



# October 2023

## Newsletter 4 – 20.10.23

### SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE

#### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
<b>Wb 9.10.23</b>	97%	Year 1 (99%)	Year 2 (98%)	Reception (97%)
<b>Wb 16.10.23</b>	96%	Year 2 (100%)★	Year 1 (99%)	Nursery (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. Mrs Gurkin 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.



#### MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 152 (2 hours and 32 minutes) 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 9.10.23</b>	3%	1%	2%
<b>Wb 16.10.23</b>	4%	2%	2%

As you know, there is no entitlement in law to time off in term time. Children who are absent from school fall behind in their learning, they miss out on school events and many find it difficult to catch up. In

addition, school staff have to divert their attention away from other children in order to support those that have fallen behind due to a holiday related absence.

For this reason, any request for leave of absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised. In the case of all unauthorised leave of absences, incurring 8 or more unauthorised sessions (4 days), an application for a Fixed Penalty Notice will be made to the Local Authority.

## 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>	Billy Josiah	Ollie S Jacob	Scarlett Henry	Jesse Rory	Percy Harry	Emilia Max
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Ehitare Phoenix	Leo Rosa	Amaya Benji	Alicia George F	Jacob D Daniel	Layla-J Amelia

### 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 last fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	Highest accuracy this fortnight	Highest engagement this fortnight	Average Daily Minutes
<b>Year 2</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Thanuja, Elvis, Max Cr, Henry, Esim	Max Cr, Thanuja, Harmony, Elvis, Mabel	2
<b>Year 3</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Rehan, Daniel, Percy, George, Bella	Bella, Lucas, Rehan, Nialah, Percy	1
<b>Year 4</b>	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Max, Zain, Alfie, Jake, Karlo	Max, Yusaf, Yaz, Zain, Jake	1

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	12	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	4.19
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### HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have 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:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
James Yashika	Harry Dipti	Esim Indi	Lydia George	Nolan Esther

### SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



#### CHARITABLE GIVING

Paper and reflective poppies and poppy stationery (pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners and erasers) will be available to buy in school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The suggested donation is £1 for each item. Children should bring cash donations in a named and labelled envelope please.



#### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

The children all look fabulous in red today! We have been thinking, over the last couple of weeks, about the importance of equality. As October is Black History Month, we have been talking in particular about the inequality and injustice of racism so it has been wonderful to see our children making a stand together by wearing red.

### SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that applications for middle school, for our current Year 4 children, must be submitted before the deadline on 31<sup>st</sup> October.



<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>



#### PTFA

As many of you will know already, the PTFA provide essential funds to our school. Last year they paid for the coaches for all class visits, in order to reduce the direct costs to parents and carers. At around £250 per coach, this meant they donated over £1000 across the year.

At the AGM on Monday night, dates were set for future fundraising events (see dates attached). If you are able to support the PTFA in any way, please get in touch with class reps or via email [archbishoppruncieptfa@gmail.com](mailto:archbishoppruncieptfa@gmail.com) . Thank you!



Break the Rules Day will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The PTFA are kindly requesting themed donations from each class to create hampers which will be prizes in the PTFA Christmas raffle. Each class will have a colour theme to stick to (if possible!).

We are looking for wicker boxes to put goodies in too if anyone has anything suitable at home. If you know any local businesses that may be able to support us with goods, we would be really grateful. Thank you!

Nursery	Red	Items can include festive drinks, snacks and treats, pamper goodies, candles, decorations, jams and preserves, crackers, chutneys, cheeses, chocolates and sweets etc (or anything else you can think of!) of the allocated colour (where possible). Thank you!
Reception	Green	
Year 1	Gold	
Year 2	Blue	
Year 3	Purple	
Year 4	Silver	

As the festive period approaches and you begin to think about your Christmas shopping, please consider using Easy Fundraising for online purchases.

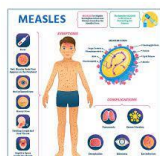
You can follow our PTFA Facebook page to keep up with what is happening in school.

### NO OUTSIDERS

As you know, we had to reschedule our No Outsiders visit from Andrew Moffatt due to his school's recent Ofsted inspection. The class sessions, open lesson and staff training will now take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.



### ILLNESS



Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We have been asked to share key messages from the NHS about measles / MMR and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Over the last fortnight, we have continued to think about Skills Builder attributes. Our focus has been on problem solving and creativity, linked to Facing our Fears, as well as learning about Black History month. Our children always impress us with their inclusivity and strong moral purpose.



### SNACKS IN KS2

As you know, children in Years 3 and 4 are welcome to bring a mid-morning snack into school. This should be a piece of fruit or veg only. It should not be a cereal bar or cake and must not contain nuts. Thank you for your support.

### DONATIONS

Mrs Francis and Mrs Egdell are looking for all in one waterproofs for children to wear during outdoor play in sizes 3 - 4, 4 - 5 and 5 - 6 years please. This will enable children to access their outdoor classrooms in all weathers. These can be given to Mrs Francis or Mrs Egdell or Mrs Coates in the office. Thank you!



### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaire on ParentMail. If you have not already done so, there is still time to complete it until 7:00pm this evening.

### BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL

We are having a real drive on showing effective behaviour for learning in school at the moment. Until half term, children in Years 3 & 4 each have a daily recognition chart where staff can recognise, praise and reward children for being actively involved in learning and showing good behaviour in school (e.g. active listening, working quietly, following instructions on the first time of asking etc). After half term, we are planning to introduce Class Dojo which is an app that can be used in school to reward children for positive behaviour. Parents will be able to login to see how their child is getting on too. We will send further information once this has been introduced to children.



## PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT

A polite reminder that children should not be using our playground equipment either before or after school please. There was a child hurt earlier this week, before school, due to children playing with the balls before school. This is not how we want our children to start their day so please ensure your children do not access our school playtime equipment outside school hours. Thank you.



## FACE YOUR FEARS

The children and staff had a wonderful day at Gibside on Face Your Fears Day. They took part in lots of different activities and showed resilience, determination and teamwork. There was a slight issue with one of the buses being smaller in capacity than we had ordered but we were so grateful to the parent helpers who helped us out by driving to Gibside and making our school visit possible. Thank you all!

## SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

For children in receipt of income based free school meals, Wonde vouchers will be issued on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October for the half term holiday.



## NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK



This year, the National School Meals Week (NSMW) runs from 6-10 November and sees the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Local Authorities Caterers Association organisation. One of the celebrations is to offer a roast dinner during the NSMW week.

The Local Authority Catering Service are changing the menu on **Thursday 9 November when we will be offering a roast beef dinner** (vegetarian alternatives will be available as per the existing menus). If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to take a school meal on this day, please complete the ParentMail form by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

## PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

A reminder that children should not bring football cards, Pokémon cards, sticker books or any other personal possessions from home to school please. Thank you.



## 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 52333



## 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

<b>October 2023</b>			
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.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs	All day	All children to wear full school uniform please (relevant classes to bring PE kit 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.
	<b>Break the Rules Day</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Please bring colour themed donations for hampers</b>
	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.
	<b>Year 4 SEND Reviews</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Relevant parents have been invited to book reviews via ParentMail</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Nursery, Reception and Year 1 SEND Reviews</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Relevant parents have been invited to book reviews via ParentMail</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 3 SEND Reviews</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Relevant parents have been invited to book reviews via ParentMail</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Newcastle	am	More info to follow on ParentMail

November	Quayside		
	Year 2 SEND Reviews	After school	Relevant parents have been invited to book reviews via ParentMail
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Remembrance worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
	Deadline for applications for Nursery places for January		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day		Children invited to wear odd socks for school and usual uniform. Children in Years 1 - 4 will take part in workshops today.
	Year 2 leading Anti-bullying Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Anti-bullying Parent Workshop	5:30-6:30pm	Please book places via ParentMail.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November & Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Teacher Consultations	2:00-5:30pm	Bookings can be made on ParentMail from 6:00pm on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 visit to Hindu Temple	am	Please see ParentMail for more info
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need		Children invited to wear something spotty to school. Donations can be made via ParentMail. (Relevant classes to wear clothing/footwear suitable for PE).
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.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Outreach from Durham University linked to Ancient Greece for Year 4	All day	
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.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Carbon Monoxide workshops for Years 2 & 3		
	PTFA Disco		More info to follow from PTFA
<b>December 2023</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		Please send PTFA tombola prizes into school
	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	TBC	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Film Night	3:15pm	More info to follow from PTFA. No After School Club running tonight. Please collect children from classrooms as usual.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		Donations to Save the Children can be made via ParentMail. Relevant classes to wear clothing/footwear suitable for PE, please.

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir performing at St Thomas' Church	TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 visit to Durham University		Please see ParentMail for more info
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
	Children invited to wear something festive		No cost. Relevant classes to wear clothing/footwear suitable for PE, please.
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	Please pay via ParentMail
	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	pm	More info to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Tyne Theatre	10:00am	Please pay via ParentMail
	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> December	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas' (South Gosforth)	1:30pm	More info to follow
	Children invited to wear something festive to school!		No cost. Relevant classes to wear clothing/footwear suitable for PE, please.
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	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
	Year 3 & Year 4 Mothering Sunday Service	2:45pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
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>	Year 2 visit to Newcastle		More info to follow



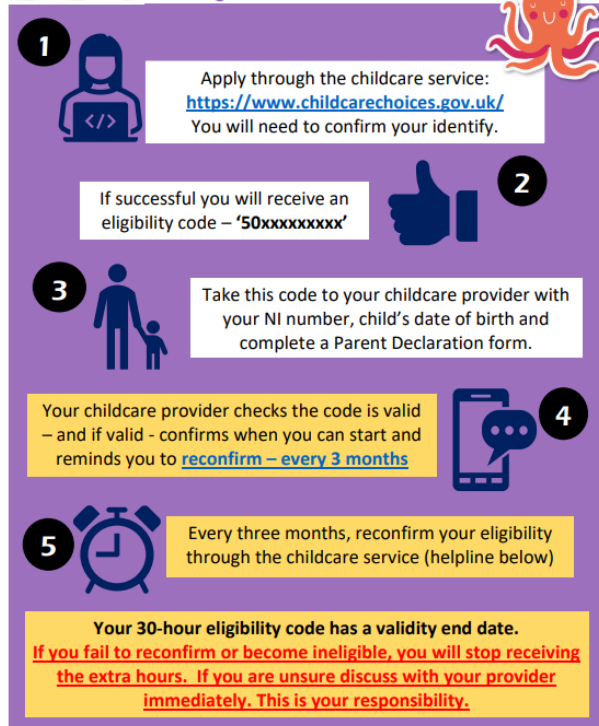
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Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse		More info to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:45pm	Parents and carers invited to attend
29.3.24 – 12.4.24	Easter Holiday		School closed to children
<b>April 2024</b>			
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	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 already in school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	No Outsiders demo lessons, open lesson and staff training.		More info to follow
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 2024	Staff training day		School closed to children
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 sleepover at school		More info to follow
<b>July 2024</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		More info to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Concert at All Saints' Church		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		


**Be courageous; be strong.**


**Do everything in love.**


1 Corinthians 16:13-14


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 identify.

**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**



**OCTOBER SPORTS CAMPS** 

**WESTFIELD SCHOOL** 

**30TH OCTOBER - 3RD NOVEMBER**

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All Saints Church

# Fairy Doors Workshop

\* Ages 5-11

Bring a Grand/Parent

at All Saints Centre

Thurs November 02

11-2:30

£20 party of 2

*All materials and drinks provided*

Bring a packed lunch

Reserve your place **NOW**

0191 213 0450