must be fully removed and are not permitted to be covered during gymnastics and swimming sessions (even if ears are still in the healing period). Therefore, due to the 6 weeks healing time needed for pierced ears, we strongly advise that children do not get their ears pierced during the school year as it will have a significant impact on the access to their PE lessons in school.

#### **School Times/Lateness**



School starts for all pupils at 8.45am, with registers closing at 8.50am. 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 they are signed in.

School will close for all pupils at 3.15pm.

If your child has permission to walk home (Year 4, 5 and 6 - written consent must be provided for this), they will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

Any absences must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Attendance and lateness will be recorded and monitored and school will follow the procedures to refer to the EWO (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.

### **Our Safeguarding Team**



If you are concerned about a child please talk to us

#### **Home/School Communication - Abuse to Staff**



Over the past year, we have witnessed an increasing number of instances where parents have been rude or abusive to our staff, either directly or via telephone.

Our team at Ringway work 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 where all staff members feel supported. Therefore, I must emphasise that we will not tolerate any form of abuse towards our staff.

I have worked closely with our Governors during the summer term to review and update both our School Communication Policy and our Parental Conduct Policy. We will be sharing these documents with you all shortly, these clearly outline the steps we will take if any abuse towards our staff occurs.

We always encourage positive relationships between staff and parents. Should you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact the school following 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 all.

Furthermore, if you become aware of any instances of abusive behaviour towards staff within parent WhatsApp groups, I kindly ask you to report these 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.

Telephone: 01670 813463

Email: admin@guidepostringway.northumberland.sch.uk

#### **Coffee Mornings**



As some of you may be aware, sadly one of our school parents passed away during the summer holidays. We know how much Amanda meant to many of you, and in her memory, we want to come together as a school community. Each year, in September, we host coffee mornings to help raise money for Macmillan charity, which is always a lovely way to connect with one another over a warm drink and some treats.

This year, we would like to dedicate these events to raising money for St Oswald's Hospice, a local hospice that do incredible work within our community and who provided such compassionate care to Amanda in her final days.

We hope you can join us for the coffee mornings (dates attached on Newsletter). More details to follow closer to the dates.

#### **Forest School Dates**

Date	Forest school
	Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Y5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Y4
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Y3
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Y2
Wednesday 1st October	
_	Reception
Wednesday 1st October	
	Y1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	
	Nursery
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	_

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and a change of footwear for their allocated session.

## **Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines**



Apologies that I must write this on every Newsletter, however traffic and parking continues to be a concern outside of school, on the yellow lines and along Ringway. Please be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times. 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 resident's driveways.

We will continue to educate the children of the importance of their parents/carers not stopping here and the safety reasons for this but we really need to rely on parents/carers to support us with this.

#### Term Dates 2025-2026

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2025/2026

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025	
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025
October Mid Term 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 5 JANUARY 2026	
Christmas/New Year 25/26	Friday 19 December 2025	Tuesday 6 January 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026 * This falls within the holiday	
Spring Mid Term 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 17 April 2026 * This falls within the holiday MONDAY 20 April 2026	
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	Tuesday 21 April 2026
MAY DAY	MONDAY 4 MAY 2026	
Summer Mid Term 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer 2026	Friday 17 July 2026	Tuesday 1 September 2026

# **School Calendar for Autumn Term 2025**

Monday 1st September	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 10th September	Year 6 Forest School
Wednesday 10th September	Year 5 Forest School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Baseline
Wednesday 17th September	Year 4 Forest School
Wednesday 17th September	Year 3 Forest School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Coffee Morning (Nursery/Reception Parents) 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 24th September	Coffee Morning (Year 1 and Year 2) 9.30am-10.30am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	LKS2 Coffee Morning (Year 5 and 6) 9.30am-10.30am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	UKS2 Coffee Afternoon (Year 3 and Year 4) 9.30am-10.30am
Monday 30th September	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 1st October	Year 2 Forest School
Wednesday 1st October	Reception Forest School
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	National Poetry Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Assessment Week in School
Wednesday 8th October	Year 1 Forest School
Wednesday 8th October	Nursery Forest School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Reports sent to parents
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Collection
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening Nursery – Year 5
Tuesday 21st October	Parents Evening Nursery – Year 6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening – Year 6 only
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	KS2 Halloween Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Theme Day/ Nursery, Rec, KS1 Halloween parties
Friday 24th October	School finishes for Half Term at 3.15pm

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children Return to School
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	House winners' non-uniform
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 21st November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre Donation
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre Evening 5pm – 6.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Performance 9.30am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Performance 2pm
Tuesday 9th December	Years 5 and 6 Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Performance 9.30am
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 - Year 6 visit to Pantomime
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party (am)
	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Film afternoon (pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes for Christmas break at 1.30pm
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Autumn 2 Forest School dates to be confirmed