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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you have all managed to stay warm during this very cold week. It certainly has been bitter.

Next week, we are delighted to offer all the children a **free school meal** on Thursday 16th. Please see the message from Mrs Reynolds with details of how to book on Arbor. Then on Friday, you are all invited to St Alban's Church for 10am Mass which Year 4 are preparing and leading. They will be delighted to see you there too.

Punctuality: Please remember that Mr Cullen and I aim to lock the school gates on Rothbury Avenue and Duke Street promptly at 9am each day. Make sure you have enough time to exit, especially onto Duke Street, and are not locked in. Thank you.

Reception Class 2025: Just a reminder that the closing date for applications into our Reception class for September 2025 is Wednesday 15th January so, for anyone hoping for a place, please make sure your paperwork has been sent to Gateshead Council to secure your place with us. We also have a few spaces left in our nursery so please be in touch if you, or someone you know, would like a place in our school nursery.

Attendance: Our whole school attendance was 98% today which is excellent. Well done to all children with continued good attendance, coming to school every day they are well enough. And well done to all classes with attendance at or above 97%.

YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
100%	96.9%	97.3%	91.8%	98%	96%	95.9%	96.9%

First Holy Communion Dress pop-up shop will open on Saturday 8 February, 10am to 4pm, at Bishop Wilkinson Headquarters. Please see the attached flyer for full details. Donations are also gratefully received.

NHS Pharmacy First Service Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available here as an [animation](#).

With kind regards,
M Robinson
Headteacher

Your Eco Committee says: Try to limit food waste. Buy only what you need and freeze leftovers where possible.



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