



Newsletter 5

7th November 2025

Headteacher Message



I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and had a well-deserved opportunity to recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school, feeling refreshed and ready for the busy and productive second half of the autumn term in the run up to the festive period!

We are looking forward to a term filled with exciting learning opportunities, creative activities and our highly anticipated nativities! Please keep an eye on our school calendar for upcoming events and important dates.

The half-term break was a great opportunity for rest but it is really important to get back into the daily routines of reading and TTRS swiftly, please. This will support your child(ren) to make strong progress in school. Several staff have also requested other home learning such as IXL, Read Write Inc or Oxford Owl activities to be completed at home via Reading Records. This is a great insight into what your children are learning in school and for you to gauge how they are getting on.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and ongoing support in order to allow our children and staff to flourish at ARFS.

Best wishes,

Kate Massey

Attendance



Did you know ...?

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 attendance have higher rates of attainment.
 - National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.
 - For the most vulnerable pupils, regular attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for children's needs to be identified and support provided. Research has shown there are clear links between regular absence from school and harm to children.
- 95% attendance = two weeks absence
 - 90% attendance = 4 weeks absence
 - 85% attendance = 6 weeks absence
 - 80% attendance = more than half a term of absence
 - 75% attendance = more than 9 weeks of absence

Please remember that I am unable to authorise absences during term time for family holidays. We would be grateful if parents/carers could also inform grandparents, family and friends, who may be looking to book birthday or Christmas trips away, that these do not fall under exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised.

If you need any support regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us as we can help you access support from the school nurse, attendance officer or other appropriate services.

We recognise that children may sometimes have a legitimate reason to be absent from school, and we are also aware that some families face difficulties which may impact on their child's education, therefore, the traffic light system has been put in place to support families by highlighting concerns at an early stage.

We hope that you will continue to support our school by promoting school attendance and by informing us if you feel there are any issues that are preventing your child from attending school regularly.

Our full school Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

"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.



1 - Mrs Jan Gurkin

If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch with our attendance officer Jan Gurkin (jan.gurkin@clennelleducationsolutions.org).

Attendance Headlines

Whole school attendance:

- w/c 20/10/2025 - 95%
- w/c 03/11/2025 - 95%

Highest class attendance:

- w/c 20/10/2025 - Year 1 99%
- w/c 03/11/2025 - Year 1 99%

Absence Headlines

During this fortnight, 130 mins 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. Our first lesson of the day is reading so children arriving late miss vital learning.

For children who arrive late, more than once in a week, we run a Friday lunchtime catch-up session with class teachers.

Whole school absence:

- w/c 20/10/2025 - 5%
- w/c 03/11/2025 - 5%

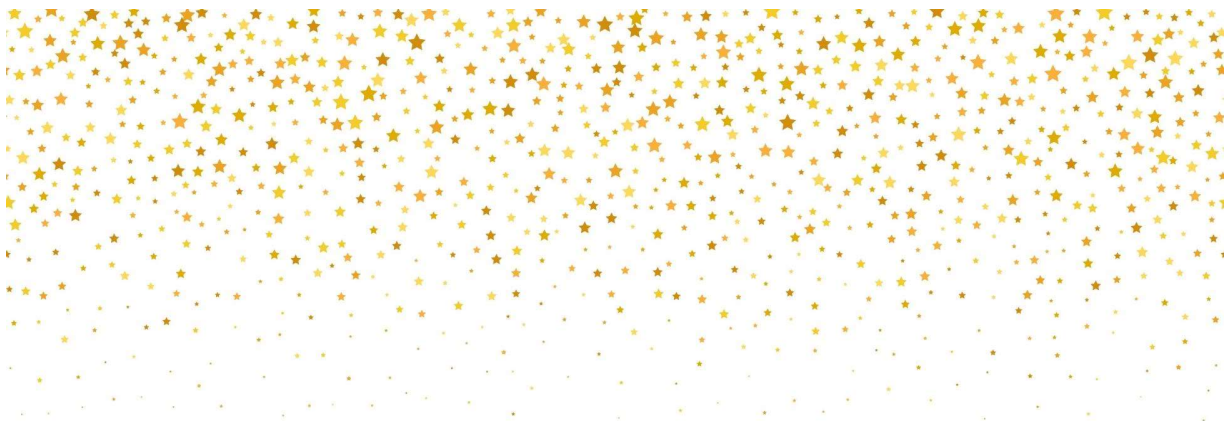
Absence caused by holidays:

- w/c 20/10/2025 - 1.5%
- w/c 03/11/2025 - 1%

Other absences:

- w/c 20/10/2025 - 3.5%
- w/c 03/11/2025 - 4%

School Celebrations!





Demonstrating Love

Nursery

- Jacob
- Emma

Reception

- Issac
- Amyah

Year 1

- Isla
- Molly
- Jacob

Year 2

- Arthur
- Jacob

Year 3

- Musa
- Henry

Year 4

- Alicia
- Esim

Staff

- Mrs Crozier
- Mrs Kaur

**Demonstrating Determination****Nursery**

- Elyana
- Brooklyn

Reception

- Darcie Mae
- Harper

Year 1

- Jude
- Oliver Y

Year 2

- Ada
- Haniya

Year 3

- Logan
- Isla

Year 4

- Harmony
- Indie

Staff

- Miss Cairns
- Mrs Ellwood



TIMESTABLE 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.

TTRS - Highest engagement

Year 2- Jacob

Year 3 - Lyla

Year 4 - Elvis

TTRS - Highest accuracy

Year 2- Carter

Year 3 - Felix

Year 4 - Esimnachi

Current Rank amongst nearby schools: 14

Mean studio speed (seconds per question): 3.56



Year 4 look amazing today in their TTRS gear!



HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have a real drive to improve handwriting, letter formation and presentation of work. 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

- George
- Jad

Year 2

- Leo
- Ada

Year 3

- Scarlett
- Benjamin

Year 4

- Alicia
- Ranveer

Social Action Groups



2 - Green Team



3 - Play Leaders



4 - Library Champions



5 - Worship Council



6 - School Council



School council have begun to think about Christmas. They are busy consulting their class on what activities or events are popular and what they would like to do for Christmas. Hopefully we get lots of lovely ideas for crafts and events to make Christmas an extra special time at ARFS!



PLAY LEADERS

Even though we are now into November, our children are still enjoying their time outside with the unseasonably warm weather. Amongst other things, our Play Leaders are now helping to ensure that our children come back into our school as clean as possible and reminding everyone to brush their shoes as they come into the building. Great work girls!



GREEN TEAM

Green Team have been busy preparing to lead worship on climate change and, specifically, how to reduce food waste in school. They have created the slides and brought them home to practise presenting to family members this weekend!

During our litter pick, today, we found lots of firework packaging on the park adjacent to school so please take care if your children are playing there after school.



YOUNG LEADERS

Whilst thinking about our second unit, Inspirational Leaders, this week we have thought about resilience and how that supports leaders. We have then started to discuss some of the unlikely leaders in the Bible, thinking about the stories of David and Esther.



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Library champions continue to do a fantastic job of keeping the library tidy and the books in the correct order! They work hard week in, week out and we are very proud of them.



REMEMBRANCE

Poppies and other poppy themed merchandise will be available to buy in school between Monday 3rd November – Tuesday 11th November. At the moment we have the following items:

- Slap bands £2
- Bracelets £2
- Reflective poppies £2
- Adhesive paper poppies 50p
- Pencils £1.00
- Rubbers £1.00
- Rulers £1.00

Please note these will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Children will be encouraged to name their items but please reinforce this at home. Thank you.

Year 4 will be leading collective worship on Tuesday 11th November at 9:00am and you are warmly invited to join us.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November, children are invited to come to school in something spotty to support Children in Need.

There are so many issues deeply affecting children and young people in the UK today. Mental health struggles, rising levels of poverty, the ongoing pressures of social inequality and the negative impact of family challenges can all present massive barriers to a healthy childhood. This year's campaign, titled "Challenge Yourself," encourages people to take on a sponsored challenge, such as doing "25" of something, to raise money for vital projects supporting disadvantaged children and young people.

In school, children will be undertaking the following challenges:

Nursery - Create and perform a dance with 25 moves

Reception - 25 circuits on the climbing equipment

Year 1 - 25 acts of kindness throughout the day

Year 2 - 25 lengths of the yard in different movement patterns

Year 3 - 25 minutes of silence

Year 4 - 25 laps of the school field throughout the day

Please note that children will be undertaking usual school activities during the day so need to be suitably dressed to be able to take part in practical activities and games at playtime, in PE etc. safely. Thank you.



You can either donate via ParentMail or your child can complete the sponsorship for that they have brought home today (you can also download a copy here¹). You could also set up a fundraising page for your child here².

Children have brought their paper sponsor form home this evening. This should be returned to school on Friday 21st November, please. Children will complete their activities in school on Friday 14th November.

¹https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/PRI_SPONSORSHIP_FORM-1.pdf

²<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/challengeyourselfto25>



Clubs for Autumn Term 2 (November & December)



We are delighted to be able to offer a range of extra-curricular activities for our children.

- Choir with Charlotte from Music Partnership North - Monday 12:30pm email: admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk³ **We are starting to get ready for our Christmas performances so if anyone else would like to join choir, now is the time to do it!**
- All Stars Bible Club (run by a group of parents and church volunteers) - Tuesdays (fortnightly) 12:30pm email: beckymcbride90@gmail.com
- Years 3 & 4 Football with Lee Sterry - Tuesdays 3:15pm <https://www.ls-sc.co.uk/schools/>

³<mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk>

- Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 Multiskills with Andrew Cartwright - Monday 3:15pm
<https://goteamup.com/p/7576178-andrew-cartwright-football/courses/118755/>
- Years 3 & 4 Football with Andrew Cartwright - Monday 3:15pm
<https://goteamup.com/p/7576178-andrew-cartwright-football/courses/118756/>
- Violin - Monday after school with Charlotte from Music Partnership North
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQnN0q0YsEpSx4bR6HhZ8onp51DiB-iHdtAkHdUNzg1S08yUTdTR0hGRzJSMkQySU5PVUJFVi4u&route=shorturl>
- Guitar with Jack from Music Partnership North - Tuesdays after school
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQnN0q0YsEpSx4bR6HhZ8onp51DiB-iHdtAkHdUNzg1S08yUTdTR0hGRzJSMkQySU5PVUJFVi4u&route=shorturl>
- Rugby Minis - Thursdays 3:15pm <https://www.rugbyminis.co.uk/archbishoppruncie>
- Gosforth Voices (Years 3 & 4) run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust <https://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles>
- Gosforth Band run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust (Years 3 & 4) <https://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles>



7 - Breakfast Club runs daily, 7:45am - 8:45am

We are pleased to offer our own Breakfast Club (7.45am - 8.45am) and After School Club (3.15pm - 5.30pm) in our school hall. If you have any queries regarding menus or activities, please email wraparound@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Breakfast Club sessions cost £6.00 and include a breakfast of cereal/toast and milk/orange juice. Children must arrive before 8.15am if they require breakfast. Afterschool Club, until 4:15pm is £6.00 and, until 5:30pm, is £12.50 per session and includes a snack and drink.

Bookings for Wraparound Care are managed by Childcare Bookings for Schools. You can 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

Contact phone number: 01444 523335

Collective Worship

In collective worship, we have been reflecting on climate change and the actions that we can take in school and at home to make small differences. This has linked with our work on Green Careers and will also tie into Switch Off Fortnight, next week.

Please note, parents and carers are invited to join us on:

- Tuesday 11th November for Year 4 Remembrance Worship (9:00am)
- Monday 1st December for Year 3 Advent Worship (9:00am)



Church Links



We are delighted to let you know that All Saints' are hosting a 'living with neuro divergence' session on Saturday 8th November. If you would like to attend, no need to book, just pop along.

Living with Neurodivergence – how can we relate better?



**Free Talk at All Saints Church, Gosforth, NE3 4ES
3.00- – 4.30pm Saturday 8th November**



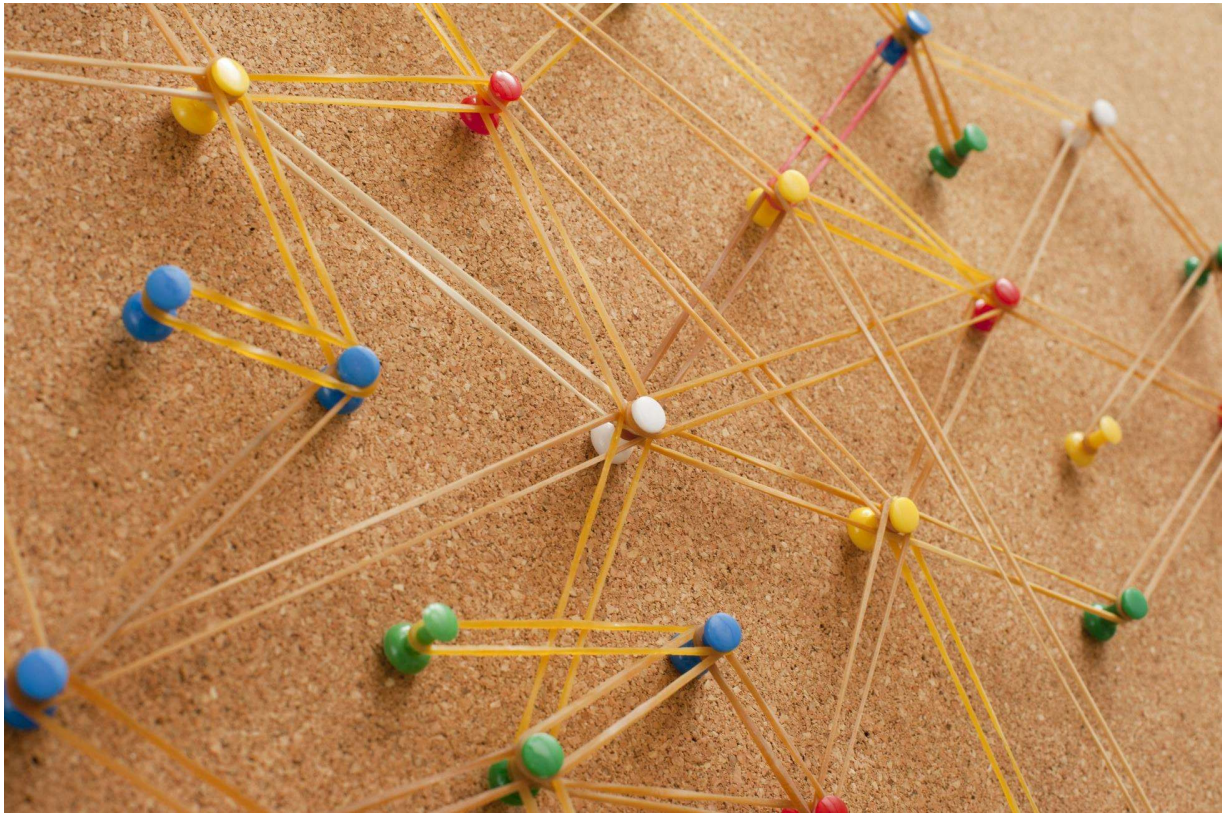
We all meet neurodivergence in our lives. We'll be interested to hear from you for this talk followed by discussion, exchanges of views & experience.

We all meet neurodivergence in the workplace, neighbourhoods, clubs, friendships & families. Are you, like us, curious about how we might adapt our interactions to relate better?

We invite a broad discussion gathering anyone interested to explore thoughts, begin discussions & exchange experiences. Without labelling, medicalising or diagnosing, our talks will bring some content to raise awareness & provide a focus for thought and discussion.

Louise Keyes will speak from her personal and professional experience & training on autism & ADHD. Andrew Keyes will explore some sensory aspects of neurodivergence from his specialist interest in visual stress, light & pattern sensitivity as an optometrist and founder of Keyes Eyecare and Vision Through Colour.

School News



ANTIBULLYING WEEK

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and is taking place on Monday 10th November. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!



Clennell Education Solutions are running an online workshop next week specifically for parents and carers of children at ARFS linked to anti-bullying - please save the date!

Topic: Anti Bullying for Parents of Archbishop Runcie

Time: Nov 10, 2025 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83888994313?pwd=v1rJZ0cszogIWtDH6WL9DMinNne6Kgy.1>

Meeting ID: 838 8899 4313

Passcode: 136032

There is no need to book - please use the link above to join the session.



AMAZON WISHLIST

Whilst there is absolutely no pressure to do so, several parents have suggested we set up an Amazon Wishlist to enable friends of our school to make a donation. <https://amzn.eu/1E02d6C>

Please make sure you get items delivered directly to school!

Our wish list includes:

- craft materials e.g. Christmas crafts

- forest school resources and consumables e.g. marshmallows
- reading books
- first aid resources

If you have a suggestion of something that we might benefit from, we'd love to hear from you!



READING BOOKS

As you know, we use Read Write Inc. (RWI) as our phonics scheme. Children are assessed at the end of each half term to check the progress they have made and group children for the following half term. Using the RWI programme, reading books are matched to the sounds children know. These “Bookbag Books” and e-books are sent home with children during the reading cycle and are changed in line with the scheme (some cycles last 3 days, others last 5 days).

Recent research shows that children who can read well at age seven do better academically as teenagers. Children learn to read better, the more one-to-one support they get. As outlined in our reading workshops for parents and carers, our aim is to raise our children to be avid and able readers. Parents play a key role in ‘raising readers’ by supporting their children’s reading journey by putting aside a few minutes each day. We ask that you try to listen to your child read their schoolbook aloud, every night, if they can manage it or, if they are tired, for five minutes in the morning. (Everyone tends to be much fresher and willing first thing!)

There is lots of information available to parents online, for example:

- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/struggling-readers/>

- https://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/research-reports/OUP_Raise_a_Reader_Research_Report_2022.pdf?region=uk
- <https://global.oup.com/education/content/raise-a-reader/?region=uk>

You can also sign up for a “Raise a Reader” pack at <https://oupform.edcowebsites.co.uk/home-learning/raise-a-reader-parentcarer-form/?step=form>

Once children have completed the RWI phonics programme, they will access Accelerated Reader books where they can choose from a wide range of ‘real’ books that are closely matched to their reading ability. These books motivate children to read often, engage in reading quizzes, at school, linked to the book they are reading and offers personalised recommendations based on children’s previous choices. As children read more widely, they develop greater reading stamina, word recognition and language comprehension skills.

Reading aloud has many benefits to children. They are more likely pay close attention to every word on the page. This leads to a better understanding of what they are reading. Research also shows that reading aloud makes it easier to remember words than if you read them silently. This is key for young readers who are building their vocabulary. Reading aloud also helps students build their reading speed, allowing them to read longer text and allows us, as adults, to check they are pronouncing words correctly, emphasising the right words/phrases and using intonation appropriately.



READING FOR PLEASURE

As well as learning the mechanics of reading, it is important for children to read for pleasure. As such, our children who are on the RWI phonics programme also bring home a ‘Reading for Pleasure’ book to share with an adult. They will choose this book from their classroom library. This book is intended to be *read to your child by an adult*, not by your child. You do not, therefore, need to record when you have read this book to your child in their reading record.

Reading to your child is a great way to extend their vocabulary, build their language and thinking skills (as well as being a special time for connecting with your child). Regular, consistent reading can increase your child's vocabulary and a strong vocabulary often leads to a higher level of academic success.



For more information, please go to: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/read-it-again-benefits-reading-young-children#:~:text=Research%20Notes,those%20connections%20are%20brain%20connections!>



RECEPTION APPLICATIONS - Key dates

For families with a child who will turn 4, on or before the 31st August 2026, you can now apply for a Reception place.

Applications open: 1 September 2025

Applications close: 15 January 2026

National offer day: 16 April 2026

There are several opportunities for prospective parents and carers to come and visit ARFS - please contact Mrs Coates to book a tour (admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).

What you need to do

- Check if you can apply and which address to use⁴
- Read the rules each school uses to decide who gets a place (called oversubscription criteria)
- Use all four school preferences
- Put your favourite school first – read the equal preference information below
- Apply on time – if you apply late there is less chance of being offered one of the schools you apply to



For further information please visit <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>



GREEN CAREERS WEEK

⁴<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/legal-information-school-admissions>

This week in school, we have continued our learning about climate change and the Church of England's pledge for Net Zero Carbon in schools by 2030 and have linked this with careers. On Thursday the 6th of November, we had two visitors in school from the local community who discussed with the children their career pathway and how their work incorporates sustainability. We first welcomed Peter Rhodes who works for Kromek and has forged his own path within the company to become Head of Sustainability. Peter worked with the Year 3 and Year 4 children to discuss carbon priorities and how they can make small changes that will have a big impact on reducing their carbon.

We then welcomed Dr Olli Jones who works for Cundall and has progressed into the role of Director of Sustainability and Innovation. Olli worked with our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and discussed how the materials we use to build can be paramount to the success of the project and its carbon footprint.

Our children and staff found both of these workshops extremely interesting and eye-opening and we would like to thank both men for their time and effort.

Our school will also be looking for volunteers during STEM week in early March 2026. It will run from **March 6th - 15th** and be focused on the following title '**Curiosity - what's your question?**'. If you work in a STEM related field and would be willing to run a workshop or presentation with our children, please do get in touch with Mrs Ellwood via email - margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Thank you!



PE DAYS

PE days for some of our year groups, changed after half term. Please see new PE days below. Children in Years 1 to 4 should come to school on their PE days dressed in their PE kit.

Can we also ask that children in Years 3-4 bring in a change of shoes every Thursday afternoon for the next 6 weeks as they will be out on the muddy field playing rugby. Thank you.

Nursery - Monday

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Thursday



SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT

Switch Off Fortnight will be running in schools across the country from 8th - 21st November and we are taking part! Switch Off Fortnight will put our children in charge of running an energy-saving campaign (at school and/or home) and they will measure its effectiveness.

We will be learning about energy (energy sources, renewable power and natural resources) and encouraging more energy-saving behaviour. At the end of the fortnight, each class will nominate two "Energy Champions" to make sure lights, screens etc are switched off when not in use during the school day.



CAKE SALE

Well done to Year 3 who raised £35 in their cake sale this week. We hope you enjoyed the treats on offer!

As we have such a busy half term ahead, the next cake sale will be held by Year 2 and will take place on Thursday 12th February - all donations will be gratefully received. Please remember to list ingredients of any home made goodies! Thank you.

Please note that our cake sales are now cashless. Contactless payments can be made with a debit card or phone via our SumUp card machine.



PTFA AGM

Our PTFA will be holding their AGM on **Thursday 27th November at 9:30am** in school. We would love as many parents and carers to come along as possible.

Each class has a parent representative who is the main channel of communication for the class. We currently have vacancies for class reps in Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 3. If you would like to become a class rep or would like further information about what this would entail, please email the PTFA who will be happy to help (archbishoppruncieptfa@gmail.com). Thank you

N - VACANT

R - VACANT

Y1 - Shela Close

Y2 - VACANT

Y3 - VACANT

Y4 - Sarah McRea

Chair- Angela Nicholson

Secretary- VACANT

Treasurer - VACANT



PTFA FILM NIGHT

The PTFA will be holding a Christmas themed film night on Thursday 4th December. This will take place from 3:15 - 5:00pm in classrooms at a cost of £5 per child. The price of the ticket will include, popcorn, Haribo's and biscuits.

Details of the films which will be shown for each year group will be shared with parents and carers next week.

If you would like to book your child on to film night, please email the PTFA directly at **archbishoppruncieptfa@gmail.com**

Once you have booked your place, cash payments can be handed in to the school office or to a member of the PTFA. Payment should be placed in a sealed named envelope with details of any dietary requirements. Bookings must be made no later than Monday 1st December.

If you have any questions please email the PTFA who will be happy to help!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON
DLA!**

Did you know you can get DLA,
the main benefit for disabled
children even if:

- Your child doesn't have a diagnosis.
- You have a job or savings.
- You get other benefits.

**ONLY 1 THING
MATTERS:**

Your child has a disability, illness
or health condition and needs
more care or watching over than
other children their age.

Visit www.contact.org.uk/dla to find out more

contact For families
with disabled children

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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

If your child is in Nursery and you are in receipt of DLA, please let us know: we can access additional funding to support your child.

To qualify for DLA, the child must meet specific criteria related to their need for extra care or difficulty with walking, compared to a child of the same age who does not have a disability. If you think your child meets this criteria please get in touch.

Volunteer with us!



We are always looking for people to come and help in school! If you are interested in helping in school, please contact Mrs Lowe in the school office (admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk). All volunteers will require DBS clearance, and will need to provide references in line with our commitment to Safer Recruitment.

Please note that volunteers must not use their mobile phones during school visits and they must maintain confidentiality at all times. All volunteers will need enhanced DBS checks for this role.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We often need helpers to support us on educational visits out of school. Visits may be full or part days and may be with any class in school. Helping on educational visits will include supporting a small group to achieve the intended learning outcome, promoting high quality discussions, supporting positive behaviour and respectful attitudes of a group of pupils and ensuring the risk assessment is adhered to.

Please note that volunteers must not use their mobile phones during school visits and they must maintain confidentiality at all times.

If you think you might be able to help, please let Class Teachers know. Thank you!



LIBRARIAN / VOLUNTEER

Mrs Crozier and the Library Champions are in the process of giving the library a revamp and they are looking for a helping hand from a "Library Volunteer". This will involve tidying books shelves, checking and replacing labels, revamping displays, categorising new books and generally helping to promote the school library and class libraries. If you are interested in helping on a weekly or fortnightly basis, please contact Mrs Crozier (Emily.Crozier@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).

Please note that volunteers must not use their mobile phones during school visits and they must maintain confidentiality at all times. All volunteers will need DBS clearance.



READING BUDDIES

Could you or a grandparent spare 20 - 30 minutes once or twice a week to help children with reading? We operate a successful reading buddy scheme with parents, grandparents and friends of the school, sharing books with children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. If you could spare an hour or two a week (ideally in the afternoons!), please contact the school office. You will require enhanced DBS checks through the school - please contact Mrs Coates.

Please note that volunteers must not use their mobile phones during school visits and they must maintain confidentiality at all times.



PLAYGROUP VOLUNTEER

Mrs Francis is looking for a couple of warm and friendly faces to support in our pre-school playgroup every Wednesday afternoon. This would involve setting up games and activities for our young visitors, welcoming families to school and interacting with pre-schoolers before helping to tidy up the hall. If you think you might be interested, or would like to know more, please contact Mrs Francis (Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).

Please note that volunteers must not use their mobile phones during school visits and they must maintain confidentiality at all times. All volunteers will need enhanced DBS checks for this role.

Dates for your diaries



Please see diary dates attached - this term is a busy one so please check you have added everything to your calendar! Dates can also be viewed on the school calendar at <https://archbishop-runcie.eschools.co.uk/web/calendar>

Mrs Coates regularly puts reminders of events on Facebook and Instagram to prompt parents too - please follow us to keep up with what's happening in school! She will also be sending out a helpful Christmas timetable over the next few weeks which will help you plan ahead! This will include details of how you can book a place at your child's nativity performance.



Safeguarding



WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis, Mrs Crozier and Mrs Ellwood are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs). Mr Brown is DSL for Wraparound care. Children are regularly reminded who they can talk to if they are worried about something in school.

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:

If you have a non-emergency concern about a child contact:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Emergency Duty Team – 0191 278 7878 (out of hours)
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0800 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>

All concerns that a child or young person is suffering or is at risk of suffering significant harm must be referred directly to the Initial Response Service of Children's Social Care in accordance with the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board Procedures. Please refer to the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Partnership website for safeguarding policies and procedures. For more information, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our school website.



E-SAFETY - SHARENTING

Posting pictures of children online, a practice known as "sharenting," can pose some significant risks to children's safety and privacy.

Once an image is uploaded, control is lost - the image can be copied, saved and shared by anyone, making it impossible to fully delete from the internet. This creates a permanent digital footprint for a child before they are old enough to consent. We are sad to say that there has been a recent case where one of our families in school has had an image of their child misused.

Misuse may not be immediate - it may be years later and can be in a range of forms e.g. for cyberbullying, identity theft or exploitation. Criminals can use photos and personal information to create fake social media accounts, steal a child's identity or use artificial intelligence to generate harmful, fabricated imagery.

Please be aware that photos can also give away information like location via metadata or other details like a child's school, from visual cues, making them vulnerable to real-world predators too.

Please be cautious: consider your privacy settings and think carefully about the lasting consequences of sharing your child's private moments publicly.



**WORKING TOGETHER TO
END MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

We Speak Up: Introduction to Active Bystander Training

Northumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is leading 16 days of activism to raise awareness as part of their White Ribbon pledge to never use, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women and girls.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT NORTHUMBRIA OPCC'S ACTIVE BYSTANDER TRAINING CONTENT
AND 2026 COURSES**

Monday 1st December 2025

10:30am and 11:30am

Online via Teams

Register – email enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk⁵

⁵<mailto:enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk>

Community Notices



SEND PARENTS & CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Does your child have a special educational need or disability? Would you like to talk to other parents/carers or get advice from professionals? Whether your child has a formal diagnosis or not, you are invited to drop in to the SEND Support Group for an informal place to chat and get advice.

These sessions run every Friday 10:00am-11:30am and Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm at Gosforth Civic Theatre. No need to book - just turn up!

COMMUNITY HUB NORTH

Children & Families Newcastle is part of a community network providing activities and services across four localities in the city for babies, children, young people and families. We are part of the North Community Hub. Community hubs link to other buildings in the locality to create a network of venues that offer activities and services.

The community hubs also offer a range of services including – health visiting, family support, community midwifery, mental health support, children’s therapies, youth provision, training opportunities, childcare and employability services. To find out what is available near you, telephone your local Community Hub at Fawdon Children’s Centre, Cairns Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2SN. Telephone 0191 2115773 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/north>



8 - For family support, please scan.



9 - To see what is happening in the city, please scan.

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