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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another Busy Week in School!

This morning, we gathered together for our Harvest Assembly, which was led by **Father Jonny from St Cuthbert's Church**. The children enjoyed taking part in the assembly and spending time reflecting on the themes of gratitude, kindness and helping others within our community.

We would also like to remind parents about our Nut-Free School Policy. We have pupils in school with severe nut allergies and therefore kindly ask that no nut products are sent into school. Nuts can often be found in cereal bars, chocolate spreads and other packaged foods, so please take a moment to check labels carefully. Your support helps us to keep all children safe.

This week, children across the school have continued to enjoy a range of exciting learning opportunities and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement both in and out of the classroom. Year 4 visited Gibside for a pond dipping session as part of their learning. Once again, we received lovely feedback from the venue staff about how polite, kind and well-behaved our children were throughout the visit. As a Head Teacher, it is always a pleasure to receive such positive comments and pass them on to the children. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and made us incredibly proud.

Christmas Fayre Raffle Donations

Preparations for our Christmas Fayre are already underway, and we are now looking for donations for our raffle.

If you, your family, or your employer are able to donate a prize, we would be delighted to hear from you. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help make the event a memorable occasion for our children and families.

Please contact us at events@blaydonwest.gateshead.sch.uk if you can help.

Supporting Macmillan Cancer Support Throughout the Year

We are delighted to announce that this year we will be taking a new approach to supporting Macmillan Cancer Support, our chosen charity for the academic year.

Rather than holding a single fundraising event, we will be raising money throughout the year with a variety of activities organised by different year groups across the school. This will give our children more opportunities to get involved, develop their ideas, and make a meaningful contribution to an important cause that supports individuals and families affected by cancer.

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Over the coming months, each year group will plan and lead fundraising events, which may include challenges, competitions, themed days and other exciting activities. We will keep parents informed of these opportunities through newsletters and other school communications.

We are looking forward to working together as a school community to support this worthwhile charity and hope that, with your support, we can make a real difference.

Thank you in advance for helping us support this important cause.

See below for calendar dates.

Mr Brown
Headteacher



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Dates for Your Diary – Please note these are subject to change,

October 2026

Harvest Festival Week

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| 6 th October | Y6 STEM Fest |
| 12 th October | Y5/6 Cluster Rugby Event (specific children involved). |
| 19 th October | School Photographs |
| 21 st October | KS2 Spooky Science Morning |
| 22 nd October | KS1 Spooky Science Morning |
| | Y3 Pedestrian Training |
| | Y3 Family Halloween-Themed Science Workshop |
| | Halloween Disco (4:00pm-5:15pm) |

23rd October SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

November 2026

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| 5 th November | Y3 Pedestrian Training |
| 9 th November | Diwali Celebrations in School |
| 10 th November | Y5 Sikh Temple Visit |
| | Buddhist Visitor for Y3/4 |
| 11 th November | Remembrance Day |
| | Y3 & Y4 Waste and Recycling Workshops |
| 12 th -17 th November | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 12 th November | Y3 Pedestrian Training |
| 13 th November | Y6 Hindu Temple Visit |
| | Br. Khadim Visit to KS1 |
| 23 rd November | Y4 Shibdon Pond Visit (Weather Permitting) |
| 30 th November | Parents' Evening |

December 2026

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| 1 st December | Parents' Evening |
| 4 th December | Christmas Fayre |
| 8 th December | KS2 Christmas Show (9:15am) |
| | EYFS Nativity (11:00am) |
| 9 th December | KS1 Christmas Show (9:15am) |
| | KS2 Christmas Show (2:00pm) |
| 10 th December | KS2 Christmas Show - Relaxed Performance (9:15am) |
| | EYFS Nativity - Relaxed Performance (11:00am) |
| | KS1 Christmas Show - Relaxed Performance (2:00pm) |
| 11 th December | Christmas Film & Pyjama Day |
| 14 th December | KS1 Christmas Party |
| 15 th December | KS2 Christmas Party |
| 16 th December | EYFS Christmas Party |
| 17 th December | Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day |
| 18 th December | Christmas Service at St Cuthbert's Church |

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