



# September 2024

## Newsletter 1 – 6.9.24

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a restful summer and enjoyed some family time and a break from the school routine. It has been a pleasure to welcome new children and their families to school this week. Reception children skipped in on Tuesday without a backwards glance and have enjoyed having a grown up from home to join them for lunch today. Nursery have been for a play and some half-day sessions and will start their full attendance pattern from Monday. We have also had a small number of children joined us further up the school. I've been really impressed and proud of the way our children have welcomed them into our school family this week.



Thank you to everyone for arriving promptly at school this week. It really has helped the children to settle back smoothly.

Mrs Coates has, this week, sent the updated Parents' Handbook which contains lots of relevant information for those of you who are new to school. It's quite lengthy so perhaps make yourselves a brew and take 5 minutes to read through it! Thank you.

Mr Hunter has been very busy indeed, over the summer, and the school is looking amazing. We have talked to the children a lot this week about keeping it that way!



The staff and I are all really excited about the year ahead. As always, we are keen to work with parents and carers to ensure the school goes from strength to strength and will be seeking your views over the course of the year in order to shape our work.

We are due several inspections this school year; Ofsted, Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and a Health & Safety Inspection and we are excited to celebrate the journey our school has been on and all the successes since the previous inspections.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Massey**

Headteacher

## SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE



### ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Local Authority has issued an updated Attendance Policy, in line with new DfE guidance, which our school has adopted. Please see the policy (attached). You can also find this on our school website.



### SUMMARY OF CHANGES – SEPT 2024

- Parent contracts will be replaced by ‘attendance contracts’
- Monitoring letter will be replaced by ‘notice to improve’
- Notice to improve threshold is 90% attendance (10 unauthorised absences within 10 weeks)
- Attendance codes have changed – holiday code is no longer in use
- Stepped approach to fixed penalties over a 3 year rolling period:
  - 1st offence - £160 fine (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days) per parent, per child
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offence - £160 fine per parent, per child
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offence – referral to court

### 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.

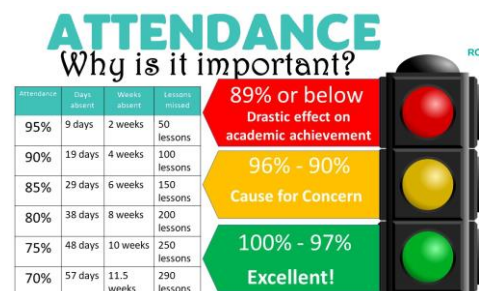
### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
<b>Wb 3.9.24</b>	97%	Year 1 (100%)	Year 3 (99%)	Year 2 (98%)

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 be reminded I am unable to authorise absences during term time for family holidays. Please 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 don't hesitate to come and speak to us as we can access support from the school nurse and attendance officer.

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. It aims to highlight 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 week, 20 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.

**PUPIL ABSENCES**

	<b>Whole School absence</b> <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	<b>Absence caused by holidays</b>	<b>Other absences</b>
<b>Wb</b>	3%	1.5%	1.5%

## 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
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Amyah	Isla	Rosa	Franco	Henry	Esme
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Harper	Margot	James	Benji	Phoebe	Jacob C

### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

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



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the holidays or in the first week back. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	Highest engagement this fortnight	Highest accuracy this fortnight
<b>Year 2</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Lyla Mika Ryan	Mika Lyla Ryan
<b>Year 3</b>	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Isaac Joshua Elvis	Joshua Elvis Isaac
<b>Year 4</b>	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Jacob C Jacob D Rehan	Rehan Jacob D Jacob C

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	10	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	3.59
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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
Jacob	Aadriti	Hannah	Albatool

## SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION

### CHARITABLE GIVING

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, children are invited to come to school wearing uniform tops and jeans/demin to help us mark Jeans for Genes Day. Donations can be made via ParentMail. Any children taking part in PE need to wear suitable clothing and footwear, please.



Year 1 – 4 Harvest Festival will be held at All Saints' Church. Donations can be made to support The People's Kitchen over the next couple of weeks. Further information will follow.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Year 4 will be serving refreshments in the school hall from 9:00am-9:30am for anyone who is able to join us.



Children in Years 1 – 4 have now selected their class representatives for our social action groups. It was fantastic to have so many children interested in taking on these roles. Congratulations to everyone who has been appointed!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs Francis leads school council as part of her work around personal development in school. Our school Council are love & determination ambassadors and work together to improve our school for everyone here.



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Chair & Vice Chair
Rosa & Eric	Lyla & Mika	Henry & Mabel	Scarlett & Daniel	Percy & Esme

### WORSHIP COUNCIL

Worship Council meet half-termly with Mrs Palmer to reflect on the impact of collective worship in school.



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Jacob & Ani	Henry & Marwa	Mia & Teddy	George & Rosa

### GREEN TEAM

Green Team are a group of passionate environmentalists who undertake social action within the community to improve the area around our school. This may be litter picking, campaigning or liaising with local groups. Green Team are supported by Mr Hunter & me and will usually meet on a Thursday lunchtime.



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Rudi & Haniya	Ruby & Ryan	Isaac & Ivy	Jacob D & Franki



### LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Mrs Ellwood has selected some responsible Year 4 children to help maintain and promote our school library. Congratulations to Lydia and Livie!

### PLAY LEADERS

Theo, Harry, Scarlett & Bella in Year 4 have been nominated to become Play Leaders during playtimes and lunchtimes. This role will involve setting up games or activities and encouraging younger peers to be active during play times. Well done to these fabulous four!





Social Action Group	Day <small>(may change due to staff commitments)</small>	Frequency	Run by
School Council	TBC	Monthly	Mrs Francis
Green Team	Thursday	Weekly (during Autumn/spring/summer)	Mrs Massey & Mr Hunter
Worship Council	TBC	Half termly	Mrs Palmer

## SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!



Update Your Contact Information

### EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder that we need at least three emergency contacts for each child in school, please. If any details have changed, please let Mrs Coates know as soon as possible.

### PERMISSION TO COLLECT

As you know, we only dismiss children to adults who have been named on collection forms. If another adult is picking up your child, please let us know in advance to avoid distress and confusion. Thank you.



### TESCO BLUE TOKENS



This September, Tesco has chosen Jesmond Metro store (NE2 2DJ) to be the store where the Golden Grants lucky Golden Coin will take place. This means our school could win £5000! On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024, between 12 noon and 1pm, customers are invited to select a token and find the lucky gold one.

- At 12pm, the golden token is placed in a pouch alongside 99 blue tokens
- As customers exit the store, they should be encouraged to take a lucky dip to find the golden token
- If customers pull out a blue token, this needs to be returned to the bag to ensure it's a fair chance for all customers
- Once the golden token is found, the lucky customer should be taken to the Stronger Starts voting unit where they should read the project details of the 3 organisations in the vote (ARFS being one of them!)
- The customer can then decide which school or group they want to receive the golden token (representative of a £5,000 grant)
- The customer should then 'vote' using their golden token

Each organisation is invited to drum up support and invite you all to go to the store on this date and try your luck to find the coin. We would be so grateful for your support.

### ONLINE SAFETY

We have organised a workshop for parents and carers around e-safety at home on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Mrs Coates will send out a booking form via ParentMail. E-safety is an increasing issue in our school, even within the young age range we serve. Last year we saw incidents linked to WhatsApp, passwords and online gaming. Please come along if you are able to and bring any questions you may have!



smoothwall® Monitor

In school, we have internet filtering through Google SafeSearch. Our web filters are updated constantly by the vendor and the Local Authority. No web filtering system is 100% effective, the Internet changes and adapts very quickly, but the one we use is the very latest technology – scanning for problems and blocking

24/7/365. The Computing and PSHE curriculum supports children in managing their safety online as well as

taking part in additional themed activities, for example Safer Internet Day. Our school has additionally purchased Smoothwall Monitor which monitors individual user activity and uses artificial intelligence analytics to identify if it believes there is any behaviour we need to be concerned about.

### EARLY READING



Phonics teaching has begun this week and phonics books have been/will be coming home soon to relevant children. We have already had Reading Workshops for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 about how we teach reading in school and how you can support at home. For those parents/carers who are not able to attend, we have sent PowerPoint slides home. Please read the information about this so you can support your child. Thank you.

There is additional information available at: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>



### CLASS INFORMATION

This week, each class teacher has sent home a welcome newsletter detailing routines and key dates for the year ahead. They have also sent a summary of learning for the next 6 weeks. They will send further information in week 7, when the learning will move on to the next unit of work.

If you have any queries, you can contact class teachers directly via email.

Nursery	<b>Mrs Francis</b>	<a href="mailto:Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Reception	<b>Mrs Egdell</b>	<a href="mailto:Emily.Egdell@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Emily.Egdell@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 1	<b>Miss Bowers</b>	<a href="mailto:Hettie.Bowers@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Hettie.Bowers@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 2	<b>Miss Richardson</b>	<a href="mailto:Holly.Richardson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Holly.Richardson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 3	<b>Mr Hamlen</b>	<a href="mailto:Steven.Hamlen@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Steven.Hamlen@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Year 4	<b>Mrs Ellwood</b>	<a href="mailto:Margery.Ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">Margery.Ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with class teachers before half term. Please book your consultation via ParentMail and state whether you would prefer a face-to-face or telephone appointment. Appointments will be available to book in the next couple of weeks.

### UNIFORM UPDATE – REMINDER

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 all black shoes, 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).

**All children need to bring a book bag to school (not a rucksack please). Thank you.**

We ask families to not send children with lace up shoes if they cannot tie their own laces, please.

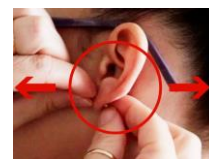
Children in Nursery and Reception bring PE kits to keep in school. Families are asked to bring a drawstring bag in which to store their PE kits. Thank you.

### 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.

As has always been the case, please remember that children should not wear any jewellery for school. This includes stud earrings. Children will not be able to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings. Following health and safety advice from 'Safe Practice in PE', children should not wear tape or plasters to cover piercings.



If you intend to pierce your child's ears, please consider booking this during the summer holiday period to allow adequate healing time. Thank you.

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings." Association for Physical Education

### Hairstyles

- Long hair (below collar length) should be tied back, please.
- 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.

### PE kits

Only children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will wear the navy PE uniform. Children in Year 1 will still come to school in PE kit on their PE day, but this will consist of the usual yellow polo shirt and blue school jumper rather than the navy hoodie along with navy joggers or royal blue shorts. Eventually, the aim is to phase out the navy PE kit in order to reduce costs to parents by only requiring one uniform for the full week.

Additionally, a reminder that children should wear **black school shoes** or **completely black trainers**. Please do not send children in multi-coloured footwear or sandals/flip-flops. Thank you.



Similarly, for forest school, children will continue to wear a yellow polo shirt and blue school jumper rather than the navy hoodie along with navy joggers and bring named wellies in a bag (not to wear all day).

Please remember that we have a pre-loved uniform library in the main entrance for anyone who would like to buy/swap/borrow items. You can also call ahead and Mrs Coates will have these ready for you to collect.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have been thinking about our school vision, motto and values. We have explored where our motto comes from (ask your child to tell you!) and why it was written.

### NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES



We have, unfortunately, had a family that has not arrived in Reception after accepting their place last term. 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 this term. Please contact Mrs Coates for further information.

### EYFS OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

Mrs Francis and Mrs Egdell spend a long time setting up their outdoor learning areas for their classes. We would be really grateful if parents and carers could make sure children do not play on the equipment/with the toys before or after school please.

Thank you in advance for your support.



### AUTUMN 1 LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Lunchtime Clubs will begin next week for children in Year 1 – Year 4. Mrs Coates will be sending confirmation emails home today. If you/your child is unsure, please see Mrs Coates. We will, of course, remind children on the morning of their club!

All Stars Bible Club re-starts on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. All Stars is run by a group of parents/carers and local church representatives. If your child would like to attend, please email Susan at [susan\\_abraham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susan_abraham@hotmail.co.uk)

Club	Day/time <small>(may change due to staff commitments)</small>	For children in	Run by
Choir	Wednesday 12:30pm	Years 1 – 4	Miss Bowers
All Stars	Alternate Tuesdays 12:30pm	Years 1 – 4	Parents/church volunteers
Guitar	Thursday 3:00pm	Year 3 & 4	Music Partnership North Newcastle
Violin	Monday 3:00pm	Years 3 & 4	Music Partnership North Newcastle
Gosforth Voices (at Grange First School)	Wednesdays throughout the year 3:45pm	Years 3 & 4	Music Partnership North Newcastle
Football (Lee Sterry)	Thursday & Friday 12:15pm	Y3 & Y4* (please sign up directly with Lee Stery)	Lee Sterry
Football	Tuesday 3:15pm	Y3 & Y4* (please sign up directly with Lee Stery)	Lee Sterry
Colouring	Mondays 12:30pm	Rec – Year 4	Mrs Egdell
Science	Mondays 12:30pm	Years 1 – 4	Mr Hamlen
Sing & Sign	Mondays 12:30pm	Years 1 – 4	Miss Richardson
Young Leaders	Mondays 12:30pm	Years 1 – 4	Mrs Ellwood
Games and puzzles	Mondays 12:30pm	Rec – Year 4	Mrs Conner

\*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.

### READING BUDDIES

We are still looking to recruit reading buddies to help in all classes. If you (or a friend or family member) could spare an hour a week, please email class teachers who will be delighted to hear from you! You will require DBS clearance through our school – please speak to Mrs Coates or Mrs Lowe who will arrange this. Thank you in advance!



### PARKING



Please be aware that Newcastle City Council has installed a fixed ANPR enforcement camera to enforce the school keep clear restrictions (yellow Zig Zags) on the highway outside of the school. This is a joint initiative between the school and the city council which aims to tackle persistent inconsiderate parking on the school keep clear

restrictions. Vehicles are not permitted to stop on the restrictions for any reason and doing so impacts on road safety and endangers the safety of our children, parents and carers coming to and from the school. Vehicles that stop/park on the school keep clear restrictions in the future may be liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice, which will be issued to the registered keeper through the post from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 onwards.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis, Mrs Ellwood and Mrs Crozier 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



### DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

<b>September 2024</b>			
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	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.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	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 3 & Year 4 violin lessons start (weekly)	3:15pm	These need to have been pre-booked via Music Partnership North Newcastle
	e-safety session for parents & carers	5:30pm	Please book places via ParentMail
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	All Stars begins		Places need to have been booked in advance with Susan Abraham.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception vision screening		More info to follow
	Year 3 & Year 4 guitar lessons start (weekly)	3:15pm	These need to have been pre-booked via Music Partnership North Newcastle
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes day		Children are invited to wear jeans along with uniform tops for school today. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Golden Grants lucky Golden Coin will take place at Jesmond Metro store (NE2 2DJ)	12-1	Please pop along if you are able to.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	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.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Archery competition at Dinnington First School (selected children only)		More info to follow
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 hosting the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning"	9:00am-9:30am	Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please include a list of ingredients. Thank you.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	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.
	Reception height & weight checks	1:00pm	Please see info from NHS sent via ParentMail
<b>October 2024</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 3 & Year 4 team games in school	am	Children should wear PE kits please
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 – 4 Harvest Festival	pm	Children can be collected from church at

October	at All Saints'		2:30pm or be collected from school/after school club as usual.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Rec 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 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 synagogue visit		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	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.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	SEND reviews for relevant children	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception visitor from Newcastle Mosque		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent-teacher consultations	From 2:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	October half term		School closed to children
<b>November 2024</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	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.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Adults only quiz night <b>TBC</b>		More info to follow
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>December 2024</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parents/carers of Reception children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents/carers of Nursery children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Rec Nativity (am) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (pm) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (am) Nursery & Rec Nativity (pm) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (am) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (pm)	TBC	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 & 4 Christmas party	pm	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 & 4 Panto	am	
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas party	pm	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & 2 Panto	am	
	Nursery & Reception party	pm	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Day (including Christmas lunch)	All day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	pm	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
<b>January 2025</b>			
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Phonics & early reading session for parents & carers of children in Reception	5:30pm	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	February half term holiday		School closed to children
<b>February 2025</b>			
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
<b>March 2025</b>			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 & 4 Magic Flute at The Theatre Royal		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery & Reception Mothering Sunday Service (in school)	9:00am	
	Years 1 – 4 Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas' Church	1:30pm	
<b>April 2025</b>			
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 4 children about the Y4 Multiplication tables Check (in school)	4:30pm	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 1 – 4 Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays		School closed to children



May 2025			
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday		School closed to children
June 2025			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost Service TBC		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig		More info to follow
July 2024			
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers' Service (at school)	9:15am	Please save the date
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 Choices Applying for 30 hours free childcare through the childcare service

-  Apply through the childcare service: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> You will need to confirm your identity.
-  If successful you will receive an eligibility code – '50xxxxxxxx'
-  Take this code to your childcare provider with your NI number, child's date of birth and complete a Parent Declaration form.
-  Your childcare provider checks the code is valid – and if valid - confirms when you can start and reminds you to **reconfirm – every 3 months**
-  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](mailto: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](https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

If you are unsure or need help, please see Mrs 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!

