



Newsletter 15

1st May 2026

Headteacher Message



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and happy Easter break with your families. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such high energy and enthusiasm for the summer term.

As you know, Mr Hunter, our Site Manager, has decided to scale back his work pattern and will be moving on from ARFS. His last day is next Friday (8th May). Mrs Lowe, our School Business Manager, has secured a promotion so her last day will be Thursday 21st May. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Coates has been appointed as our new School Business Manager. We will, therefore, now be recruiting for an Admin Assistant!

Mrs Crozier is, unfortunately, absent from school following a minor accident. I know you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Mrs Crozier is hopeful she will return to school on Monday 18th May, if not before. Mrs Kaur is covering Year 1 until Mrs Crozier returns.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff for keeping everything in school running smoothly - they give their time and energy endlessly to our school and we are very grateful for their additional efforts during this time.

With my very 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.

Promoting good attendance

As part of weekly celebration worship:

- The benefits of good school attendance are shared
- The attendance of each class is monitored each week and the class with the highest attendance earns an extra playtime. This is recorded in the main school hall.
- One child from each class with 100% attendance is selected each week to visit the Dojo Shop in school.

Half termly:

- The overall attendance of each class is monitored each half term and the class with the highest attendance earns reward.

Termly:

- Attendance data is shared with parents and carers via parent-teacher consultations (autumn & spring) and end of year reports (summer).

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



1 - Mrs Jan Gurkin

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

Attendance Headlines

Whole school attendance:

- w/c 20/04/2026 - 98%
- w/c 27/04/2026 - 98%

Highest class attendance:

- w/c 20/04/2026 - Year 1 99%
- w/c 27/04/2026 - Year 2 99%

Absence Headlines

During this fortnight, 210 mins of learning time have been missed in school due to lateness. Please try to arrive on time at school, between 8:35am – 8:45am. Thank you. Our first lesson of the day is reading so children arriving late miss vital learning.

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

Whole school absence:

- w/c 20/04/2026 - 2%
- w/c 27/04/2026 - 2%

Absence caused by holidays:

- w/c 20/04/2026 - 0.5%
- w/c 27/04/2026 - 0.3%

Other absences:

- w/c 20/04/2026 - 1.5%
- w/c 27/04/2026 - 1.7%



Leave of Absence requests can be made to the Headteacher *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
- Charlotte

Reception

- Milana
- Claudia

Year 1

- Josiah
- Isla

Year 2

- Maryam
- Eric

Year 3

- John
- Scarlett

Year 4

- Rory
- George F

Staff

- Mr Brown
- Mrs Brown



Demonstrating Determination

Nursery

- Isaac
- Haadi

Reception

- Amarleia
- Ayo

Year 1

- Jacob
- Heidi

Year 2

- Rudi
- Yashika

Year 3

- Isla
- Mika

Year 4

- Mia
- Ivy
- Esim

Staff

- Mrs Kaur
- Mrs Francis
- Mrs Ellwood



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.

Year 1 children should know by heart x2, x5, x10 (and corresponding division facts)

Year 2 children should know by heart x2, x5, x10, x3 (and corresponding division facts)

Year 3 children should know by heart x2, x5, x10, x3, x4, x8, x6 (and corresponding division facts)

Year 4 children should know by heart all tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)

TTRS - Highest engagement

Year 1- Margot

Year 2- Yashika

Year 3 - Ayesha

Year 4 - Max Cr

TTRS - Highest accuracy

Year 1- Hugo

Year 2- Jacob

Year 3 - Felix

Year 4 - Rahaf

Current Rank amongst nearby schools: 54/105

Mean studio speed (seconds per question): 3.43



TTRS GONE GREEN

As we move ever closer to the Year 4 multiplication check, we have introduced 'Gone Green' certificates for children in Year 4. These certificates are awarded when children can recall all of the multiplication facts up to 12x12 in under 4 seconds.

Mrs Ellwood has been extremely impressed with the Year 4 pupils and how determined they are to receive their Gone Green certificates. In the fortnight since the last newsletter, we have had a further child who has gone green – . Well done everyone!

So far this academic, 24 out of 30 children have managed to 'Go Green' and the other 6 children are working very close to achieve this goal. This is an amazing statistic and all of the Year 4 pupils should be very proud of their hard work and engagement with their times tables this year.



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

- Heidi
- Hadi

Year 2

- Eric
- Annabelle

Year 3

- Ayesha
- Felix

Year 4

- George
- Hadin

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

School council have been given the task of re-vamping our outdoor reflection area. They are spending some time thinking about what we could do to improve this area and gathering the thoughts of their classmates. Now that the weather is improving, we are hopeful that school council can give this area a little love!



PLAY LEADERS

We have been lucky enough to have had a mid-year re-stock of some of our playground equipment this week and our Play Leaders have ensured that it has been used appropriately and put away correctly afterwards. We are optimistic that this lovely weather will last and the Play Leaders will begin to think about sun-safety and how we can promote this in school.



GREEN TEAM

Green Team have been very busy over the last couple of weeks! We were successful in our bid to the North East Community Forest and have had over 400 hedge trees planted over the Easter break. Green Team then helped to plant the remaining trees around the site with the help of Northumberland Wildlife Trust. We now need to keep them alive during this warm weather!!





WORSHIP COUNCIL

Our Worship Council are busy preparing for our school Ascension Service at All Saints' on 14th May. We have thought about what we have learned about in collective worship over the last few weeks and agreed which parts we would like to share at the service.



YOUNG LEADERS

In our session this fortnight, we have revisited the idea of what it means to be a leader on a global scale. We discussed some core leadership skills and honed in on 'Growth Mindset' and 'Flourishing' and why they are so important in a leader. Then we made links with our own leadership journey and thought about how we can use these skills in our day-to-day life.



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

The Library Champions continue to help keep our library organised and tidy making it a welcoming space for friends to select books from. Thanks to kind donations, Mrs Crozier has recently added some brand new books to our boxes!

Clubs for summer term 1 (May)



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

- **Choir** with Charlotte from Music Partnership North - Monday 12:30pm (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
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQNn0q0YsEpSx4bR6HhZ8onp51DiB-iHdtAkHdUNzg1S08yUTdTR0hGRzJSMkQySU5PVUJFVi4u&route=shorturl>
- **Gosforth Voices** (Years 2, 3 & 4) run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust <https://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles>
- **Gosforth Band** run by Music Partnership North on behalf of Gosforth Schools Trust (Years 3 & 4) <https://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles>
- **After School Football** with Lee Sterry (Years 3 & 4) Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm
<https://www.ls-sc.co.uk/>
- **Lunchtime football** with Mr Hunter/ Lee Sterry. No need to book and no charge - just bring a change of shoes and come along! (Year 3 & 4 12:00 - 12:20pm, Years 1 & 2 12:20-12:40pm)

Please note that any issues relating to clubs organised by external providers should be made directly to them, not to school, please.



10 - 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.

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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>



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 Eastertide - the 50 days of celebration following Easter Sunday. Rather than just one day, this season is a journey of "Easter Joy" and wonder. We have focused on the Word of God through the stories of the Resurrection.

- **A Living Story:** Realising that God's love isn't just a story from the past, but a living presence in our homes and school today.

- **New Perspectives:** Learning to see the world with hope, finding kindness and light in our daily lives.
- **Big Promises:** Reminding our children that they are part of a bigger story rooted in love and new beginnings.

As this season continues, we invite you to look for signs of "new life" and joy with your children!



Thursday 14th May is our Ascension Day Service at All Saints' Church for children in Reception - Year 4.

- If you have not done so already, please complete the collection form on ParentMail so we know who is being collected from church at 2:15pm and who is returning to school for usual collection.
- Please do not send bookbags to school.

- We will be leaving school promptly at 1:00pm. If there are any parents/grandparents who are able to walk with us, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please meet at the main entrance to school at 12:55pm.
- The service will begin at 1:45pm
- Nursery children are welcome to attend if they are accompanied by a parent/carer. Nursery children can be collected from school between 12:45-1:00pm.

PTFA update



EASYFUNDRAISING

Shop with over 8,000 retailers via #easyfundraising and earn a free donation for Archbishop Runcie First School PTFA, Gosforth at the same time.

All the big names like eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat are ready to donate. It won't cost you anything extra!

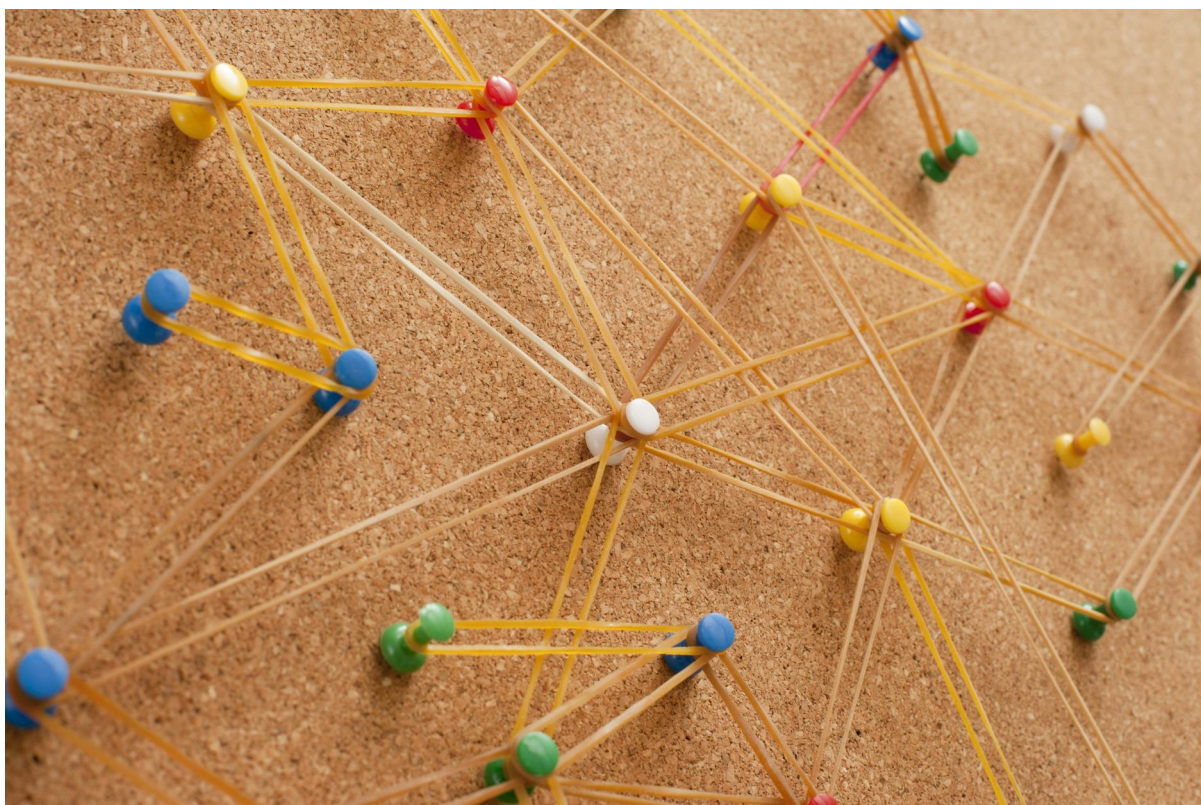
Please sign up today and they could win a £250 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/archbishoprunciefirstptfa/kxzsy/s2s/FZ9Up2Ac/SE870/facebook/>

PTFA MEETING

The PTFA met on Friday - they have set up a new WhatsApp group for all mums, dads, grandmas, grandads and other carers who would like to become involved in volunteering to help with school events, even for an hour a couple of times a year. All volunteers will be very welcome! Class representatives are sharing this information with each year group.

Future plans are for a Summer Social in June, a Chai get together in July, and tea towel portrait drawing for all children in the next month.



NATIONAL OFFER DAY **Primary school places**



RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026

Please remember to accept the school place you have been offered. For further information and advice you can visit <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places> or contact School Admissions directly via email admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk

At the current time, we have 5 remaining places for Reception in September 2026 so please spread the word!

You can still make a late application up to 31 August 2026, but you must use the form (<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-04/Reception%202026.pdf>) - you cannot make a late application using the Citizen's Portal.

New Reception families will be invited to attend a welcome meeting on Tuesday 23rd June at 5:30pm. This is just for parents/carers.

Children starting Reception in September will be invited to come and play - children who are new to ARFS will come in on Wednesday 8th July (with a grown up) and all our new Reception children will come to play on Thursday 9th July (by themselves). We can't wait to welcome them to our school family!



FREE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Hadrian School are running free Mental Health Training aimed at parent/carers as part of their community offer to support parents/carers in the city, it's a great course with a very experienced tutor.

The course will cover:

- Different types of mental health disorders such as General Anxiety Disorder, Clinical Depression, Stress, Psychosis,
- Treatment approaches
- Fundamentals of good mental health
- How to support others
- Useful contacts

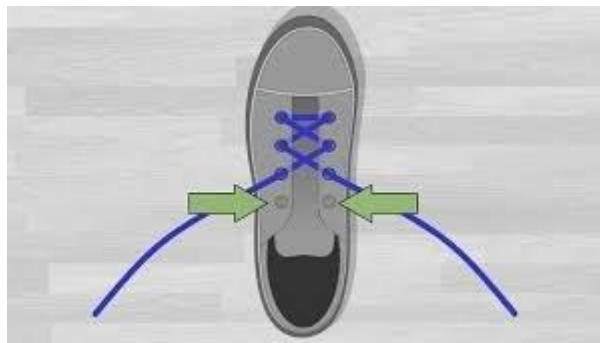
If you would like to book a place, please email david.palmer@hadrian.newcastle.sch.uk The training is totally free for all parents/carers!

Transition to
Year 1

RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

From Monday 1st June, in readiness for moving to Year 1, children in Reception will enter school via the main cloakroom from the yard (where Years 1 and 2 enter) instead of through their classroom door. Reception children should initially enter at 8:30am please (and will be greeted by Mrs Francis) and **Years 1 and 2 can enter after Reception at their usual time of 8:35am**. Please could we ask children in Years 1 and 2 to stand back to allow Reception to enter first whilst they are getting used to their new routine. After the first few days, when Reception children are comfortable in their new routine, we can resume the usual 10 minute window for all children. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Reception will also be attending the upcoming church services (14th & 22nd May). Please can we ask any of the Reception parents who are attending the church service to accompany us on our walk to church. Thank you.



SHOE LACES

A reminder that children should only wear lace up shoes if they can fasten them themselves – most children can do this independently from Year 2 onwards. This is a really important life skill that children need to learn so please take some time to teach your child at home. Thank you.

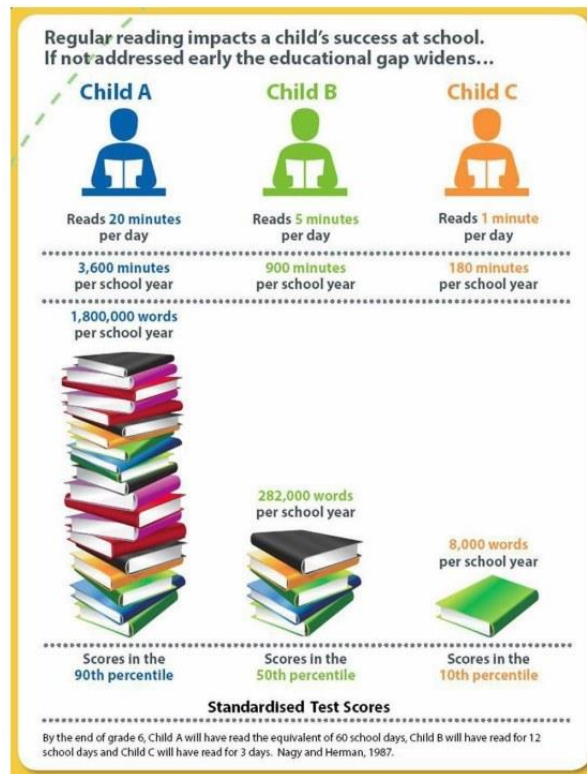
There are loads of good recordings online of how to tie laces and provide children with “hacks” e.g. [here](#).



LOST PROPERTY

As you can imagine, matching 30 children to 30 identical jumpers can be hugely challenging – especially when some are not clearly named. As the weather warms and children remove layers, it is really important that EVERYTHING is named so items can be returned to the right children. This includes shoes (you would not believe how many children in school do not recognise their own shoes!).

Unnamed items will be donated to the PTFA pre-loved uniform stock. Thank you for your understanding.



READING AT HOME

As you already know, reading at home was one of the recommendations from our Ofsted report. From time to time, we gather in children's reading records to check on how frequently they are reading at home and how parents/carers feel they are getting on. In order for children to become confident, fluent readers, it is vital that they read every night at home. I cannot emphasise the importance of regular home reading enough. The infographic adjacent illustrates the importance of reading often and the difference this makes to children's reading abilities if they read for 1, 5 or 20 mins per day at home. For children who are not yet reading a "book" set by their class teacher, they can practise blending every night using the phonics cards sent home by teaching staff. Please also record this in Reading Records.

There are several children in school who read every single night at home, which is amazing. Huge thanks to the parents who schedule this in to their day – we know how busy everyone

is. Children who have read, every night, for a sustained period have been issued with some bonus dojo points to spend at the dojo shop! Well done to them all



TOILET TRAINING SUPPORT

For parents and carers of our younger children, the QR code included will take you to a presentation about potty training, bowel health and a healthy diet by 0-19 Heath Visiting Team and the School Nurse Service.



DONATIONS NEEDED, PLEASE!

As spring arrives, we are looking forward to re-stocking and enhancing our playground activities for all our children . Our older children enjoy playing outside as much as the younger ones and we are looking for ways to keep playtimes fun and interesting. If anyone has any of the following items they could donate, we would be most grateful. Thank you!

- Dressing up costumes (age 6+)
- Dance/cheerleader pom-poms/props
- Children's magazines
- Non-fiction books about British garden wildlife
- Pots, pans and utensils
- Tennis balls



CAKE SALE

The next cake sale will be run by Reception on Thursday 21st May - all donations will be gratefully received. Please remember to list ingredients of any homemade 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.

Sporting News



RUNNING CLUB

Running club **for children taking part in the Cancer Run** continues every Wednesday until the 13th of May. The sessions run from 3:15 - 4:15pm and children will need trainers and water bottle. Only children who have signed up to take part in the Cancer Run should attend please.



Children's Cancer Run, Sunday 17th May 2026

We would love you and your family to join our school team at this year's Childrens' Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park.

The Childrens' Cancer Run is a cross-country family fun run with a mini (1km), three-mile and five-mile route to choose from. The charity event is organised by Children's Cancer North and is once again being supported by Greggs. We are very excited to be participating in this event and would like to invite you to join us for what promises to be a fun filled family day out. All participants who pay for an entry to the run will receive a finisher medal and Greggs snack pack on the day and all children receive a Children's Cancer Run t-shirt. The fun continues in the Event Village too, with fairground rides, face painting, live music and entertainment, a Young Scientist Zone, food vendors and more!

Please complete an online entry form to join our school team:

1. Go to <https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2026/>
2. Click 'Sign up today!'
3. Select your registration preference (as an Adult, Child, or Family ticket type)
4. Under 'Create or Join a team' select 'Find' and type in our school name [INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL TEAM IF APPLICABLE]. Click 'Join' next to the school name.

5. Complete the remainder of the registration form and click 'proceed to payment' to complete the registration for you and/or your family.

If you do not wish to take part but wish to donate to our schools fundraising page you can do so by following the link below.

<https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/kate-massey-c3ef0>

If the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child, the school can use the funding received to pay for their entry. Please contact the school office.

Training sessions will run every Wednesday after school with Miss Armstrong & Miss Lawton.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Over the past fortnight, Year 4 have attended daily swimming lessons at Gosforth Pool and have worked really hard at improving their safety in the water. All pupils have made progress in their swimming from the start of the fortnight, which is no mean feat, and their behaviour throughout the visits has been brilliant. Mrs Ellwood, Mrs Norman and Miss Lawrence have been extremely proud of the class.

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

On Tuesday 5th May, our Year 4 pupils will head up to Seahouses to take part in our annual Year 4 residential. Mrs Ellwood and Mrs Norman have organised some fantastic activities for the children and please keep an eye on our social media (Facebook and Instagram) for updates throughout the visit.

If you have any last minute questions, please contact Mrs Ellwood via email - margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk and try (if possible) to ensure the children have a restful weekend ahead of the visit!

Year 3 and 4 Dance

After a very successful dance festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse, we have been invited to take part in a dance showcase with Gosforth Schools Trust. This event will be held at Gosforth East Middle School on Wednesday 17th June at 6pm. Parents are allowed to attend and each child has 2 tickets.

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 Coates 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.

We are looking for the following volunteers:

- *Librarians*
- *Playgroup helpers*
- Reading buddies

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.

everything else we do online. It's an important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more. Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more. Link: [Internet Matters - What you need to know about your child's digital footprint.](#)



Internet Matters has published a blog looking at tech-facilitated abuse in teenage relationships. The blog sets out signs of this type of abuse and explores how it can impact teenagers. It also contains tips to share with parents and carers around protecting and supporting young people in relation to online abuse and harassment: [What tech-facilitated abuse looks like in teenage relationships.](#)

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>



Would you like to learn about autism, parent well-being and find community?

Funded by the National Lottery
COMMUNITY FUND

Are you a parent/carer of an autistic child aged between 2-15 years old?
Has your child been diagnosed within the last two years?
We would love you to join one of our free parent groups funded by the National Lottery Community fund.

- **Empower-Autism** groups help parents/carers understand and adjust to the new diagnosis, parent their autistic child well, and stay healthy and well as a parent/carer.
- **Empower-Autism** consists of five 3-hour sessions delivered online. Sessions are led by two facilitators who have substantial professional expertise and their own lived experience.
- **Empower-Autism** has been developed by researchers at the University of Manchester and evaluated in a large clinical trial. Results showed that parents/carers really value the programme and experienced significant benefits that lasted over the course of a year.

"I've learned to see the world how my son sees it"
— PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

"It's a good mental well-being toolkit"

For more information please visit our website
www.empower-autism.co.uk
Or contact our team at
enquiries@empower-autism.co.uk

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

SEND LOCAL OFFER

The Local Offer tells you what support is available in Newcastle. You can find out about schools, health services, and activities. It also helps families get the right help and support.

<https://childrenandfamiliesnewcastle.org.uk/send-local-offer>



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