



## May 2022

### Newsletter 17 – 27.5.22

#### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
<b>Wb 16.5.22</b>	87%	94%	84%	95%	95%	96%	93%
<b>Wb 23.5.22</b>	78%	97%	85%	97%	96%	99%	95%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

#### 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).

In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. 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>	Benji Eisa	Millie Samuel	Razan Rex	Aleeza Jinho	Emmie Thomas	Ayaan M Vesper
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Carter Franco	Hannah Sienna	Jerome Abigail	Charlie Emma	Charlotte Emmie	Thomas Reuben

#### MORNING DROP OFF

As you know, we offer a 10-minute drop off window for all children in school between 8:40-8:50am. The intention of this is to help disperse traffic and ease parking as well as offering children and families a more relaxed entry to school. Please can we remind parents and carers that children must be supervised until they enter the building. We have had several families dropping children off on the roadside or at the school gates which means children are, therefore, unsupervised until they enter the school building. Thank you for your understanding.



Children who are attending Breakfast Club must also be signed in at the main office via the Inventory screen please. Thank you.



### LATE COLLECTION

A reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm. It can be distressing for children if parents and carers arrive late when this is not expected. If you are running late, please let us know via the main school office so we can let your child know and avoid any unnecessary upset.

If children are not collected from their classrooms by parents or carers (over the age of 16) by 3:20pm, they will be taken to After School Club and should be collected from the main entrance, in order to allow staff to attend after school training and meetings. If this is the case, parents will be charged accordingly (£9.00 per session). Thank you for your understanding.

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We are delighted that 102 of our children walked to school last week - well done to those children and thank you for making the effort to join in with the week; reinforcing messages around road safety as well as environmental and health benefits for our children. Hopefully we can keep this up for the rest of the term too!



### BIKES ON THE YARD

It is great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school! Could we kindly ask that children dismount from bikes at the school gates and push bikes and scooters to the bike shelter, rather than cycling through the busy playground please. This will help to keep everyone safe. Thank you.



### PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Parking around school continues to cause issues! I have been asked, by residents on Christon Road, to ask parents and carers not to block access to garages during drop off and pick up times, please. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### STAFFING UPDATE

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Pickup. Both of these lovely ladies are qualified teachers who have ably supported our school as Teaching Assistants during their time at ARFS, however, they have both now secured teaching positions. They will both be a big miss but their success is richly deserved. Miss Fitzgerald's last day at ARFS will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Mrs Pickup leaves us on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations to them both! We are currently recruiting support assistants and will, of course, keep you updated when appointments are made.



I am also sad to announce that Miss Davison has secured a teaching post at Bedlington Station Primary School (where she covered a maternity leave, before joining ARFS) from September 2022. Miss Davison has been a huge asset to the school and has supported the development of Reading and Science across the school. We have appointed Miss Bowers to teach in Year 1 from September. Miss Bowers is a fantastic teacher with fabulous musical talents. She will join us from 23<sup>rd</sup> June and support Miss Davison in Reception until the end of the school year. This will mean she is in a strong position to get to know children and their families before the end of the school year. I know you will join me in welcoming her to our school family!



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### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We have been informed of the removal of vouchers for families entitled to income based free school meals during absences from school. Families in receipt of free school meals will, therefore, no longer receive Wonde vouchers for any periods of absence from school.

Vouchers will still be provided during school holidays. Mrs Lowe has issued these to all eligible families for May half term.



### BABY BOOTH!

I am sure you will all join me in sending huge congratulations to Mr Booth and his wife on the (early!) arrival of baby Beatrice. Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well.

### CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN



It was amazing to see so many of our families (and staff!) taking part in the Children's Cancer Run this year. There was a fantastic atmosphere and the sun shone for us! Thank you to all who attended!



### SCHOOL VISITS

Tuesday this week was very busy – please see Twitter for pictures! Year 2 enjoyed a (wet!) visit to Tynemouth to learn about how it has been adapted from a fishing village to a area for tourists and they undertook some sketches of the seafront.



Year 3 visited Waters Meet and Tyne Green in Hexham to help them understand the journey of the River Tyne. It was fantastic to listen to their appreciation of the area we live in and their amazing geographical vocabulary!

Year 4 girls attended Westfield for a "STEM Extravaganza!". The boys took part in Forest School activities with Mrs Francis, Football with Mr Hunter and watched a film with Miss Willett (as Mr Booth was otherwise engaged!). Apparently school was very quiet without us all!!



### JUBILEE PARTY

Huge thanks to our wonderful PTFA who have organised our Jubilee party this afternoon. As I type, I can hear children preparing to take part in crafts, games and a whole school picnic! They look amazing in their red, white and blue and are each wearing a crown! Please see Twitter for pictures.

### TRANSITION

Year 4 have been invited to take part in an Art & DT taster day at GCMS on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are really excited about the additional opportunities for our Year 4 children to visit GCMS this year. All children can attend (even if they are transferring to another school).



Transition Days will take part on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. This will offer GCMS staff an opportunity to get to know our children well and will give our Year 4 children a more robust transition experience than a single day. Children should come to ARFS as usual and staff will escort them to GCMS on both days. They will return to ARFS ready for collection at 3:15pm via the Y4 entrance (where they enter school in the mornings). These days will only be for children transferring to GCMS in September. Children transferring to other schools will remain in school.

Other children across school will also move to their new classes and work with their new Class Teacher on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July too. They will enter school via their usual entrance and should be collected from their NEW classroom door at 3:15pm. I will send a reminder nearer the time!



### FILM NIGHT

The PTFA are holding a Film Night in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. There will no After School Club that evening. Children who usually attend After School Club will go to Film Night. Mrs Lowe will refund parents who have already made bookings in due course. Film Night will take place in classrooms this time so children should be collected from classroom doors at 5:15pm please. Please note that late collection from After School Club is still



available for the families who have already booked this and children will be supervised by Miss Willett in the hall, from 5:15-5:30pm, as usual.

### SEND GREEN PAPER

Parents of children with SEND may already be aware, the DfE are currently consulting on the SEND Green paper. The deadline for responses is 22nd July 2022.

A link to the consultation is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time>



**SEND Review:**  
Right support  
Right place  
Right time



### LITTLE ORANGE BOOK

Newcastle Gateshead CCG are keen to get as much feedback as possible from parents on the Little Orange Book (a copy can be found on our website).

The Little Orange Book is a fabulous resource on which we base our guidance to parents and carers around absence from school if children are unwell.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have continued to learn about other names for Jesus. This week, however, our focus has been around the Jubilee – the queen herself even made an appearance! Years 2 and 3 have also led worship for the whole school and parents too. They told us about Ascension Day and Pentecost. It is wonderful that children in school are now able to plan and lead worship and take such pride in doing so. Thank you to all who attended.



### BATTERY RECYCLING

We now have a battery-recycling box in school, located in the main entrance. Please feel free to recycle your batteries here. Please do not send batteries into school with children!

### CHURCH LINKS



Gosforth, All Saints are hosting a Jubilee Picnic on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3:15-4:30pm. Attendees are invited to wear patriotic clothing and bring a picnic.

Gosforth, St Nicholas' picnic is to be held 12:00-2:00pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June where there will be crafts and a scavenger hunt!



### GST DAFT DAY



The children looked fabulous last Friday in their daft clothing, hats and wigs! There were lots of "daft" looks but my personal favourite was the Year 4 banana!! In collective worship, we talked about the two local charities that we were supporting; Café Beam and Daft as a Brush. We raised £90 - well done everyone!

### SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mr Booth, Miss Willett and Mrs Francis are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. 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>

## HALF TERM

School is now closed for half term. We will reopen to the children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June is a staff training day).

Summer term is always a busy time in school and this year has been no different! I would like to thank the staff for all they do for our children, each other and the school as a whole. They go above and beyond!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and enjoy the Bank Holidays! Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*

Headteacher

**EVALUATING**

**THE LITTLE ORANGE BOOK**

Would you like to complete a short survey about the Little Orange Book? Have Your Say!  
To participate, scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://northumbria.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/lob-evaluation>

You do not need to have used the Little Orange Book to participate in this survey.  
If you would like this information provided in another language or format, please contact Dr Lynette Shotton by email at:  
[lynette.shotton@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:lynette.shotton@northumbria.ac.uk)

Northumbria University Newcastle University Teesside University University of Sunderland NHS



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 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

# DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

May 2022			
30 <sup>th</sup> May- 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term		
June 2022			
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Gosforth, St Nicholas' Platinum Jubilee celebrations	12pm-10pm	Contact <a href="mailto:dale.hunter@hotmail.co.uk">dale.hunter@hotmail.co.uk</a> for further information.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth, St Nicholas' Platinum Jubilee celebrations	12pm-10pm	
	12-2 is the Children's picnic (see flyer below)	12-2pm	
	Jubilee Picnic at Gosforth, All Saints	3:15-4:30pm	Please bring your own picnic!
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth, St Nicholas' Pentecost Service followed by BBQ- all welcome!	10:00am	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday (which falls in half term)		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	World Oceans Day		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 staff from GCMS to teach Year 4	9:00am	
	French Club Begins	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
	PTFA Film Night (No ASC)	3:15-5:15pm	Please collect children from classrooms
	Pre-loved uniform "Pop-up Shop"	7:45am-5:30pm	Main entrance
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:00am	Y4 parents and carers invited to attend
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Dental students in school to see Nursery & Reception children		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Meeting in school for parents of children starting Nursery in September 2022	5:30pm	More info to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
20 – 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Week – activities in school World Wise Week- activities in school	-	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to GCMS for Art & DT	am	
	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
	Newcastle "Big Gig"		
	Meeting in school for parents of children starting Reception in September 2022	5:30pm	More info to follow

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	
27.6.22 – 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	Please let Miss Waters know if you can help walk children to/from Gosforth Pool
30.6.22-1.7.22	Year 3 overnight stay at school		See ParentMail for further info
<b>July 2022</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Confirmed Transition Days for GST schools (all children in school)	In school time	For further information on GCMS activities and parent information for children in Year 4, please see the letter from GCMS
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Gosforth Central Middle School Meeting for Year 4 parents	TBC	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	GGG Cricket at Regent Farm First School	9:30-11:30	Selected children only
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	Please let Miss Gray know if you can help walk children to/from Gosforth Pool
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver's Service	9:00am	Y4 parents and carers invited to attend
	PTFA Summer Social	3:15pm	Please bring a picnic rug and join us for an end of term social event on the school field!
	School closes for summer holidays		
<b>September 2022</b>			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
<b>October 2022</b>			
24-31 October	Half term		School closed to children
<b>November 2022</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School reopens to children		
<b>December 2022</b>			
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term		
23.12.22- 6.1.23	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
<b>January 2023</b>			
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
<b>February 2023</b>			
20-24 February	Half term		School closed to children
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to children		
<b>March 2023</b>			
<b>April 2023</b>			
3.4.23-14.4.23	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to children		
<b>May 2023</b>			



Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Bank holiday		
26.5.23-2.6.23	Half Term		
<b>June 2023</b>			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens to children		
<b>July 2023</b>			
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for summer	3:15pm	

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**Family friendly beer festival at Gosforth Parish Church of St Nicholas**

Great selection of beers and ciders from local and national producers. Wine and fizz available.

Friday 3rd June 12pm to 10pm  
 Food available from Whitley Bay Pizza company

Saturday 4th June 12pm to 10pm  
 Food available from Flying Pigz



**Location**

Gosforth Parish Church Hall (opposite South Gosforth Metro)  
 NE3 1AN

Contact Dale Hunter 07788202252  
 Email dale.hunter@hotmail.co.uk





# *Platinum Jubilee Picnic*

*Gosforth Parish Church of St Nicholas  
would like to invite the children to a*

*Platinum Jubilee Picnic:*

12-2pm on 4th June.



Free picnic for all children with craft activities and a scavenger hunt

This is running alongside our church's platinum jubilee beer festival,  
parents are welcome to join in the celebrations.

*Please bring your own picnic blankets.*

If you would like any further information please contact Sarah Hunter: 07879 476618

