



# July 2023

## Newsletter 20 – 17.7.23

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we near the end of the end of term, we reflect on the year behind us. It has been a fantastic year at ARFS with so many achievements and so much to celebrate over the course of the year.

I would like to thank the children for always making me feel so proud and always rising to our expectations – they really are amazing! Huge thanks also to our fabulous staff and governors who have worked so hard this year to enable the progress we have made. It really has been a huge team effort! Lastly, thank you to parents, carers and other friends of our school who have supported our school community so well this year. It really is a privilege to work with such an amazing group of people.

*Thank you*



There is, of course, also lots to look forward to. I know you will join with me in wishing Miss Willett (soon to be Mrs Egdel) a wonderful wedding day.

We have several projects happening in school over summer such as the redevelopment of the school library, the redecoration of several classrooms and a refresh of our EYFS outdoor areas. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children to our school family in September.

For staff and children who are moving on, we wish you every success and happiness for your future. We are so grateful to the staff for their hard work during their time at ARFS and look forward to hearing how they are getting on in their new roles. We say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 4 children, on Friday, too. We hope that your memories of your time at ARFS are fond ones and that you will not only take your learning with you but also our school values as you move to the next stage in your education. We know you will continue to make us proud!



I hope you all have a safe and restful summer break and we look forward to seeing most of you in September.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Massey*

Headteacher



## SECTION 1: SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!

### SCHOOL VALUES

As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). The following children have been nominated by staff and/or peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!



	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Grace Amarachi	Jonah Scarlett	Henry Indi	Elias Abigail	Zidan Layla-J	Oliver Phoebe Layla
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Penny Archie	Harriet Ethan	Isaac Elli	Ava Olivia	Aziza Zain	Emmie Avie

### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

As you know, by the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 and Year 4 children undertake their statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term.



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS over the last fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	New Rock Stars, Heroes and Legends in this class	Highest engagement this fortnight
<b>Year 1</b>	x 2, x 10		Thanuja, Max Cr, Mabel
<b>Year 2</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Elias, Rehan	Rehan, Harry, Elias
<b>Year 3</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Monty, Alfie, Jake	Isaac, Monty, Nolan
<b>Year 4</b>	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Avie, Nancy, Thaddeus	Hugo, Zoe, Blake

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	19	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	4.19
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### HANDWRITER OF THE WEEK

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



a b c d e f g  
h i j k l m n  
o p q r s t u  
v w x y z

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Benjamin	Esim	Jerome	Mabel	Dexter
Ruby	Teddy	Joshua	Aleeza	Austin

### 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 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% (so overall attendance was 95.3%).
- The overall absence rate of children not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).
- 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 (90% of young offenders have been persistently absent as young children) and serious violence (83% of knife possession offenders had been persistently absent for at least one year).

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
<b>Wb 10.7.23</b>	95%	Year 2 (99%)	Nursery (98%)	Year 4 (97%)
<b>Wb 17.7.23</b>	92%	Year 2 (98%)	Year 4 (94%)	Year 1 (93%)

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



Please let Mrs Coates know, via ParentMail, if your child will be absent by 9:00am at the latest. Thank you.

If your child is not in school when the register closes at 9.15am (even if this is for a medical or dental appointment), they are marked as absent for the whole morning session. Therefore, we would encourage parents to make medical appointments outside school time, wherever possible please. Thank you.

If you are experiencing any difficulties and need support with your child's attendance, please contact school as soon as possible. Mr Tolan can visit you at home or meet you in school to offer support and advice.

We will now be taking appropriate legal action for children who are deemed persistent absentees (under 90% attendance). Please see the attendance policy on our school website for further information.



### ATTENDANCE REWARDS

A reminder that, each week, the class with the highest attendance earns an extra playtime and individuals with 100% attendance will have their names added to a weekly hot chocolate draw.



### MINUTES MISSED

During the last fortnight, 110 minutes (2 hours 50 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.



### PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence (excluding Nursery)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
<b>Wb 10.7.23</b>	5%	2.5%	2.5%
<b>Wb 17.7.23</b>	8%	5.5%	2.5%

## SECTION 2: SOCIAL ACTION



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Huge thanks to our School Council for their hard work and passion this year. Miss Nattress has enjoyed hearing your views and seeing you take such pride in making changes around school. Mrs Singh (Year 4 Teacher) will Lead School Council next year.



### WASTE WARRIORS



We have now completed our audit and have managed to reduce food waste, across the school, by 19% in just 6 weeks! We have an action plan for next school year so our good work will continue in September and beyond! Well done to all involved!

### GREEN TEAM

Thank you to all the children who were nominated this year! They have set a high bar for future Green Team members! A new Green Team will be nominated in September to continue the excellent work that the current team have begun.



### WORSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Ravel will be leading Worship Council next year. She is looking forward to hearing what the children like about collective worship and what they would like to further improve.

### LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Thank you to our Library Champions for their work, this year, supporting Mrs Crozier to improve our school library. Mrs Crozier will be looking for some new Library Champions in September to help re-vamp the new and improved library space. More info to follow in September!

## SECTION 3: SCHOOL NEWS!



### PAYMENT REMINDER

We would be grateful if parents/carers could clear any remaining payments on ParentMail by Friday, please. If you need financial support, please contact Mrs Lowe in the office. Any outstanding payments will be referred to the LA to recover on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you for your understanding.

### SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE FROM GCMS

We have received the following notification from GCMS: Three Year 5 children reported that on the way to school there was a member of the public acting suspiciously on Hyde Tce.

The person was in a parked car with their hood up and a mask on. The pupils reported that this person may also have been recording them. The pupils were not approached and the person did not leave their car. Details of the car are only that it was a white, family sized car. This has been reported to Northumbria Police.



### READING BOOKS & RESOURCES

We would be grateful if all reading books, library books and other school resources could be returned to school by Friday, this week, please. This will allow us to check which resources we have and check what condition resources are in, in readiness for the new school year. Please check bookshelves at home, under beds and in the back of cars!! Thank you!





For children who are currently reading phonics books, staff will issue e-Books via Oxford Owl for children to maintain their reading over the summer.

For Nursery children moving into Reception, Mrs Francis will send home some phonics videos, via Tapestry, for you to watch with your child during the summer.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Children in Reception to Year 6, across Newcastle, are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge 2023 "Ready, Set, Read!". The theme for this year is sport and there will be some fantastic games and activities being run in libraries across the city during the holidays. There are certificates and medals to be won and it would be great to have a strong uptake from ARFS. Information has already been handed out to children as well as Reception – Year 4 children having an assembly led by staff from Gosforth Library. You can also find more information here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



### FOREST SCHOOL

Next year, we are slightly changing the way we deliver Forest School. Rather than block Forest School in a week each term, Mrs Francis will lead Forest School each Monday afternoon with a different class each week. Donations for Forest School, for the full year, can be made in September, via ParentMail. Thank you.



### CHURCH LINKS

All Saints' hosted a Year 4 Leavers' Party last week for children across Gosforth who are moving on from First Schools. The feedback from children was really positive. Children enjoyed freshly made pizza, games and a bouncy castle!

Thank you to all those linked with both churches for the support you give to school. It is greatly appreciated!

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have now concluded our focus on Fruit of the Spirit and have been thinking about transition and preparing for change, taking the fruit with us. Father Paul spoke to the children about the metaphorical backpack that we will need to prepare for September; the knowledge, skills and values we need to make our next steps successful.



### NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES



Reception is filling fast but we do still have a couple of places remaining for September 2023 if you know anyone with a child who has just turned 4. Places can be applied for at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places&New>



Nursery also have some remaining space for 15 and 30 hour places for September. Please contact Mrs Coates for further information.

### GUITAR LESSONS

NEMCo have confirmed that they can offer guitar lessons to children in Year 3 & 4 from September, however, so far there have only been 2 children who have signed up. Unfortunately, this means it will not be viable to run these sessions unless numbers increase. NEMCo will review the situation in September to make a final decision about running the sessions. This means if your child is interested in having guitar lessons in September there is still time to sign up!

There will be 10 sessions per term, at a rate of £5.75 per session, per child, and lessons will run after school (3:15 – 4:15pm or 4:15 – 5:15pm). Children will need to have their own guitars to be able to participate. NEMCo have a small supply of guitars that can be hired for an extra charge of £13.00 per term. Places will be offered on a “first come first served” basis. Please contact NEMCo directly, by email, in the first instance at [info@nemco.org.uk](mailto:info@nemco.org.uk). NEMCo will then send a link to register for the sessions together with details of the terms and conditions of how the sessions will run.

### CLASS VISITS & VISITORS

Year 2 had a wonderful time in Bamburgh and were so excited to visit both the Grace Darling museum and the beach! Thank you to the parents who joined them.

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Vindolanda last week, learning about the different archaeological discoveries and watching some real architects at work in the glorious sunshine! What a way to end the year!

Year 3 had a fun filled day at the Great North Museum (Hancock) and had a hands on workshop with real stone age artefacts! Please see Twitter for pics.

Reception had a fabulous time on their first school visit to the Discovery Museum to learn about toys from the past. They made Miss Willett really proud with their super listening and amazing behaviour!



### YEARS 1 SPORTS DAYS

Year 1 managed to get a sunny afternoon last Thursday for their rescheduled Sports Day. The event was very well attended by parents and carers. Thank you for coming along to show your support!

### TAPESTRY

From September 2023, only children in Nursery and Reception will have Tapestry accounts. E-books will continue to be sent home, for children on phonics, books via Oxford Owls.

Please download these, before the end of term, if you would like to keep a copy of your child's online learning journey!



### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The majority of children in Years 1 – 4 will bring their exercise books home this week. We would be grateful if each child could bring a really sturdy bag in to school take books home in please.

As always, we will keep a selection of books in school as evidence of learning and to support further school development.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Huge congratulations to Miss Cooper who achieved another 5 star award during her latest kitchen hygiene inspection!

A reminder that, once current Year 2 children move into Year 3, school lunches will need to be paid for via ParentMail, please.



This week, Miss Cooper has been running her kitchen stock down, in readiness for the summer holidays. This means there may be some alterations to the school lunch menu.



As you know, we buy into a Service Level Agreement with Newcastle City Council (NCC) to provide our school meals. In the past they have allowed us to alter our menu to reflect popular choices amongst our own children, as long as this meets the required nutritional standards. Unfortunately, NCC are no longer allowing schools to adapt the menu and there will now be a set menu across the city. This will be sent home for your information. Please be assured, we will continue to offer jacket potatoes and a selection of sandwiches everyday for children who do not like the hot meal choice. Thank you for your understanding.

## MUSICAL CONCERT



A huge congratulations to all our wonderful musicians in Years 1 – 4 who took part in the music concert last week. It was super to see and hear the children perform and we had lots of comments about how much everyone enjoyed the music! Thank you also to everyone who attended!

Huge thanks must also go to Miss Bowers for arranging the concert. We are so lucky to have such a passionate and dedicated Music Leader who has really developed our music offer in school this year. She has further plans for next year so I'm confident our Music provision will go from strength to strength!

If you were not able to attend the concert in person, you can view it, online, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZCBo5EakEM>

## AUTUMN 1 LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Club	Day <small>(may change due to staff commitments)</small>	For children in	Run by
Choir	Wednesday	Y1 – Y4	Miss Bowers
Library Champions	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Mrs Crozier
Y3 & 4 Football Club*	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Lee Sterry
Y1 & 2 Football Club	Friday	Y1 & Y2	Lee Sterry
Green Team	Monday	Selected children Year 1 – Year 4	Mr Hunter & Mrs Massey
Nursery Buddies	Thursday	Year 1 – Year 4	Mrs Francis
Colouring Club	Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 2	Miss Willett
Construction Club	Wednesday	Years 1 – 4	Mrs Ravel
Glockenspiel Club	Friday	Years 1 – 4	Miss Kelly
Rounders Club	Friday	Years 1 – 4	Mrs Singh

\*Football Club is open to all children in Years 3 and 4 to train together; however, Lee Sterry will select specific children to take part in competitions as they occur. Children should wear uniform for school and bring football kit to change into at lunchtime please. Children selected to take part in competitions will need shin pads and football boots.

Bookings for clubs closed last Friday. Mrs Coates will send confirmation emails before the end of term.

## WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

From September 2023, bookings for Wrap Around Care will be managed by Child Care Bookings for Schools. This will make managing and making bookings far easier for parents and carers. You can still pay using either a debit/credit card or using childcare vouchers.



The URL to access the booking system is <https://archbishop-runcie.cbfs.uk/>  
 Contact email address: [archbishopruncie@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk](mailto:archbishopruncie@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk)  
 Contact phone number: 01444 523335

## PTFA

Huge thanks to the PTFA for hosting the Summer Social last Friday. Despite the weather, it was a huge success and raised £1500. Thank you to everyone involved!



The raffle was drawn yesterday. Mrs Coates has contacted all the winners. Prizes can be collected from the school office.



## PARKING

This week, we have received further complaints from local residents regarding the illegal and inconsiderate parking from parents and carers at our school. Please could we remind everyone not to park on double yellow lines, even briefly, and not to block driveways or garages. Thank you.

A reminder that ASDA remains happy for parents and carers to park in their carpark and walk from there. Not only does this mean the surrounding area is safer, it also means children are active before school which is great for their learning.



## UNIFORM DONATIONS

As you know, we now have a pre-loved uniform library in the main entrance to school. If you have any pre-loved uniform that you no longer need, Mrs Coates would be really glad to receive it. Thank you.

If you need uniform in a bigger size for September, please bring in your outgrown uniform items and exchange them for bigger items. All donations go directly to our PTFA. Thank you.

## UNIFORM POLICY

A reminder that our school uniform is for children in Nursery – Year 4. This includes:

- Yellow Polo Shirt - either completely plain or with school logo
- Royal blue round neck sweatshirt or cardigan either completely plain or with school logo
- Plain grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores.
- During the Summer Term, blue or yellow gingham dresses may be worn
- Sensible fitting smart black shoes, (not trainers) or boots. Shoes with a heel are not permitted. These should be suitable for outdoor play and running and should not have open toes.
- Plain grey, black or white tights or socks (not leggings please).

## PE Kit

- Plain yellow T-shirt
- Royal blue, plain shorts and/or navy tracksuit bottoms
- Navy hoodie, sweatshirt or zip-through top either completely plain or with school logo
- Well-fitting trainers that children can fasten themselves (not plimsolls). We ask families to not send children with lace up shoes if they cannot tie their own laces, please.

Children in Nursery and Reception bring PE kits to keep in school. Families are asked to bring drawstring bag in which to store their PE kits. Thank you.

## Jewellery

- Small wrist watches may be worn (smart watches that record sound or images are not allowed); however these must be removed for PE.
- No other jewellery may be worn for school, including stud earrings.

Please remove earrings before school. Current guidance is not to cover stud earrings with plasters. If a child can't take their earrings out, they need to take the role of an observer within PE lessons.



## Hairstyles

- Long hair (below collar length) should be tied back.
- No extreme hairstyles e.g. vivid coloured hair as this serves as a distraction to themselves and others and sets the pupil out as being different, which can lead to problems with behaviour and discipline amongst the children.

The Headteacher has the final say in deciding what is acceptable so, when in doubt, parents should consult with her before buying items which might not be acceptable or if in doubt about hair style.



## FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We have pulled out the free sessions from the 'What's on in the North?' booklet, from Newcastle Families, that our parents might be interested in.

Monday	
<b>Healthworks: Cook Play and Learn</b> Family fun sessions for children 0-5 and their parents / carers	<b>9.30am – 11.00am</b> Nunsmoor Centre, NE4 5AH (Term time only)
<b>Boogie Bairns</b> Music and sensory exploration for children under 2	<b>10.30am – 11.30am</b> Cowgate Centre, NE5 3UT (Term time only)
<b>Girls Club Make a Noise</b> For girls 8-13 years. Play music, sing, mc, learn an instrument	<b>4.30pm – 6.30pm</b> West End Woman & Girls, NE4 6SQ
Tuesday	
<b>Babies Play Together</b> Fun filled session including sensory activities	<b>9.30am – 11.00am</b> Cowgate Centre, NE5 3UT (Term time only)
<b>Citizens Advice Drop in Session</b>	<b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b> The Haven, NE3 3RX
<b>NUFC Children: Indoor Football</b> For ages 8-16. To book visit website: <a href="http://nufoundation.org.uk/nucastle">nufoundation.org.uk/nucastle</a>	<b>4.00pm – 5.00pm</b> NUCASTLE, NE4 6BQ
<b>Tuesday Club</b> For girls 5-11 years. Arts & crafts, dance, sing and make new friends.	<b>5.00pm – 7.00pm</b> West End Woman & Girls, NE4 6SQ (Term time only)
Wednesday	
<b>Healthworks: Cook Play and Learn</b> Family fun sessions for children 0-5 and their parents / carers	<b>10.00am – 11.30am</b> Fawdon Children's Centre, NE3 2SN (Term time only)
<b>Newcastle Libraries: Storytelling</b> Fun storytelling sessions for under 5's	<b>11.00am – 11.30am</b> Gosforth Library, NE3 3HD (Term time only)
Thursday	
<b>Stay &amp; Play Together</b> A fun filled session for under 5's	<b>9.30am – 11.00am</b> Cowgate Centre, NE5 3UT
<b>Healthworks: Sensory Baby</b> Fun and interactive activities for babies 0-12 months	<b>10.00am – 11.30am</b> Fawdon Children's Centre, NE3 2SN (Term time only)
<b>Oaks &amp; Acorns Grandparents Group</b> Warm and welcoming group	<b>10.00am – 11.30am</b> Regent Chapel, NE3 3HD (Runs every 2 weeks)
Friday	
<b>Newcastle Libraries: Storytelling</b> Fun storytelling sessions for under 5's	<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b> Gosforth Library, NE3 3HD (Term time only)
<b>Inspire Youth: St Mary's Youth Club</b> For ages 5-11 Years	<b>4.00pm – 5.30pm</b> Gosforth Library, NE3 3HD

## KIDS EAT FREE

With the summer holidays fast approaching, please see information below regarding where children can eat for free over the summer.



<b>ASDA CAFE</b> Kids eat for £1 all day. Everyday. No adult spend required. FREE baby food pouches for Under 18 months with any purchase.	<b>GORDON RAMSAY RESTURANTS</b> Kids eat FREE when ordering a main from the Ramsay kids menu. Only available for children 8 years and under.
<b>TESCO</b> Kids eat FREE with any adult purchase of 60p or more. (Clubcard required) 24th July - 1st September	<b>SAINSBURYS</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal. Available from 11:30 everyday.
<b>OK DINER</b> A child under 10 years old can eat free from the children's menu when an adult purchases a main course.	<b>PREMIER INN</b> Up to two under 16s eat breakfast for free! When an adult orders a full Premier Inn Breakfast or a Meal Deal.
<b>MORRISONS</b> Kids eat for FREE with the purchase of one adult meal with the value of £4.49. Offer available all day.	<b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday 3pm - 7pm kids eat for a £1 with the purchase of every adult main meal.
<b>YO! SUSHI</b> From the 10th July until the 1st September, kids eat free all day in our restaurants when dining with a paying adult (minimum £10 spend).course.	<b>IKEA</b> Kids eat from 95p at IKEA. Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50.
<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Free kids meal for every £10 spent by an adult on Sundays.	<b>TRAVEL LODGE</b> Up to 2 kids eat breakfast for FREE with every adult meal purchased.
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE PUBS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.
<b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Every Monday Hungry Horse have selected Kids' meals for just £1 and larger meals for £1.50. (up to 2 kids can eat for £1 with every full paying adult)	<b>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRE</b> Enjoy a FREE children's breakfast with any adult breakfast or a FREE child's hot meal or pick n mix lunch box with any adult main course
<b>BILLS</b> Up to two children can enjoy FREE meals throughout the day. Available with purchase of any adult meal (excl. Sat & Sun)	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main from 4-6pm on Monday-Thursday. Now includes Saturdays and Sundays in select locations!
<b>PAUSA CAFE (DUNELM)</b> Enjoy a FREE kids mini meal deal with every £4 spent. Available everyday.	<b>BAR + BLOCK</b> Up to 2 kids eat breakfast for FREE with every adult meal purchased.

## SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mrs Ravel, Mrs Crozier and Mrs Francis are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). Miss Wakefield is DSL for Wraparound care. If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police. Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0800 800 5000



There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

For more information, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our school website.

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*

Headteacher

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



## DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

<b>September 2023</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	Staff training day		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Reading Workshop	5:00pm	Please book a place via ParentMail
	Year 4 Forest School	pm	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Reading Workshop	5:00pm	Please book a place via ParentMail
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Forest School	pm	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Online Safety Meeting for parents	5:30-6:30pm	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Forest School	pm	
	Drop in parents evening (pastoral)	3:30-5:50pm	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 and 4 Harvest Festival	9:00pm	
	Years 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival	2:45pm	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Grandparents' Worship	10:10am	Grandparents invited to attend
<b>October 2023</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 1 Forest School	pm	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day		Activities in school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Forest School	pm	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 1 – 4 Face Your Fears Day		More info to follow
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Forest School	pm	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Show Racism the Red Card		Children invited to wear red
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 4 Forest School	pm	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Class attendance reward	pm	
Friday	Staff training day		

27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023			
30.10.23 - 3.11.23	October half term		
<b>November 2023</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Forest School	pm	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Remembrance worship	9:00am	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day		Antibullying Week. Children in Years 1 - 4 will take part in workshops
	Antibullying Parent Workshop	5:30-6:30pm	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November & Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Teacher Consultations		More info to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need		Children invited to wear something spotty to school.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Forest School	pm	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Worship led by Year 3	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
	Reception Forest School	pm	
<b>December 2023</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Forest School		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Children invited to wear something festive to school		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 visit to Durham University		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Rec Nativity	9:30am	
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	1:30pm	
	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	5:00pm	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	9:30am	
	Nursery & Rec Nativity	1:30pm	
	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	5:00pm	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	9:30am	
	Year 3 & 4 Nativity	1:30pm	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Crafts	pm	
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	pm	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & Year 4 Tyne Theatre	10:00am	
	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	pm	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 & Year 2 Tyne Theatre	10:00am	
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Crafts	pm	
	Nursery & Reception Christmas Party	pm	
	Class attendance reward		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas'	1:30pm	



22.12.23 – 5.1.24	Christmas Holiday		
<b>February 2024</b>			
19.2.24 – 23.2.24	February Half Term		
<b>March 2024</b>			
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Cragside		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visit to Newcastle Castle		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse		
29.3.24 – 12.4.24	Easter Holiday		
<b>May 2024</b>			
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half Term		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential at Dukeshouse Wood		
<b>June 2024</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Staff training day		
<b>July 2024</b>			
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	School re-opens to children		

**Be courageous; be strong.**

**Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



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"The appeal to my children is the welcoming, calm, caring, inclusive nature of the care – it is not just sporty children who will have fun" A parent



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Open from Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September 2023

Prices sessions are £15 half day, £28 full day, full week £136 includes breakfast and/or tea. We have two or three bought in providers per week in addition to all the fun club staff led activities. These half day sessions have an extra £3 charge.

We are registered with OFSTED, accept children ages 4 to 13 and we accept all childcare vouchers.

We are based in Havannah First School, Great Park. For more details and TO BOOK please visit:

[www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk](http://www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk)

For more info email:

[Admin@gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk](mailto:Admin@gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk) or call Natalie on 07875297296 or Rachael on 07928779201



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## Summer Holiday Playscheme

Book from just half a day to  
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A full and varied activity plan

This year all of our activities are club based and include:

- multi sports
- dance
- cookery
- art and craft activities
- sessions run by KidZRFit
- water play
- magician
- circus skills
- drumming workshops
- Big science uk
- animal encounters with Animal Antics
- lots of outdoor play in our adventure play area.



**SUMMER 2023  
HOLIDAY  
COURSES**  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-14



**Our Courses**

Week 1 - July 24th - July 28th  
Week 2 - July 31st - August 4th  
Week 3 - August 7th - August 11th  
Week 4 - August 14th - August 18th  
Week 5 - August 21st - August 25th  
Week 6 - August 29th - September 1st

Gosforth Academy | NE3 2JH  
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**ABOUT US**

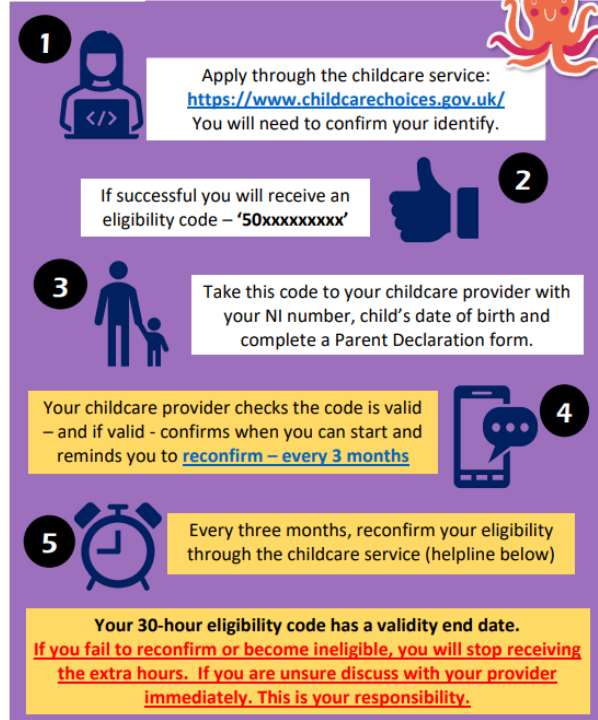
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- 1**  Apply through the childcare service:  
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>  
You will need to confirm your identity.
- 2**  If successful you will receive an eligibility code – '50xxxxxxx'
- 3**  Take this code to your childcare provider 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**

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**Summer HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Cost:**  
£30 per day  
Book 5 days for the price of 4! + 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

**Dates:**  
Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September  
9am 'til 3pm

**Location:**  
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