

Friday 12th September '25

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Welcome back!

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a lovely summer break with the children.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on the 1st; they were ever so excited to go into their classrooms and were buzzing with news about their summer holiday fun. We have all been so pleased with how quickly they have settled, adapting to the routines of their new classes.

Good News

We have some lovely staff news to share with you. Miss Rochester has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, who has been named Ridley. Chester loves the new addition to the family and is proving himself to be a caring, helpful big brother.

Miss Rochester visited school this week and poor Ridley was in much cuddle demand.

When on holiday in Spain, Miss Woolard was surprised with a proposal! We are all delighted that Danny popped the question, and she accepted. Huge congratulations to them both, such exciting news.

Congratulations also to Mr Harrison and his new wife Lucie, as they celebrated their marriage during the summer holiday. We are delighted for them both.

Some of our families have also welcomed babies into the world and we are thrilled to share their news too.

Finally, we welcome Eve Asoni and Kelly-Ann Marquis who have recently joined Team Emmaville. Eve and Kelly-Ann will be working as Teaching Assistants and we are delighted to have them work with us.

Junior Great North Run

Many Emmaville children participated in the 2025 Junior North Run. We are extremely proud of you all.

Meet the Teacher

The Meet the Teacher sessions have been extremely well attended. Many thanks for taking the time to come into school this week, and we hope for a very productive year ahead for all the children.

I am in the process of finalising dates for the autumn term. Included in next week's news bulletin will be dates for autumn 1.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Very best wishes,

Avril Armstrong



"If I am thinking correctly," said Pooh,
 "a new baby is probably undoubtedly the grandest gift that could ever be."
 "A grand gift indeed."

I just wanted to let you know our twins arrived on the 21st August.

Meet Nellie and Ellsie.

Harry, Heidi and Nancy are just besotted!

Leah (Harry, Heidi and Nancy's mum)



Jolly Well Done
 to all of the Emmaville children
 who ran in the
 Junior and Mini Great North Run.

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I'm writing to share how incredibly proud we are of our daughter, Demre as she took part in the Mini Great North Run this year. She has taken part the past 3 years, but this year was especially important to us all. She took on the challenge in memory of Sarah Cowell, a very special girl who once attended Emmaville. Sarah was a huge part of our family as Demre's Grandma was her childminder for over 11 years, looking after her from being a baby, right up until she started secondary school. Demre chose to run in support of Children's Cancer North which was one of the many charities who helped Sarah and her family during her treatment. She has raised an amazing amount £495 and we've been truly touched by the support and generosity of friends and family. It's been incredibly moving to watch Demre approach this with such dedication, compassion and resilience, making sure she got lots of practice in before the event. Sarah's memory lives on in the hearts of many, and it means a great deal to all our family that Demre ran in her honour.

I'm sure you will appreciate how proud we are of Demre.

Kind regards,
 Lexi & Ayhan (Demre's mam & Baba)

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Can we please remind parents/carers to book their child into any required breakfast or after school club sessions through Arbor.

All breakfast and after school club accounts must be in credit to enable bookings to be made for the clubs.



Arbor

ToDDler GroUp

Due to the Gateshead Music workshop being in school next week, unfortunately there will be no toddler group.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 24th September.

Giovanna and Leanne

Lots of children are wearing school cardigans and sweatshirts with no names attached.

Can we please ask that you make sure all of your child's school uniform have their name written inside.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for **2 full days** after the last bout of the illness.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) and leave a message on the absence line.

Alternately, you can email school:

emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

Water Bottles

New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.95.

School Attendance - Week Ending 05.09.25

Year 6: North America	94.4%	South America	100%
Year 5: Antarctica	100%	Oceania	93.8%
Year 4: Africa	99.3 %	Asia	92.1%
Year 3: Northern Europe	99.2%	Southern Europe	91.9%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	91.3%	Wales	96.5%
Year 1: England	98.7%	Scotland	94.1%
EYFS: Gateshead	95.9%	Newcastle	95.4%

Whole school
attendance
97.5%

Jolly Well Done to South America and Antarctica for 100% attendance last week.

Dear Parent/Carer

Gateshead School Catering deliver the School Meals at your child's school. We are Gateshead Councils in house catering service, with over 320 members of staff who provide over 10,000 meals per day across 72 sites.

We are passionate about providing children with the best fuel for the school day. Our school meals offer value for money, and our menus a range of fresh ingredients, often from local suppliers, served by a skilled and experienced team. School meals offer children the chance to eat a nutritious, tasty meal in a sociable, safe environment.

Your child can choose from two main meal options provided every day, one of which is a vegetarian dish, alternatively they can have a jacket potato served with a tasty filling (some schools also operate a deli selection).

Our menus for each school are available on our website, to view your child's school meals options, you can use the QR code below.



We strive to ensure pupils of Gateshead can enjoy the nutritious and delicious school lunch on offer regardless of any allergies, intolerances, medical or alternative diets. We recognise medical diets as an extremely important aspect of our catering provision, aiming for all pupils to enjoy their lunch time experience, without the worry of being singled out. If your child has a medical or alternative diet, please contact your child's school or email SchoolCatering@Gateshead.Gov.UK and you will be provided with a form to complete so we can investigate options for them.

Did you know pupils in reception class, year 1 and year 2 who attend a government funded school are entitled to a free school meal through the universal infant free school meal (UIFSM) scheme?

Children may also be entitled to a free school meal if parents receive certain welfare benefits. For every valid application for free school meals, not only will your child receive a healthy, nutritious meal, the school will be able to claim additional funding which can really help provide the best environment to support your child's learning and development. To find out if you qualify contact the free school meals team on 0191 433 3729 or by email benefitsfsm@gateshead.gov.uk.

To find out more about school meals, please visit www.gateshead.gov.uk/schoolmeals or ring the Catering & Cleaning office on 0191 433 5522.

Yours sincerely,

Gateshead School Catering