



# September 2023

## Newsletter 1 – 8.9.23

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

What a wonderful first week back it has been! Our new Nursery friends have made a great start and our Reception children already look like they have been in school forever; they are so settled and calm! Children in Years 1 – 4 have re-entered school amazingly, (although there are some tired faces this morning!). It has also been lovely to see so many of the new Year 5s popping back in to say hello!



Thank you to everyone for arriving promptly at school this week. It really has helped the children to settle back smoothly.

After a busy summer holiday, the school is looking amazing! Classrooms and corridors have been painted, external areas have had a makeover and the IT suite has been (almost) converted into a Library. We will tweet some pictures when the work is complete.

I feel really lucky to work in such a vibrant building with our wonderful children and staff and I'm excited for the year ahead. We look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Massey*

Headteacher

### SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE

The Local Authority has issued an updated Attendance Policy which our school has adopted. Please see the policy (attached). You can also find this on our school website.

#### Attendance continues to be an area for development at our school.

The updated procedure will be as follows:

1. If a child's attendance falls below 96%, initial contact will be made with parents and carers (usually by the class teacher).
2. If further absences occur and attendance is below 94%, a letter will be sent to parents/carers and all absences without medical evidence will be unauthorised.
3. If attendance continues to fall, and no medical evidence is provided, absence will be unauthorised
4. Parents/carers will be invited to enter an Attendance Contract.
5. If further absences occur, a referral will be made to the Local Authority.



## WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Good attendance at school is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.
- Nurseries and First Schools play a vital role in embedding good attendance habits.
- Even at First School, children with the highest attainment have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7% (so overall attendance was 95.3%).
- The overall absence rate of children not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).
- For the most vulnerable pupils, regular attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for needs to be identified and support provided.
- Research has shown there are clear links between regular absence from school and harm for children (90% of young offenders have been persistently absent as young children) and serious violence (83% of knife possession offenders had been persistently absent for at least one year).

Improving school attendance is everyone's business. Please support us in promoting the benefits of good attendance with your child - not only for their education but, also, to support their wellbeing and future life chances. Thank you.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
<b>Wb 4.9.23</b>	97%	Year 3 (100%)	Nursery (98%)	Reception (97%)

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



Please let Mrs Coates know, via ParentMail, if your child will be absent by 9:00am at the latest. Thank you.

If your child is not in school when the register closes at 9.15am (even if this is for a medical or dental appointment), they are marked as absent for the whole morning session.

Therefore, we would encourage parents to make medical appointments outside school time, wherever possible please. Thank you.



If you are experiencing any difficulties and need support with your child's attendance, please contact school as soon as possible. Mr Tolan can visit you at home or meet you in school to offer support and advice.

We will now be taking appropriate legal action for children who are deemed persistent absentees (under 90% attendance). Please see the attendance policy on our school website for further information.



### ATTENDANCE REWARDS

A reminder that, each week, the class with the highest attendance earns an extra playtime and individuals with 100% attendance will have their names added to a weekly hot chocolate draw.



### MINUTES MISSED

During this week, 25 minutes of learning time have been missed in school due to lateness. Please try to arrive on time at school, between 8:35am – 8:45am. Thank you.



## PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
<b>Wb 4.9.23</b>	3%	2%	1%



## SECTION 2: SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!

### SCHOOL VALUES

As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). The following children have been nominated by staff and/or peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!



	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Isla	Masa	Isla	Elli	Rehan	Mabel
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Ziyad	James	Franco	Indi	Joshua	Monty

### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 and Year 4 children undertake their statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term.



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the holidays or in the first week back. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	New Rock Stars, Heroes and Legends in this class	Highest engagement this fortnight	Average Daily Minutes
<b>Year 2</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)		Esim, Max Co, Max Cr, Rory	9 minutes
<b>Year 3</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Livi, Rehan	Lucas, Nialah, Lydia, Theo	10 minutes
<b>Year 4</b>	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Zain, Karlo, Samuel, Alfie, Nolan	Aziza, Victory, Max, Zain	8 minutes

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	20	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	4.2
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### HANDWRITING HEROES

The beginning of the school year is a good time to develop new habits and share resolutions. As a school, we continue to have had a real drive in school to improve handwriting, presentation of work and spelling. Each week, class teachers will choose someone who has worked hard to improve their presentation or who consistently demonstrates exemplary standards of presentation. Well done and thank you to the following children:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Musa	Alicia	Percy	Zain

## SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



Next week, children will be able to nominate a peer (or themselves) to represent their class on the following councils:

- School Council
- Green Team
- Worship Council

These groups make a real difference to our school community through their suggestions, sharing pupil voice and the action that they take. Please do encourage your child to get involved, if they would like to.

### CHARITABLE GIVING

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, children are invited to come to school wearing uniform tops and jeans/demin to help us mark Jeans for Genes Day. Donations can be made via ParentMail. Any children taking part in PE need to wear suitable clothing and footwear please.



Harvest Festival donations can be made to support The People's Kitchen on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please see below for further information.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Year 4 will be serving refreshments in the school hall from 9:00am-9:45am for anyone who is able to join us.



## SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

### EARLY READING

Phonics teaching has begun this week and books will be coming home soon to relevant children. We have Reading Worships next Monday and Tuesday for parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1 (it will not be suitable for children to attend these). For those parents/carers who are not able to attend, we will send PowerPoint slides home next week.

### CLASS INFORMATION

All class teachers have sent home a class newsletter detailing class routines and current learning. If you have any queries, please contact class teachers directly via email:

Nursery	<b>Mrs Francis</b>	<a href="mailto:Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Reception	<b>Mrs Egdell</b>	<a href="mailto:Emily.Egdell@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Emily.Egdell@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 1	<b>Miss Bowers</b>	<a href="mailto:Hettie.Bowers@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Hettie.Bowers@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 2	<b>Mrs Crozier</b>	<a href="mailto:Emily.Crozier@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Emily.Crozier@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 3	<b>Mrs Ravel &amp; Miss Kelly</b>	<a href="mailto:Vicky.Ravel@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Vicky.Ravel@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Sian.Kelly@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Sian.Kelly@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 4	<b>Mrs Singh</b>	<a href="mailto:Simran.Singh@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Simran.Singh@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>

### FACE YOUR FEARS

As you know, our school values are love and determination. This week, we have spent time discussing what these values look like in action. To help children in Years 1-4 develop their courage, strength and determination, we are taking them to Gibsde on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October as part of National Face Your Fears Day. More information will follow via ParentMail.



### CHURCH LINKS

Clergy from both churches will continue to lead collective worship each week. We look forward to working with them in the year ahead. We have already pencilled in dates for church services – please see below.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have been thinking about our school vision, motto and values. We have explored where our motto comes from (ask your child to tell you!) and why it was written. We have made new school year resolutions to demonstrate our values in school and beyond.

Grandparents are invited to join us for Collective Worship on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10:15am for a special act of worship. Please pass on the invitation!



### HARVEST

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service for Years 1 and 2 at 2:45pm and Years 3 & 4 at 9:00am. As part of this celebration, we are politely requesting donations for The People’s Kitchen, if you feel able to donate.



They are currently seeking the following donations:

	For example:
<b>Tinned vegetables</b>	Plum tomatoes, chopped tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
<b>Tinned fruit</b>	Peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin oranges
<b>Soup</b>	Any tinned or instant soups
<b>Cooking ingredients</b>	Sugar, flour, dried rice, jam, coconut, cocoa, dried fruit, cooking oil, lentils, spices.
<b>Snacks</b>	Pot noodles, pasta pots, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets
<b>Drinks</b>	UHT milk, coffee, tea, dilute orange juice, hot chocolate
<b>Puddings</b>	Rice pudding, jelly, Angel delight, tinned or instant custard, syrup, evaporated milk
<b>Tinned meat</b>	Ham, corned beef, chilli, curry, minced beef, bolognaise, stewing steak
<b>Cooking sauces</b>	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Coconut milk
<b>Condiments</b>	Ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, salt and pepper
<b>Pasta &amp; rice</b>	Lasagne, noodles, rice, pasta
<b>Stock &amp; gravy</b>	Gravy granules, stock cubes – vegetarian, beef, chicken, onion
<b>Toiletries</b>	Soap, deodorants, shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, shave gel, toothpaste/brushes
<b>Household</b>	Washing up liquid, Washing powder, J cloths, pan scrubs, non-scented washing powder, kitchen roll, carrier bags
<b>Pet Food</b>	Wet and dry cat and dog food

Please send any donations into school with your child on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you in advance!

### WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, we will be taking part in the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning. Year 4 will be serving refreshments in the school hall from 9:00am-9:45am for anyone who is able to join us.

This will be followed by a special act of worship for Grandparents at 10:15am.



## NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES



Reception is filling fast but we do still have a couple of places remaining if you know anyone with a child who has just turned 4. Places can be applied for at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places&New>



Nursery also have some remaining space for 15 and 30 hour places this term. Please contact Mrs Coates for further information.

## EYFS OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

Mrs Francis and Mrs Egdell spend a long time setting up their outdoor learning areas for their classes. We would be really grateful if parents and carers could make sure children do not play on the equipment/with the toys before or after school please. Thank you in advance for your support.



## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The flu vaccination programme will commence in the Autumn term for children in Reception and beyond. Our immunisations will take place in school on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Immunisations will only be administered to children with permission. Please go to: <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> using school code NB108495.

## AUTUMN 1 LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Lunchtime Clubs will begin next week for children in Year 1 – Year 4. Places were allocated before the summer holidays. If you/your child is unsure, please see Mrs Coates. We will, of course, remind children on the morning of their club!

Club	Day <small>(may change due to staff commitments)</small>	For children in	Run by
Choir	Wednesday	Y1 – Y4	Miss Bowers
Library Champions	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Mrs Crozier
Y3 & 4 Football Club*	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Lee Sterry
Y1 & 2 Football Club	Friday	Y1 & Y2	Lee Sterry
Green Team	Monday	Selected children Year 1 – Year 4	Mr Hunter & Mrs Massey
Nursery Buddies	Thursday	Year 1 – Year 4	Mrs Francis
Colouring Club	Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 2	Miss Willett
Construction Club	Wednesday	Years 1 – 4	Mrs Ravel
Glockenspiel Club	Friday	Years 1 – 4	Miss Kelly
Rounders Club	Friday	Years 1 – 4	Mrs Singh

\*Football Club is open to all children in Years 3 and 4 to train together; however, Lee Sterry will select specific children to take part in competitions as they occur. Children should wear uniform for school and bring football kit to change into at lunchtime please. Children selected to take part in competitions will need shin pads and football boots.

## WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

Bookings for Wraparound Care are now managed by Child Care Bookings for Schools. This will make managing and making bookings far easier for parents and carers. You can still pay using either a debit/credit card or using childcare vouchers.



The URL to access the booking system is <https://archbishop-runcie.cbfs.uk/>  
 Contact email address: [archbishopruncie@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk](mailto:archbishopruncie@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk)  
 Contact phone number: 01444 523335



## PARKING

I have, once again, been contacted by some local residents. Please do not park in front of garages and driveways while you drop off/pick up your child(ren). Residents have the right to access their home at all times of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please do not park immediately outside the main school gates. This area is painted with yellow zig-zag lines which means parking is prohibited. No vehicles should park on the zigzag or even stop to set down passengers in this area. This is for the safety of your children as, in an emergency, this gate will need to be accessible for emergency vehicle access. Thank you for your cooperation.



The council are planning to install cameras and additional road markings in this area.

## UNIFORM POLICY

A reminder that our school uniform is for children in Nursery – Year 4. This includes:

- Yellow Polo Shirt - either completely plain or with school logo
- Royal blue round neck sweatshirt or cardigan either completely plain or with school logo
- Plain grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores.
- During the Summer Term, blue or yellow gingham dresses may be worn
- Sensible fitting smart black shoes, (not trainers) or boots. Shoes with a heel are not permitted. These should be suitable for outdoor play and running and should not have open toes.
- Plain grey, black or white tights or socks (not leggings please).



**All children need to bring a book bag to school (not a rucksack please). Thank you.**

## PE Kit

- Plain yellow T-shirt
- Royal blue, plain shorts and/or navy tracksuit bottoms
- Navy hoodie, sweatshirt or zip-through top either completely plain or with school logo
- Well-fitting trainers that children can fasten themselves (not plimsolls). We ask families to not send children with lace up shoes if they cannot tie their own laces, please.

Children in Nursery and Reception bring PE kits to keep in school. Families are asked to bring drawstring bag in which to store their PE kits. Thank you.

Year 4 children are asked to bring uniform and school shoes to change into after their PE lesson, please.

## Jewellery

- Small wrist watches may be worn (smart watches that record sound or images are not allowed); however these must be removed for PE.
- No other jewellery may be worn for school, including stud earrings.

Please remove earrings before school. Current guidance is not to cover stud earrings with plasters. If a child can't take their earrings out, they will need to take the role of an observer within PE lessons.

## Hairstyles

- Long hair (below collar length) should be tied back, please.
- No extreme hairstyles e.g. vivid coloured hair as this serves as a distraction to themselves and others and sets the pupil out as being different, which can lead to problems with behaviour and discipline amongst the children.



The Headteacher has the final say in deciding what is acceptable so, when in doubt, parents should consult with her before buying items which might not be acceptable or if in doubt about hair style.

**SAFEGUARDING**

Mrs Massey, Mrs Ravel, Mrs Crozier and Mrs Francis are our school’s Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). Miss Wakefield is DSL for Wraparound care. If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police. Members of the public can also report concerns to Children’s Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000



There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

For more information, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our school website.

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*

Headteacher

**Be courageous; be strong.**

**Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



**DIARY DATES**

New dates are in red, for your information

September 2023			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	Staff training day		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Reading Workshop	5:00pm	Please book a place via ParentMail
	Year 4 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Reading Workshop	5:00pm	Please book a place via ParentMail
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Online Safety Meeting for parents	5:30-6:30pm	



Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Drop in parents evening (pastoral)	3:30-5:50pm	This is an opportunity to pop in to speak to teaching staff informally. There will be no appointments. Staff will see parents/carers on a first come, first served basis.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September (not 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept as per Year 3 class newsletter)	Year 3 and 4 Harvest Festival	9:00pm	
	Years 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival	2:45pm	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	World's Biggest Coffee Morning		All welcome. Please send donations of cakes, biscuits and scones on Thursday 28.9.23. Thank you.
	Grandparents' Worship		Grandparents invited to attend
<b>October 2023</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	GCMS Open Evening for prospective parents and carers	4:45-6:45pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Schools 500 events at Walker Activity Dome		Information to relevant classes will be sent via ParentMail.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day		Activities in school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 1 – 4 Face Your Fears Day	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Show Racism the Red Card		Children invited to wear red
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 4 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Healthy Active Lifestyle opportunity for Year 3 & Year 4 (Team Games)	am	Children should arrive at school in PE kit please.
	Class attendance reward	pm	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Staff training day		School closed to children
30.10.23 - 3.11.23	October half term		School closed to children
<b>November 2023</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Remembrance worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day		Antibullying Week. Children in Years 1 - 4

November	Year 2 Forest School	pm	will take part in workshops Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Antibullying Parent Workshop	5:30-6:30pm	More info to follow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November & Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Teacher Consultations		More info to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need		Children invited to wear something spotty to school.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Worship led by Year 3	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
	Reception Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
<b>December 2023</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		
	Year 3 leading advent worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
	Years 1 – 4 having PE sessions		Please wear PE kit (and a Christmas jumper!)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Forest School		Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Flu vaccinations in school		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 visit to Durham University		More info to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Rec Nativity	9:30am	More info to follow
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	1:30pm	More info to follow
	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	5:00pm	More info to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	9:30am	More info to follow
	Nursery & Rec Nativity	1:30pm	More info to follow
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	5:00pm	More info to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	9:30am	More info to follow
	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	1:30pm	More info to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Crafts	pm	More info to follow
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	pm	More info to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & Year 4 Tyne Theatre	10:00am	More info to follow
	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	pm	More info to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Tyne Theatre	10:00am	More info to follow
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Crafts	pm	More info to follow
	Nursery & Reception Christmas Party	pm	More info to follow
	Class attendance reward		More info to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at	1:30pm	More info to follow

December	St Nicholas' (South Gosforth)		
22.12.23 – 5.1.24	Christmas Holiday		More info to follow
<b>February 2024</b>			
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 3 leading Candlemas worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
19.2.24 – 23.2.24	February Half Term		School closed to children
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Leading Shrove Tuesday Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Leading Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 leading Ash Wednesday Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
<b>March 2024</b>			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & Year 2 Mothering Sunday Service	9:00am	
	Year 3 & Year 4 Mothering Sunday Service	2:45pm	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Healthy Active Lifestyle opportunity for Year 1 & Year 2 (Multiskills)	am	Children should arrive at school in PE kit please.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Cragside		More info to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visit to Newcastle Castle		More info to follow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse		More info to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	Parents and carers invited to attend
29.3.24 – 12.4.24	Easter Holiday		School closed to children
<b>April 2024</b>			
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April (not 24 <sup>th</sup> as previously stated)	Year 1 leading Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
<b>May 2024</b>			
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 leading Ascension worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 leading Christian Aid Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
	Healthy Active Lifestyle opportunity for Nursery & Reception children	am	Children will wear PE kits in school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Service at St Nicholas' Church (led by Year 3)	1:30pm	Parents and carers invited to attend.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 leading Trinity worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half Term		School closed to children
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential at Dukeshouse Wood		More info to follow
<b>June 2024</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Staff training day		School closed to children

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<b>July 2024</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		More info to follow
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		School closed to children
<b>September 2024</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	School re-opens to children		

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Childcare Applying for 30 hours free childcare  
**Choices** through the childcare service

**1** Apply through the childcare service: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>  
You will need to confirm your identity.

**2** If successful you will receive an eligibility code – '50xxxxxxxx'

**3** Take this code to your childcare provider with your NI number, child's date of birth and complete a Parent Declaration form.

**4** Your childcare provider checks the code is valid – and if valid - confirms when you can start and reminds you to [reconfirm – every 3 months](#)

**5** Every three months, reconfirm your eligibility through the childcare service (helpline below)

**Your 30-hour eligibility code has a validity end date.**  
**If you fail to reconfirm or become ineligible, you will stop receiving the extra hours. If you are unsure discuss with your provider immediately. This is your responsibility.**

For support call Customer Interaction Centre on **0300 123 4097**

