



# Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

## @ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 8**

24.10.2025

## Half Term



It has been a very busy term, and we hope that **@ The School Gate** has given families a useful insight into life at RTPS. We are delighted at how well Reception have settled and they have loved meeting their buddies. I'd like to remind Y6 families of the deadline for Secondary school applications; there is more information on page 5. We'd also like to remind families that the clocks go back this weekend. We hope that families have a safe and restful half term and look forward to welcoming children back in November.

# Reception

What a busy first half term we've had at school! We have been learning about all things linked to Autumn and have particularly enjoyed learning about celebrations like Diwali and Halloween.

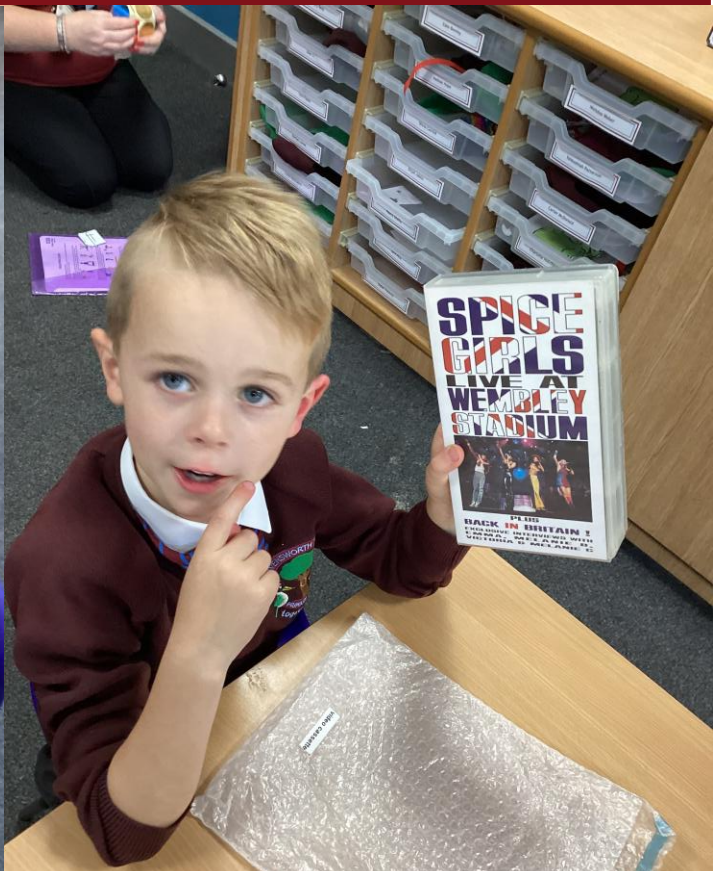




Children across school have been learning about Diwali - The Festival of Lights. Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word 'dipavali' and means row of lights. The festival which normally lasts over five days - celebrates the story of Rama and Sita's return home from 14 years of exile. The story of Ramayana shows how good won over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. We'd like to wish all of our Hindu families a happy Diwali.

# Year 1

This week has been very exciting in Year 1. We have travelled back in time to the 1950's and explored lots of artefacts from this time period. We made lots of predictions and were excited to find out what each artefact was and how it was used.



# Secondary Schools

A reminder for Y6 families that they can apply for Secondary schools now. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Gateshead residents

APPLY HERE



**Admission to  
Secondary School**

Guide for Parents/Carers  
2026/2027



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**children**  
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# Year 2

Year 2 will be writing list poems under the heading 'Ten Things Found in a Witch's Bag'. This week they have been generating lots of exciting vocabulary to use in their spooky Halloween poems.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Expanded noun phrases



Things found in the  
bag



a wicked, toxic Mable

a hairy, fat Bat

a greeneyed, nobby toad toad

a Blood sucking, poisonous Bat

a Black, dangerous Spider

a Stripy, brown bug

a slimy, horrid Pot

a Sluzy, cloudy Web

an enchanted, moldy apple apple

a longly, carved Pouncing



# RTPS HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday 6th November  
4:30–6:00pm

Tickets £3 per child, accompanying adult free.

Glitter tattoos, mystery boxes, spooky games,  
scavenger hunt, Halloween disco and more.

Refreshments, hotdogs and a pocket money  
stall at additional cost.

Tickets available  
to purchase via  
school comms.



# Harvest Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food to our harvest collection this year. Some of our School Council members helped to bag it all up and delivered it to our local food bank, where it will be sorted and delivered to families in Gateshead.



# Year 3 News

This week in Year 3, we've been diving into spreadsheets using Purple Mash's 2Calculate advanced software. The children have been learning all about cell addresses – understanding how each cell has a unique name based on its column and row, just like coordinates on a map! To put their new skills into action, they used this knowledge to create colourful pixel-style pictures, entering colours into specific cells. They then extended their learning by exploring a digital treasure map. The children worked on identifying the correct cell addresses of different icons hidden across the map.



# Sporting Success

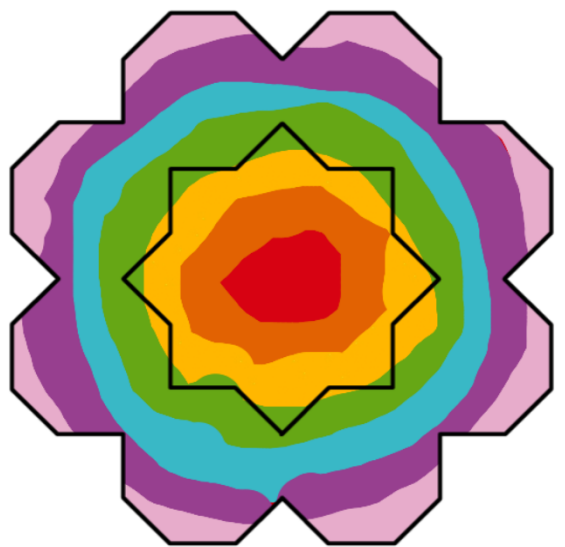
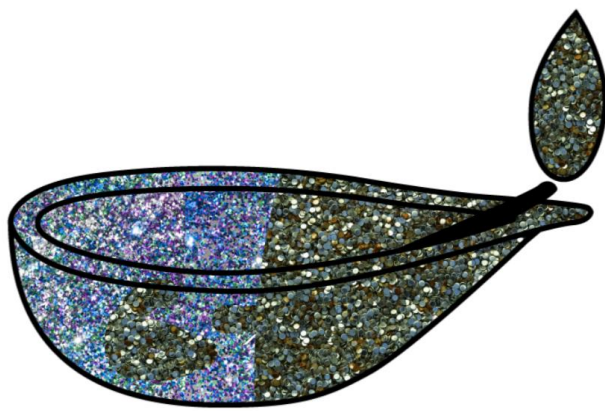


**School football has finished until next Easter, and we have had a fabulous start. We are unbeaten in the league and came 4th out of 20 schools in the cup! Every child has shown so much commitment to come to training and matches every week this term. Ms Ingles is a super proud coach and she's looking forward to the start of next season to try and win the league cup!**

**Some of our children from Y5&6 went to an indoor athletics competition which involved running, jumping and throwing. We came 4th and missed out on a medal by just 6 points and were very close to receiving bronze. Again, they worked so hard giving their all in this competition.**

# Year 4

This week, we have learnt about Diwali - 'The Festival of Light'. This week, many Hindus are celebrating this fantastic festival. We learnt all about what they do to prepare and why they do it. In computing, children designed their own Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps. Happy Diwali to those that celebrate.



*Happy*  
**Diwali!**

# Year 5

We are so proud of how well the children did in the Harvest Festival last week- they blew us away! Each and every person put their heart and soul into it and the outcome was excellent - well done Year 5! To continue the performance theme, on Monday, we went to see 'Singing in the Rain' at Lord Lawson, and it was spectacular! The talent was amazing and so many of us were really inspired by it.



# FAMILY FUN DAY

**Friday 31 October**

at **Gateshead International Stadium**

Join us 10am-12:30pm for:

- Inflatable Games
  - Football
  - Multi Sports
  - Face Painting
- ...and more!

All ages welcome, but children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**FREE** to sign up. Reserve your place at

**[www.gateshead.gov.uk/familyfunday](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/familyfunday)**



If you'd like to reserve your place,  
follow this link below.

**CLICK HERE**



It was very hard to choose competition winners but we're sure you'll agree the winning entries are well-deserving.

Reception	Olly	Y1/2	Connie
Y3/4	Noah	Y5/6	Maria





## Autumn's Aria

The amber air awakens, whispering low,

Painting the path with a patient glow.

Leaves, like weary wanderers, weep from the tree,

Swinging in sorrow, they sing to the breeze.

The forest fashions a fiery crown,

As gold and garnet gently glide down.

Each branch bows bravely, bidding goodbyes

While twilight trembles across the sky.

The meadow murmurs, the maples creak,

"Summer has sailed, and we stand alone."

Yet in their falling, a fierce truth glows:

That beauty is brief, yet 't boldly bears.

So autumn, the artist, with delicate hand,

Spreads scarlet stories across the land.

In every echo, the earth admits -

There is wonder in endings, and grace in its quiet.



# Year 6 News

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Safety Works this week! They took part in engaging, hands-on activities and learned valuable life skills about managing peer pressure, staying safe on the roads, and understanding the dangers around railway lines.



# House Points

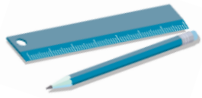


Millennium  
Bridge

8129



7152



Queen  
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

7567



6056



Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more  
about our reward systems

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# Attendance



**96.6%**  
Whole school

<b>Rec A</b>	<b>Miss Dorner</b>	<b>97.2</b>
<b>Rec B</b>	<b>Miss Phazey</b>	<b>98.5</b>
<b>1A</b>	<b>Mrs Johnson</b>	<b>96.4</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mrs Linsley</b>	<b>95.8</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Mrs Clelland &amp; Mrs Kirk</b>	<b>95.5</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchinson</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	<b>97.6</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Ms Attwood &amp; Miss Stafford</b>	<b>97.1</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mrs Beard</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>Mrs Kane &amp; Mrs Clewes</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Mrs Grieves &amp; Miss Shepherdson</b>	<b>97.0</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>Mr Catton</b>	<b>96.0</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Miss Iredale</b>	<b>96.3</b>

**Ready** | **Respectful** | **Safe**

# Week 9 after Half Term



## PE



Mon	Y1
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y2 & Y5



## Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

**Mon**

Artventurers & Gymnastics

**Tue**

Forest School & Football

**Wed**

Multisport & Artventurers

**Thu**

Forest School & Football



## Clubs

**School menu**

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

**WEEK 3**

Click on Week 3 for next week's menu