



October 2024

Newsletter 4 – 18.10.24

SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Good attendance at school is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.
- Nurseries and first schools play a vital role in embedding good attendance habits.
- Even at first school, children with the highest attainment have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths also had lower attendance.
- For the most vulnerable pupils, regular attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for needs to be identified and support provided. Research has shown there are clear links between regular absence from school and harm for children.

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

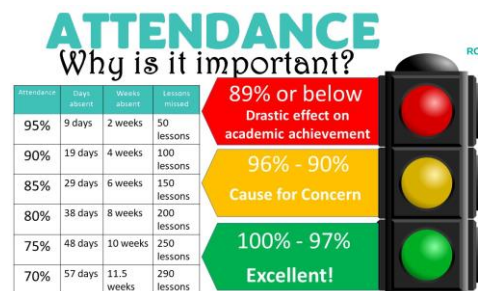
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 7.10.24	97%	Year 4 (98%)	Year 3 (97.3%)	Year 1 (97.2%)
Wb 14.10.24	92%	Year 2 (95%)	Year 4 (94%)	Nursery (93%)

Did you know ...?

- 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 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 in an attempt 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. If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch.

MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 60 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.



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

EARLY COLLECTION



We would be grateful if parents and carers did not collect children before the end of the school day, except in emergency situations, please. We have had several children being collected from school early this week meaning they have missed key curriculum content. This learning then needs to be 'caught up' on so that children are able to access subsequent learning. As you can imagine, this is hugely time consuming for staff and means there is a detrimental impact on in-class support because support staff are having to work with individuals to 'catch up' on missed learning rather than support children in class. Thank you.

PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence (excluding Nursery)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 7.10.24	3%	0.5%	2.5%
Wb 14.10.24	8%	1.5%	6.5%

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	Staff
Demonstrating Love	Billy Isaac	Sanjhbat Izzy	Masa Haniya	Ethan Musa	Mabel Ivy	Percy Livie	Mrs Norman Mr Robinson
Demonstrating Determination	Lottie Haris	Grace Phoenix	Zephy Urwah	Marwa Sacha	Rory Ellie	Leo Elias	Mrs Egdell Miss Cairns

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 engaged highly with TTRS in the past fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	Highest engagement this fortnight	Highest accuracy this fortnight
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Lyla Musa Aadriti	Bejamin D Aadriti Lyla
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Indi Joshua Alicia	Indi Elvis Thanuja
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Rehan Isabella Rosa	Rehan Theo Rosa

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	28	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	5.76
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HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have a real drive to improve handwriting, presentation of work and spelling. Each week, class teachers will choose someone who has worked hard to improve their presentation or who consistently demonstrates exemplary standards of presentation. Well done and thank you to the following children:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Mehr Oliver B	Maliha Dipti	Thanuja Esim	Rosa Abbie

SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Today, our children looked amazing in red! We have talked about showing racism the red card and how we welcome everyone to our school family. Canon Shipton helped us reflect on how we are all unique beings and we are all loved by God.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council have been invited to design a Christmas card for Katherine McKinnel to send to her constituents. They are busy consulting their peers on appropriate designs!



GREEN TEAM



Green Team have been out and about in the park and around the allotments gathering up all sorts of litter and waste. Last week, Jacob found a set of bike handles which required team work to pick up and carry. We spotted lots of mushrooms and enjoyed looking at how they were all different! Rudi showed real determination in grabbing and manoeuvring a fruit shoot bottle, over a sustained period, from between the allotment

fence railings.



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Mrs Norman has, kindly, offered to lead our Library Champions and has recruited Razan to join the crew! The children are very proud wearing their new library champion badges and are enjoying keeping our library ship shape.

PLAY LEADERS

Even though we are experiencing the autumnal weather outside, our Play Leaders have been working hard to involve everyone in play time games this week. Grandma's footsteps and obstacle courses have been some of our highlights this week! Well done, Theo, Harry, Bella and Scarlett.



REMEMBRANCE

Poppies and other poppy themed merchandise will be available to buy in school between Monday 4th November – Monday 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
- Pencil sharpeners £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 Monday 11th November at 9:00am and you are warmly invited to join us.

SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

SCHOOL MEALS

Following a recent media report, Newcastle City Council School Meals service have asked us to offer parents the assurance that the School Meals service is operating as normal and that there are no plans to cease this service.



Thank you for your patience whilst we had a leaky kitchen roof last week! We are delighted that the roof has now been repaired and the kitchen signed off so usual service is resumed! Miss Cooper did a fantastic job under challenging circumstances (and surrounded by buckets)!

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application window for our Year 4 children to apply for middle school places closes on 31st October. Application forms can be found at

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



MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

A reminder that we have a supply of paracetamol and antihistamine in school that we can administer, with parental consent. Please do not send Calpol to school with your child in bookbags or lunchboxes. If you think your child may need to have paracetamol administered during the day, please let us know. Thank you.

PARKING

We have noticed an improvement in the parking situation around school – thank you all! Please help us maintain this by parking in ASDA and walking from there. To date, 7 penalty charge notices have been issued on Christon Road.



The area outside the school gates, marked with zig-zag lines, is also covered by the camera. In order to keep your children safe, vehicular access is required at all times so please do not drop off/park in this area. Thank you.

WONDE VOUCHERS



The government has extended the Household Support Fund. Newcastle City Council has made the decision to continue funding food vouchers for the October half-term school holiday for those children and young people eligible for benefits related free school meals. It is £15 for the week, with the same arrangements as for previous holidays.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been thinking again about developing spiritually through our connections with others, with nature and with God.



ALL STARS

All stars Bible Club runs fortnightly, on Tuesday lunchtimes, in the school library. All Stars is run by a group of parents/carers and local church representatives, with a member of staff in attendance. If your child would like to attend, please email beckymcbride90@gmail.com. All Stars currently runs for Years 1 – 4 but, from January, Reception children will be able to join the sessions too.

CAKE SALE



Well done to Year 3 who raised £80 at their class cake sale last week. This will help towards the cost of coaches on school visits. Thank you to everyone who donated, served and purchased. We really appreciate your support.

Year 2 are hosting their class cake sale, after school, on Thursday 24th October.

NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES

In advance of Nursery and Reception applications for September 2025, we have set a series of dates, in the coming weeks, for small groups of parents and carers of children due to start Nursery and Reception in September 2025 to visit our school:

- Monday 4th November at 5:30pm
- Wednesday 6th November at 5:30pm
- Tuesday 12th November at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 19th November at 1:30pm
- Thursday 21st November at 1:30pm

Places for each visit will be limited so please contact Mrs Coates in the office for further information or to book a place.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to the parents who attended the RISE parent workshop on Anxiety last week. In response to parental feedback, we have another parent/carers workshop coming on Wednesday 20th November, 3:15 - 4:00pm, which will focus on Emotional Regulation. All parents/carers are invited and welcome to attend.



The Local Authority SEMH Team are also leading a workshop on mental health on Tues 26th November at 2:15pm, here in school.

Parents and carers can sign up to both workshops via ParentMail.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent questionnaire this term. We are delighted with the results below.

	Agree or strongly agree
1. My child is happy at this school.	94% (3% don't know)
2. My child feels safe at this school.	93% (3% don't know)
3. The school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.	88% (3% don't know)
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively / my child has not been bullied	88% (7% don't know)
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning throughout the year.	100%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly/ I have not raised a concern	91% (2% don't know)
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	88% (10% don't know)
9. My child does well at this school.	93% (4% don't know)
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	86% (6% don't know)
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	93% (3% don't know)
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	91% (4% don't know)
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	85% (9% don't know)
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	98%
15. Transition to my child's new class has been supported well.	96% (4% don't know)

READING BOOKS



As you know, we use Read Write Inc. (RWI) as our phonics scheme. Mrs Egdell assesses every child 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.edcowsites.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!>

RUCKSACKS

A polite reminder that children should bring a royal blue book bag to school, each day, to carry their reading record and reading book. Please do not send rucksacks to school as we do not have space to store these in classrooms. Thank you.



PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

On Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd October, class teachers will be meeting with parents and carers to discuss how children have settled into their new class. Children in Years 1 – 4 will also receive a short report regarding attendance, relationships, attitudes and behaviour, homework (including reading at home) and attainment. We hope you find these useful and they help you understand how your child is doing in school.



Although hugely beneficial, as you can imagine, meeting with 30 parents and carers is hugely time consuming for staff. Please let us know, in advance, if you will not be able to attend so your appointment can be reallocated to another parent/carers. If you would prefer a phone call, rather than a face to face appointment, please email class teachers to request this.



GOSFORTH BAND

It was wonderful to see some of our older children taking part in Gosforth Band last week! Huge thanks to Mrs Norman for walking the children to the rehearsal. There is a short promotional video online (from covid times) if you want to know more about what Gosforth Band entails: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irtwwHMbaZk>

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis and Mrs Ellwood are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). 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:

- 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

OCTOBER HALF TERM



MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
AT GOSFORTH ACADEMY

MULTI SPORTS & FOOTBALL

Wrap around Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30 £110
(Multisports 4 - 12yrs) (Football 4 - 14yrs)

Monday - Friday Football 10:00 - 3:00 £62
outdoor course 4 - 14yrs

Monday - Friday multi sports 10:00 - 3:00 £62
Indoor course 4 - 12yrs

half days, early drop offs and late pick Ups are available

For more information
contact: 07729058119
email: coaching@ls-sc.co.uk
website: www.ls-sc.co.uk



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DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

October 2024			
Monday 21 st October	Year 4 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 22 nd October	Reception visitor from Newcastle Mosque		
Monday 21 st & Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent-teacher consultations	From 2:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Thursday 24 th October	Year 4 Geography fieldwork	am	
Thursday 24 th October	Year 2 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 2 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 25 th October	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	October half term		School closed to children
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for middle school applications for September 2025.		
November 2024			
Friday 1 st November	Deadline for applications for Nursery places for January intake		
Monday 4 th November	Year 3 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Year 4 TTRS day		Year 4 children invited to dress as a rock star today.
4 th – 11 th November	Poppies appeal merchandise available to buy in school		Please send correct money in a named envelope.
Wednesday 6 th November	Gosforth Voices	3:45pm-4:45pm	
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
	PTFA AGM	6:30pm	All welcome
Friday 8 th November	Year 3 TTRS day		Year 3 children invited to dress as a rock star today.
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship led by Year 4	9:00am	Parents & carers welcome
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with

			joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks (anti-bullying) worship led by Year 2	9:00am	Parents and carers invited to attend. Children invited to wear odd socks (with normal uniform).
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Wednesday 13 th November	Gosforth Voices	3:45pm-4:45pm	
Thursday 14 th November	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need		Children invited to wear something spotty. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
	Adults only quiz night TBC	7:00pm	More info to follow
Monday 18 th November	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Year 2 TTRS day		Year 2 children invited to dress as a rock star today.
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 4 visitor from Durham University	TBC	
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Wednesday 20 th November	Gosforth Voices	3:45pm-4:45pm	
	RISE Parent Workshop on supporting children's emotional regulation	3:15pm-4:00pm	All welcome. Please sign up via ParentMail.
Thursday 21 st November	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Monday 25 th November	Reception Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 26 th November	Supporting good mental health – workshop for parents	2:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Thursday 28 th November	Film Night	3:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Friday 29 th November	Advent worship led by Year 3	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
December 2024			
Monday 2 nd December	Nursery Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parents/carers of Reception children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	

	Year 2 synagogue visit	am	
Wednesday 4 th December	Parents/carers of Nursery children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45pm-4:45pm	
Thursday 5 th December	Flu Immunisations in school		
	Nursery & Reception cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery & Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 6 th December	Nursery & Reception visit to Gosforth Civic Theatre	am	
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Just for fun – no donations required.
Monday 9 th December	Year 3 visit to Durham Oriental Museum		
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery & Rec Nativity (am) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (pm) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Thursday 12 th December	Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (am) Nursery & Rec Nativity (pm) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (am) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (pm)	TBC	
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Donations can be made to Save the Children via ParentMail
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 visit to All Saints' Church	10:00am	
	Years 3 & 4 Christmas party	pm	
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 & 4 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas party	pm	
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 1 & 2 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	
	Nursery & Reception party	pm	
Thursday 19 th December	ARFS Family Day (including Christmas lunch)	All day	More info to follow
Friday 20 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Just for fun – no donations required
	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	pm	Parents and carers welcome to attend. Children can be collected from church at 2:30pm
Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2025			
Wednesday 8 th January	Phonics & early reading session for parents & carers of children in Reception	5:30pm	

Thursday 9 th January 2025	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Wednesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception applications to Newcastle City Council	Noon	
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 4 visit to El Torero	Lunchtime	
Monday 24 th February – Friday 28 th February	February half term holiday		School closed to children
February 2025			
Friday 21 st February	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 1 walking tour of Gosforth	pm	
	Internet safety day		Activities in school
Thursday 13th February	Film Night	3:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Friday 14 th February	Love is... worship led by Year 1	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Friday 28 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April intake		
March 2025			
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 4 visit to Beamish (TBC)	All day	
Thursday 6 th March	Years 3 & 4 Magic Flute at The Theatre Royal		
	World Book Day		Children invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, if they wish.
Thursday 13 th March	Year 4 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 4 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 14 th March	Red Nose Day		Children invited to wear red and 'do something funny for money'. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
Monday 17 th March	Year 2 visit to Newcastle Castle TBC	TBC	
17 – 28 th March	Year 4 swimming every afternoon		
17-21 st March	STEM Week		Activities in school. If any parents/carers have a career/interest in science, technology or maths, please contact Mrs Egdell.
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 1 visit to Newcastle Mosque		
Friday 28 th March	Nursery & Reception Mothering Sunday Service (in school)	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
	Years 1 – 4 Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas' Church	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
April 2025			
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 3 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 3 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Thursday 3 rd	Meeting for parents/carers	4:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail.

April	of Year 4 children about the Y4 Multiplication tables Check (in school)		
Tuesday 8 th April	Stay & Play or parents and carers of children in Reception	2:00pm	
	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 1 children about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check (in school)	5:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail.
Wednesday 9 th April	Stay & Play or parents and carers of children in Nursery	2:00pm	
Friday 11 th April	Years 1 – 4 Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
May 2025			
Thursday 1 st May	Year 2 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 2 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 3 Watersmeet, Hexham	All day	
Thursday 15 th May	Year 4 residential at Dukeshouse Wood		Info on ParentMail
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay		More info to follow
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 23 rd May	GST Daft as a Brush Day		Children invited to wear something "daft" and make a donation via ParentMail.
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday		School closed to children
June 2025			
Monday 2 nd June	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Friday 6 th June	Pentecost Service		Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Wb 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment		Places can be booked via ParentMail
Wb 16 th June	School Sports Week TBC		If any parents/carers have any connections to sports coaches/providers, please let Mrs Francis know.
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	am	
Thursday 19 th June	Reception class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 20 th June	Big Gig		More info to follow
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum	All day	More info to follow
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 sleepover at school	All day	More info to follow
30 th June – 11 th July	Year 3 swimming every afternoon		More info to follow
July 2024			
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum TBC		
Thursday 10 th	Nursery class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery

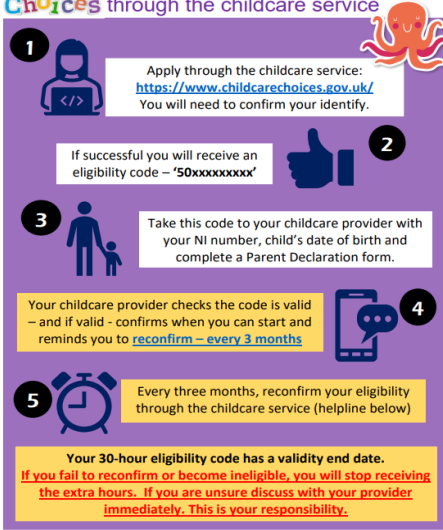
July			children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole school trip to Tynemouth	All day	
Friday 18 th July	Year 4 Leavers' Service (at school)	9:15am	Please save the date
Monday 21 st July – Friday 29 th August	Summer holiday		School closed to children

**Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.**
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


NURSERY 30 HOUR PLACES

Childcare **Ch**oices Applying for 30 hours free childcare 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 – '50xxxxxxx'
- 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** 

HEALTHIER TOGETHER

The Healthier Together website (<https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk>) provides accurate and trusted healthcare advice for parents/carers, young people and professionals in the North East and North Cumbria. You can find parental advice on illnesses, allergies, vaccines, child development as well as many other topics. You can also download the Healthier Together app.

The Healthier Together website also includes the Little Orange Book which provides advice for babies and children when they are poorly.



WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS



Bookings for Wraparound Care are 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

Contact phone number: 01444 523335

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>



SEND PARENT 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.



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

The school is given £1480 per child in order to further strengthen our offer to families. We do this by ensuring these children get additional support in school and by funding events (such as educational visits and other activities) to ensure all children in school have access to equal opportunities. We would encourage all

families to check their eligibility for this funding https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you are unsure or need help, please see Ms Lowe.



UNIFORM LIBRARY & EXCHANGE

We now have a pre-loved “Uniform Library” in the main entrance for anyone who needs to borrow, exchange or replace any uniform items. This is not only to help cut costs for families but we are also aiming to have a positive environmental impact by reducing waste and pollution caused by textiles. Please come along and help yourselves. Cash donations can be

made to the PTFA at the school office. Thank you.



Donations of outgrown uniform can also be made at the school office. Please ensure items are clean and name labels are removed. Thank you!