



## Christmas & New Year School Closure

The school closes for the Christmas and New Year period this Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Children return for the beginning of the Spring term on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Breakfast Club / After School Clubs

Our Breakfast Club will restart after the Christmas break on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (**the week after we return to school**).

Likewise, there will be no after school clubs during this first week back.

## Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday, the final day of term. It's a mammoth operation to serve 300+ two course Christmas meals but each year it gets better and better. The quality of food is superb and the atmosphere, with the Gateshead music service orchestra playing traditional carols, is magic.

Most children have our Christmas lunch so if your son/daughter does not normally have a cooked meal with us, and wants a Christmas lunch, can you let our office know by Wednesday and a meal will be ordered. Lunches cost £2.00.

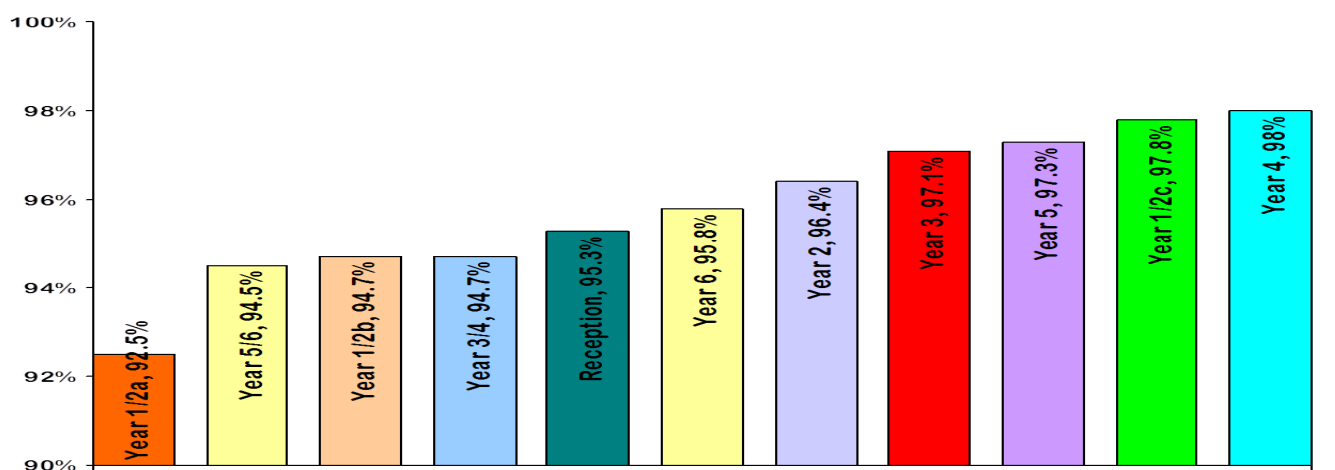
## Festive Dressing up Day

As a school we decided not to take part in last week's charity Christmas jumper day. Instead, and purely for fun rather than to raise charitable funds, we are inviting all our school community to dress up in the festive spirit on Thursday, the final day of term. We are particularly keen that parents/carers do not go out and spend money on outfits. There are many ways to dress up without spending money - get creative!!

If children don't want to dress up in the Christmas spirit then it will be school uniform as usual please.

## Attendance - Autumn term

The whole school percentage attendance for this term, up until 12<sup>th</sup> December, is 96%, a good effort and hopefully one that we can improve on during the rest of the school year. Here is the attendance data, class by class. Congratulations to our Year 4 children who have the highest percentage attendance this term, at a fantastic 98%!



## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014/2015

<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan until Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	(Half term 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2015)
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April until Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	(Bank holiday - 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2015) (Half term 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015) Occasional Day - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 Staff Training Day - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015