



Newsletter 11

13th February 2026

Headteacher Message



As we reach the end of this busy half-term, I want to take a moment to celebrate our fabulous children and staff. It has been a pleasure to see the classrooms filled with brilliant learning and play, despite the persistent wintry weather. I really hope that spring (and some sunshine!) will arrive soon!

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Halliday back to work, initially part time, following her maternity leave after half term. Miss Halliday will be supporting learning in

Years 1 & 2 along with Mrs Armstrong. Miss Cairns will reduce her hours until Miss Halliday resumes her full time position.

As we head into the half term break, we encourage all our children to take this time to rest and connect with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February. Please don't forget to check our upcoming events calendar for important dates in the next half-term.

We wish you all a safe and restful half-term.

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 02/02/2026 - 95%
- w/c 09/02/2026 - 95%

Highest class attendance:

- w/c 02/02/2026 - Year 1 99%
- w/c 09/02/2026 - Year 4 100% **Well done!**

Absence Headlines

During this fortnight, 260 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 02/02/2026 - 5%
- w/c 09/02/2026 - 5%

Absence caused by holidays:

- w/c 02/02/2026 - 2%
- w/c 09/02/2026 - 1.5%

Other absences:

- w/c 02/02/2026 - 3%
- w/c 09/02/2026 - 3.5%



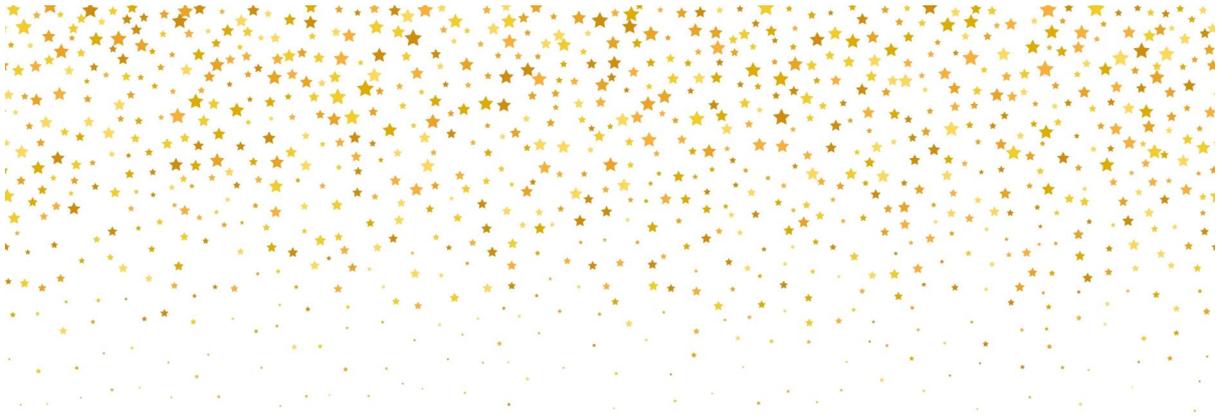
2 - <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/parent-information/school-attendance-and-absence>

Leave of Absence requests can be made to the head teacher *in advance* by the parent/carer the child normally lives with if you want to take your child out of school during term time, however, it is only able to be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances. You can be fined for taking your child out of school without the school's permission.

Please note, as per DfE guidance, we routinely refer families who have taken holidays during term time to the LA for fixed-penalty notices:

- For first offences within a three-year rolling period, each parent/carer could be fined £160 to be paid within 28 days, which can be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- For second offences within a three-year rolling period, each parent/carer could be fined £160 to be paid within 28 days, with no option to pay a reduced amount.
- For your third offence within a three-year rolling period, parents/carers will not be issued with a fine and will be referred straight to court. This could be a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court also gives Parenting Orders.

School Celebrations!



Demonstrating Love

Nursery

- Grace T
- Grace J

Reception

- Ollie
- Milana

Year 1

- Hafsa
- Suleman

Year 2

- Nura
- Ollie

Year 3

- Ava
- Harry

Year 4

- George F
- George P

Staff

- Miss Blamire
- Miss Cairns



Demonstrating Determination

Nursery

- Seb
- Abdul Rahman

Reception

- Naeto
- Amarleia

Year 1

- Amanah
- Josiah

Year 2

- Ayra
- Mehr

Year 3

- Alistair
- Lyla

Year 4

- Rumaisa
- Max Co

Staff

- Mrs Crozier
- Mrs Armstrong



TIMES TABLES 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- Anidunnu

Year 3 - Dipti

Year 4 - Max Cr

TTRS - Highest accuracy

Year 2- Carter

Year 3 - Felix

Year 4 - Rahaf

Current Rank amongst nearby schools: 40 out of 95 schools (Please note the change in metrics!)

Mean studio speed (seconds per question): 3.34



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

- Molly
- Oliver G

Year 2

- Archie
- Carter

Year 3

- Mika
- Janvika

Year 4

- Henry
- Ivy

Social Action Groups



At ARFS, our social action groups serve as a practical outworking of the school's theologically rooted Christian vision, empowering our children to become "courageous advocates" for change. These groups encourage children to live out our school values of love and determination by identifying and responding to needs within their local and global communities.

By participating in these social action groups, our children develop early leadership skills and a lifelong commitment to social responsibility, recognising that their voices and actions can truly improve the lives of others.



3 - Green Team



4 - Energy Champions



5 - Play Leaders



6 - Library Champions



7 - Worship Council



8 - School Council



9 - Hall monitors



School Council have met to correlate their results from the PE challenges which they have been delivering every Wednesday at break-time. They have chosen the highest scoring children from their class and they will be delivering certificates to them during celebration worship. Well done to everyone who took on the PE challenge!



PLAY LEADERS

We have finally started to see some relief from the rain this week, so our Play Leaders have been working hard to engage all of our pupils in meaningful play outside. We do try to avoid the equipment in particularly bad weather, so the girls have been running games such as stuck in the mud, tag and red light, green light. Hopefully March will bring more sunshine and warmth!



GREEN TEAM

Green Team were invited to attend the 'Net Zero Heroes' at the Civic Centre, last week. It was a wonderful event and we met lots of people who will help us on our eco-journey.

You can see more at <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1169684935242491>











YOUNG LEADERS

In Young Leaders this week, we discussed our Local Community and what it means to use to be part of it. We also then thought about raising awareness and which causes we felt it was important to raise awareness of - this actually linked to some of our learning in school about sustainability and climate change!



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

The Library Champions have come up with some fantastic ideas for World Book Day 2026! The timetable has been finalised with staff and the children will enjoy listening to the teachers' favourite picture books and completing some fun, creative activities linked to them. Please see additional information about World Book Day 2026 within this newsletter.

As well as sorting kind donations of pre-loved books, we have recently put in an order with Scholastic for some new books for our school library spending the money raised in previous Book Fair events.

Clubs for Spring Term (February/March)



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

- Lacrosse with Kath from Whitley Bay Lacrosse Club (Years 2, 3 &4) - Monday - 3.15-4.15pm - £4.00 per session - contact Kath on 07592 760881 to book.
- Choir with Charlotte from Music Partnership North - Monday 12:30pm (Years 1 - 4) email: admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
- All Stars Bible Club (run by a group of parents and church volunteers) - Tuesdays (fortnightly) 12:30pm (Reception - Year 4) email: beckymcbride90@gmail.com
- Violin - Monday after school with Charlotte from Music Partnership North (Years 3 & 4)
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQnN0q0YsEpSx4bR6HhZ8onp51DiB-iHdtAkHdUNzg1S08yUTdTR0hGRzJSMkQySU5PVUJFVi4u&route=shorturl>

- Guitar with Jack from Music Partnership North (Years 2, 3 & 4) - Tuesdays after school
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- Gosforth Voices (Years 2, 3 & 4) run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust <https://www.newcastlemusic-service.co.uk/ensembles>
- Gosforth Band run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust (Years 3 & 4) <https://www.newcastlemusic-service.co.uk/ensembles>
- Football with Lee Sterry (Years 3 & 4) Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm
– <https://www.ls-sc.co.uk/>

Any issues or complaints about external providers should be made directly to them, not to school, please.



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

BREAKFAST CLUB

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 to include breakfast of cereal/toast and milk/orange juice. Children must arrive before 8.15am if they require breakfast.

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

REDUCED PRICES & SUBSIDISED COSTS: If you are entitled to Tax Free Childcare, then in effect this will reduce the cost of childcare by 20% (equivalent to £4.80 a day). See : <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.

If you receive Universal Credit, you may be able to claim back up to 85% of the cost of childcare. This means Breakfast Club would only cost 90p a day! Check here:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club runs 3:15-5:30pm, Monday - Friday.

Afterschool Club:

- 3.15- 4:15pm is £6.00
- 3.15-5.30pm is £12.50 and includes a snack and drink.

This week, we have been gathering suggestions from our children (at ASC) and parents/carers (via the display board in the main entrance). We are delighted to announce that the children have voted to have a Film Night to watch 'How to train your dragon' on Thursday 5th February. This is open to all but spaces must be booked as normal via Childcare Bookings for Schools.

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

REDUCED PRICES & SUBSIDISED COSTS: If you are entitled to Tax Free Childcare, then in effect this will reduce the cost of childcare by 20% (equivalent to £4.80/£10 a day). See : <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.

If you receive Universal Credit, you may be able to claim back up to 85% of the cost of childcare. This means After School Club would cost from 90p per day! Check here:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>

Out of Hours Emergency Number

11 - Wraparound phone can be used outside school office hours (7:45-8:45am/3:15-5:30pm)

Wraparound have a mobile phone that parents/carers can use outside of school office opening times. This number should be used before 8am or after 3:30pm if you need to contact the wraparound team.

They can be contacted by calling 07340117366. This phone is not active during the school day and should not be used to make or cancel bookings.

Collective Worship



Over the last fortnight, we have reflected on Candlemas and the importance of light in our lives and Jesus as the light of the world in the lives of Christian people. Miss Cooper even made us pancakes for lunch on 2nd Feb as this is a tradition in France!

We have also thought about Fundamental British Values and when we use these in school and our wider lives, for example using democracy to vote for the Social Action groups and linking mutual respect, tolerance and individual liberty to our No Outsiders approach in school.

This week has been Mental Health Week. We have considered the impact of online activities and maintaining healthy relationships on our mental health.



Church Links



 **All Saints**
Gosforth

Messy Church

Sunday 22nd February
3.00 - 4.00pm

Theme: Jesus in the Desert

**Join us for a story, crafts
and food.**

in the
All Saints Centre
NE3 4ES

Tel 0191 2130450
for more details



Mothering Sunday Cream Tea:

There will be a Mothering Sunday Service, led by Worship Council, at All Saints' Church at 1:45pm on Friday 13th March. Children can either be collected from church at 2:15pm or will return to school for usual collection arrangements with staff. The service will be followed

by cream teas in the church hall, from 2:15-3:15pm, for children and their family members. Tickets for cream teas need to be booked in advance via ParentMail before 6th March. Adult tickets are £4 per person and will entitle recipients to a hot drink and scone. Children's tickets will be £1 and will entitle children to a drink of juice and a biscuit. Craft activities will also be available for children. Physical tickets will be issued and, due to capacity of the hall, no additional entry will be allowed on the day.

You will be able to book on ParentMail from Monday 23rd February 2026.

PTFA Extraordinary General Meeting



Notice of PTFA Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) - 9.00am on Monday 2nd March 2026 at Archbishop Runcie CE First School.

Our PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association) is governed by a constitution which acts as a binding "rulebook" that ensures the group operates fairly, legally and transparently for the benefit of the school community. For parents, it establishes automatic membership, meaning every parent or carer with a child at the school is automatically a member and has the right to attend meetings, vote on key decisions and help elect the committee.

Due to the resignation of the current Chair and Treasurer, an EGM will be held to allow all members to vote to fill these positions. We will also be voting for a Co-Secretary. To date, we have received self-nominations for the roles of Co-Chair, Treasurer and Co-Secretary. We will also be voting on the new Constitution (attached)

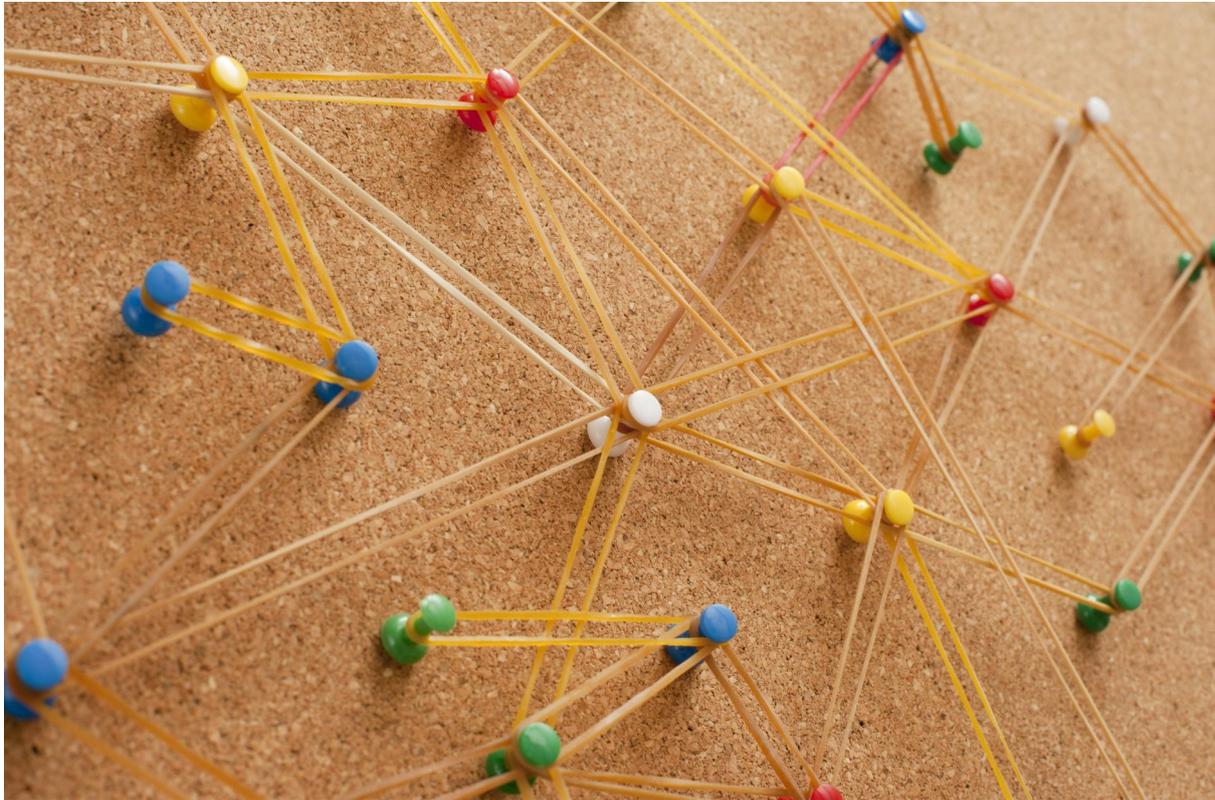
If you are interested in standing for these roles, please contact the School Business Manager, Mrs Lowe, on admin@archbishop.sch.uk by 23rd February 2026

The objective of the PTFA is to advance the education of the pupils in the school, particularly:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

The constitution document explains how official roles like the Chair or Treasurer are managed. By following these 'rules', the PTFA ensures that all activities remain focused on its core charitable goal: advancing the education and well-being of the pupils.

School News



SCHOOL MEAL COSTS

As you know, our school meals are provided by Newcastle City Council. You may recall, the charge for all pupil meals was increased last year. Unfortunately, Newcastle city Council have informed us of a further increase to the price of school meals to £3.10 which will be effective from 20th April 2026 (the first Monday in April after the Easter break).

The council have assured us that they recognise the financial pressures families and schools face, however, as the price of food continues to rise and the Real Living Wage increases further increases are needed for the service to remain viable.

Concerns can be raised directly with Newcastle City Council who can be contacted on 0191 2787878.

The kitchen requires 2 weeks' notice if you intend to change from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa. Please email the school office in this event. Lunch payments are made via ParentMail.

If you think you are entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS please apply [here](#). As well as free school meals you will also receive supermarket vouchers during school holidays. If you are already in receipt of free school meals, these have been scheduled to be sent by email on Saturday 14th February 2026.



NUT ALLERGIES

Several children in school have nut allergies. Unfortunately we have seen an increase in nut based products (Nutella and peanut butter) coming into school. We would like to remind parents and carers not to send food containing nuts to school in packed lunches, snacks or for any other purpose. This includes foods at parties and picnics. Thank you.

PACKED LUNCHES

It is really important that the children having packed lunches bring something filling such as a sandwich or pasta (or other carbohydrates) that will fill them up for the afternoon rather than just crisps and other processed snacks. Could we also request that sweet items such as cakes and biscuits are restricted to one item per day please? We really appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping lunch boxes healthy, thank you.

Reminders:

- Please do not send foods containing nuts in case of allergies amongst the other children.
- Please remember; no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks should be in packed lunches.
- Please continue to cut grapes into halves to minimise the risk of choking.

- Please ensure that your child can unwrap/open all items in their lunch box independently.
- Please consider using reusable food containers for packed lunches and fruit snacks, rather than disposable food packaging and avoid sending disposable plastic cutlery or straws in packed lunches.

Thank you.

For ideas of what to include you could try:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

<https://babyfoode.com/blog/30-healthy-lunch-box-ideas-for-kids/>

<https://www.playpennies.com/fitness-and-diet/free-change-4-life-sugar-swap-pack-lunch-box-app-117627>



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. You can find a list of items we are wishing for here: <https://amzn.eu/1E02d6C>

Our wish list includes:

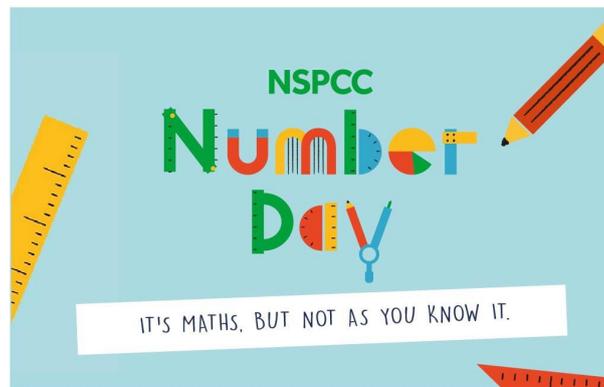
- Anti-choking devices for each classroom <https://www.lifevac.uk/shop/> - these have been recommended by a grandparent.
- craft materials
- forest school resources and consumables
- reading books for classroom libraries
- first aid resources
- playground equipment

If you have a suggestion of something that we might benefit from, we'd love to hear from you! **Please make sure you get items delivered directly to school!** Thank you

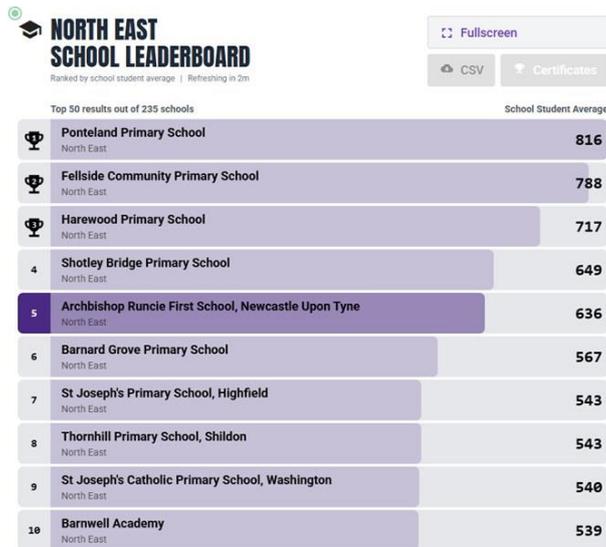


12 - A LifeVac is a portable, non-invasive, anti-choking device that uses one-way suction to clear a blocked airway when traditional methods like back blows and abdominal thrusts fail.

Parents/carers can make a donation towards this via ParentMail, if they wish.







NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2026

On Friday 6th February, we celebrated NSPCC's Number Day in school in order to raise money to support such an important cause. **In total, we raised £95!** The children were all invited to dress up in numbers; Reception outdid themselves as we had the entire Number Blocks family on show and our Year 1 staff jumped onto the '6-7' craze! Well done everyone! In KS2, we took part in NSPCC rocks, a national event on TTRS and at one point - we were 5th out of 235 in the North East region!



SEND COFFEE MORNING

Due to a lack of engagement this academic year, we will be re-considering our SEND coffee mornings and be moving to a drop-in session, by prior appointment, for the rest of the school year.

If at any point you would like to book an appointment with our SENCO, Mrs Ellwood, please contact her directly via email - margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

On Wednesday 4th March, parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to attend a meeting with Mr H who will be running the Year 3 sleepover in June this year. Parents and carers will be able to find out further information and have the opportunity to ask any questions. Mr H runs this event every year and it is always a fantastic day/night for the children who attend.





UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOP

On Thursday 27th March at 2pm, the Social, Emotional and Mental Health team from Newcastle City Council will be running a parent workshop on de-escalation and regulation.

We understand how difficult it can be to manage meltdowns at home and have invited the team in to share strategies on how best to support our families, offer advice to manage regulation and listen to any concerns that you may have.

This workshop is open to all families within our school community and will hopefully continue to strengthen the relationships between home and school.

Please email Mrs Ellwood if you require any further information - margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk



CAKE SALE

Year 2 raised £42 this week!

The next cake sale will be run by Year 1 on Thursday 26th March - 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 school SumUp machine.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Each year at ARFS, we celebrate British Science Week. This year, it will run in school between Monday 9th - Friday 13th March. Class teachers are busy planning activities for each class but we are also hoping that parents/carers with relevant experience/jobs/skills may also be able to enrich our offer. If you may be able to help (or know someone else who could help), please get in touch! Thank you.

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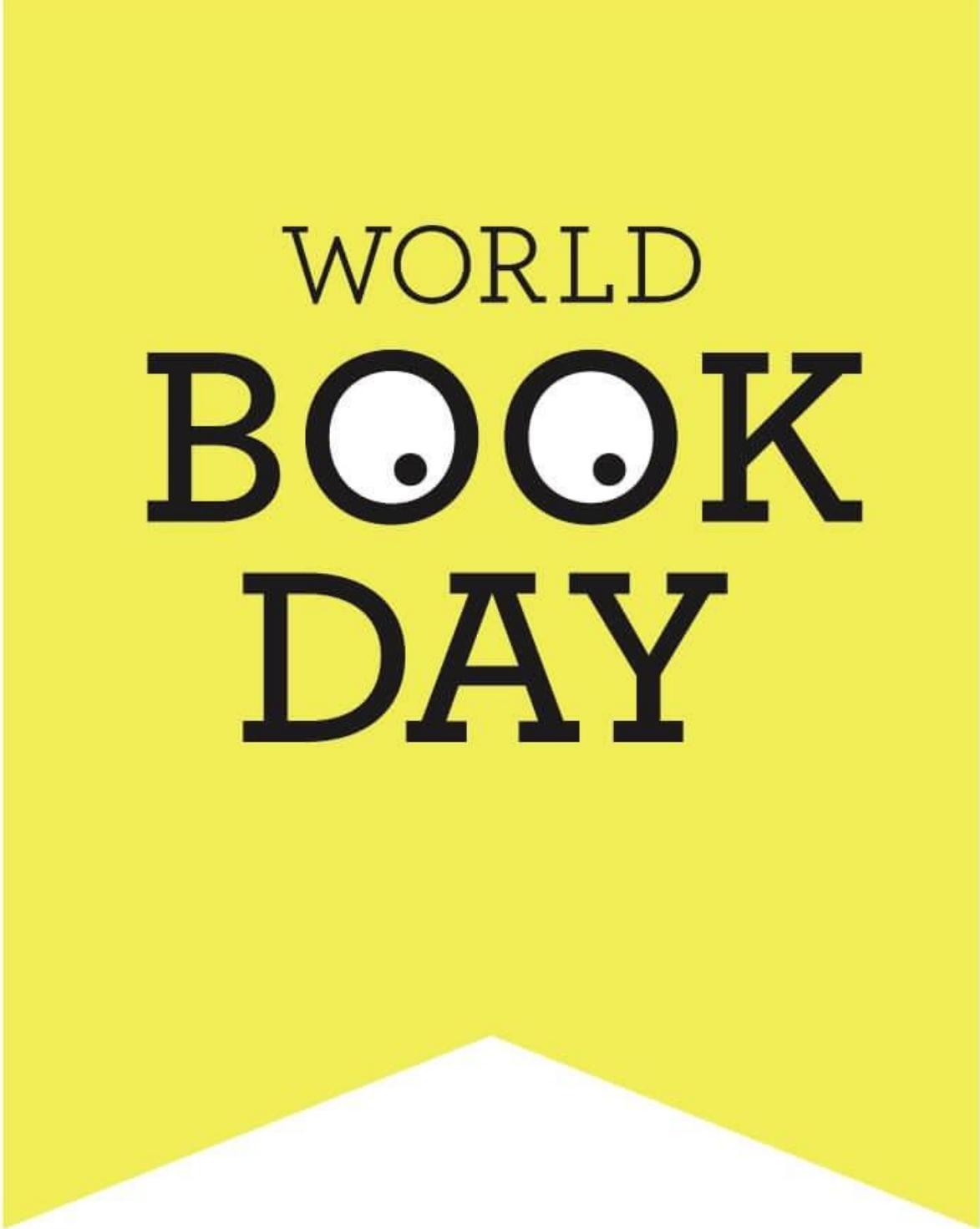


CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week in the UK is a dedicated annual, week-long celebration (March 2–7, 2026) aimed at providing education, information, and guidance to help students and individuals explore future career opportunities. It features virtual fairs, digital resources, and, for 2026, the theme "Own Your Future".

We have already begun reaching out to parents and local businesses who may be able to support our school in terms of a workshop or session but if this is something that you are

interested in, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ellwood via email -
margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

A yellow banner with a white pointed bottom edge. The text "WORLD BOOK DAY" is centered on the banner. "WORLD" is in a simple sans-serif font. "BOOK" is in a large, bold, black serif font, with the two 'O's stylized as eyes with black pupils. "DAY" is in a bold, black serif font.

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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2026 will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026. We are looking forward to celebrating in school! On the day, children are very welcome to come dressed as a favourite book character; however, to avoid any pressure on families to buy costumes, children may also come in their own clothes if they prefer. The focus of the day will be on celebrating reading and enjoying books together. We will enjoy a special assembly led by Newcastle Libraries and throughout the day children will take part in a range of book-themed activities, including reading independently and with others, listening to stories and completing fun, creative tasks linked to their teachers' favourite stories. We can't wait to share a wonderful day of stories and imagination with everyone!



MORNING ROUTINES

As you know, we operate a drop off window in the mornings. The aim of this is to enable children to enter school calmly and to offer parents the opportunity to speak to a member of support staff on the doors if the need arises. It also means that Christon Road is slightly less congested and eases parking around school.

Because the roads around our school site are so busy, we do not allow children to walk to school without an adult to accompany them. Please support us in keeping our children safe.

All children are able to enter school from 8:35-8:45am. The register will be taken at 8:45am so any children arriving after this time should enter via the main school office and be signed in on the Inventory screen please. You will need to provide a reason for the late arrival. Please note that children who are late miss vital teaching (usually reading and phonics at this time) and therefore we would really encourage you to drop children off promptly. Thank you.

Nursery and Reception children should enter via their classroom doors and all other classes should enter via the cloakroom doors from the main yard please.

HOME TIME

Teaching finishes at 3:15pm. All children should be collected from classroom doors between 3:15 and 3:20pm by a responsible adult (over the age of 18). If parents/carers have not collected children by 3:20pm, children will be taken to After School Club (and parents/carers will be charged accordingly) so that staff can attend meetings and complete other duties.

Thank you for your understanding.



SNACKS & DRINKS

- Children in Nursery and Reception are provided with free milk to drink mid-morning (until they are 5 years old).
- All children are asked to bring a named water bottle each day which will be sent home for washing each afternoon (containing only water).
- Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a range of healthy fresh fruit snacks every day, therefore, parents are reminded not to send snacks into school please.
- Children in Years 3 & 4 can **bring a piece of fruit/vegetable** to eat as their snack, if they wish. This should be one small snack only (not a charcuterie board!). Please do not send yoghurts or the baked fruit yoyos/bars (as these get squashed into the carpet). Thank you!

It is very important that you inform us of any allergies that your child may have. Thank you.



BIRTHDAY CAKE/SWEETS

Please note that due to Natasha's Law and several food allergies in school, we no longer hand out birthday cake and sweets in school but parents and carers are able to hand these out, outside classrooms, at the end of the school day directly to children in the care of

parents/carers. Parents and carers can then make their own decision about whether the foods offered are suitable for their child. Thank you for your understanding.

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.



13 - Could you or a grandparent spare 20 - 30 minutes once or twice a week to help children with reading?

READING BUDDIES

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.

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!

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.

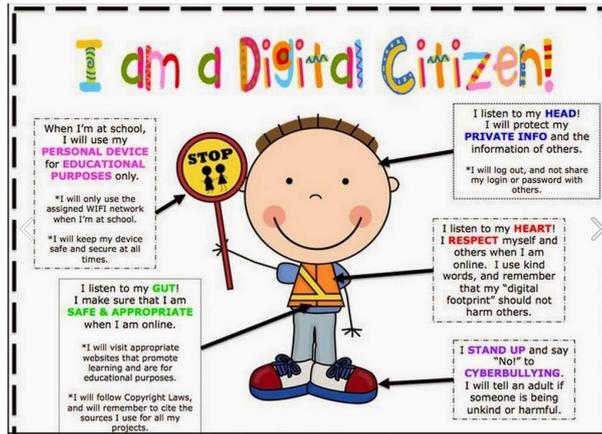
If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. **If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.** Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

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 – 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>

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.



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>



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