



October 2024

Newsletter 3 – 4.10.24

SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

As you know, we buy into a Service Level Agreement via Clennell Education Solutions to provide our school with an attendance officer and support our families with school attendance. Unfortunately, Jan Gurkin, our previous attendance officer, has been reallocated to another school. Our new attendance officer is Grant Short.



Grant has already made several home visits and is available to support anyone experiencing difficulties linked to attendance. You can contact him via the school office.

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 <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 23.9.24	95%	Reception (99%)	Year 4 (97%)	Year 1 (95%)
Wb 30.9.24	97%	Year 2 (99%)	Reception (98%)	Year 3 (97%)

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

ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?



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 fortnight, 75 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

	Whole School absence (excluding Nursery)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 23.9.24	5%	1%	4%
Wb 30.9.24	3%	0.5%	2.5%

SECTION 2: SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!



SCHOOL VALUES

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



	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Staff
Demonstrating Love	Annabelle Amarleia	Oliver G Heidi	Ani Ada	Amaya Aadriti	Mia Hannah	Theo Charvitha	Mr Brown Mrs Bannon
Demonstrating Determination	Billy Sara	Jad Hugo	Evie Nura	Lyla Eisa	Rio Rahaf	Abbie Franki	Miss Cooper Mrs Palmer

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

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



The following children have engaged highly with TTRS over the last fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	Highest engagement this fortnight	Highest accuracy this fortnight
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Lyla Aadriti Mika	Mika Lyla Aadriti
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Thanuja Elvis Max Cr	Elvis Thanuja Max Cr
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Theo Leo Bella	Theo Leo Rehan

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	8	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	3.5
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In line with our teaching of multiplication, children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will be having a re-launch of TTRS in school. Children will be invited to dress as rock stars and undertake a range of multiplication based activities on the following dates:

- Year 2 – Monday 18th November
- Year 3 – Friday 8th November
- Year 4 – Monday 4th November

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
Arthur Maryam	Mika John	Henry Alicia	Percy Evelyn

SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest Festival collection for The People's Kitchen this week. We are always blown away by your generosity and the children's attitudes towards tackling injustice in inequality in our city and more widely.



Last Friday, Year 4 hosted the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for parents, carers and friends of the school. It was a really joyful event and our hosts did us proud with their amazing service and smiles! They also raised an astounding £230, which is incredible! Well done to Year 4 and all involved.





WORSHIP COUNCIL

Worship Council have been working with Mrs Palmer and Mr Shipton to plan our Harvest Festival. They are taking their duties very seriously indeed!

GREEN TEAM

Despite the weather, Green Team have been out and about litter picking in the local area. They continue to receive lots of compliments and well wishes from members of the community and never fail to make me proud!



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Livie and Lydia continue to keep our library looking organised and beautiful. Our library is used for lots of meetings, lessons and even photographs this week so it is always a busy job for the girls.

PLAY LEADERS

This week, our fantastic Play Leaders have been facilitating the building of a whole school obstacle course using our crates, decking and wooden beams. Have a look at our X feed for some brilliant photographs.



SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!



SIAMS

As you know, we had our SIAMS inspection on Monday 16th September. We are expecting the report next week and will, of course, share this with you when we receive it. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of our school who spoke to the inspector. It is hugely appreciated.

POLITE REQUEST

As you know, we share our staff emails with our parents and carers so that working parents, in particular, can contact staff to share relevant information and ask any questions that they have. This is not typical across all schools and demonstrates the importance we place on communication and strong relationships with our families.

The wellbeing of our staff is of paramount importance so I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that emails should only be sent to staff during their working hours, please, and staff will respond when they are able to (although this is likely to be either before school starts or after school finishes). I would also like to remind parents and carers that as always, if you have any concerns, you should raise these with me directly. I am available on the gate most mornings to chat to parents and carers at drop off and I would encourage parents and carers to contact me directly, either via e-mail (kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk) or by phone, so we can arrange a meeting to discuss any queries you may have. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application window for our Year 4 children to apply for middle school places closes on 31st October. Application forms can be found at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>



REQUEST FROM GCMS

We have had a request from Gosforth Central Middle School to ask our families not to use the school car park to drop off children who attend our school as this is preventing parents of children at GCMS accessing the drop off zone and presents a safety risk to the children. As you know, ASDA allow parents and carers to park in their carpark and walk from there.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

A reminder that Tesco stores which where you can vote for our school are:

- Benton Road, South Gosforth, Tesco Express/Esso garage (NE7 7EW)
- Acorn Road, Jesmond, Tesco Express (NE2 2DJ)
- Kenton Lane, Gosforth, Tesco Express/garage (NE3 3BQ)
- Chillingham Road, Heaton, Tesco Express (NE6 5LL)



Please get involved with our Stronger Starts voting and pop as many tokens as you can into our collections at the above stores. Once voting has concluded in store, votes will be collated and we will be notified of the outcome when voting closes.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

As you know, we have mapped out educational visits across each year group to support specific learning in school. Last term, I sought feedback from parents and carers about how we manage donations towards educational visits in order to support parents and carers in the current financial climate. One of the popular suggestions was to offer a smaller, more regular payment option (instalments) across the year rather than paying in full for visits. With this in mind, Mrs Coates has costed the visits for each class for this school year and will be sending options for parents to pay in full or in instalments in order to help overcome some financial barriers.



PUPIL VOICE

As you know, from time to time we gather pupil, parent/carers and staff views of our school in order to shape our next steps in school. We thought you would like to see the results of the most recent pupil survey that Mrs Francis has undertaken with children in Years 1 – 4.



	All/Most the time In every/most lesson Strongly agree/agree	
I enjoy school	98%	
Teachers help me to do my best	100%	
My teachers give me work that challenges me	98%	
I enjoy learning at this school	96%	
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	100%	
There is an adult in school I can talk to if something is worrying me	100%	
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	89%	
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	92%	
Is bullying a problem at your school?	99%	
	<small>It doesn't happen or it happens and teachers are really good/good at resolving it</small>	
I feel safe when I am at school	100%	
My school encourages me to look after my physical health	100%	
My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	100%	
I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art	97%	
My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities	100%	
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally	100%	
My school provides me with information about my next steps	90%	
	<small>Yes I received the right amount of information that was helpful</small>	
I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area.	94% Yes	6% Maybe



STAY & PLAY

Parents/carers of Nursery and Reception are invited to come and play in school with their child on 4th December (Nursery) & 3rd December (Reception) at 2:00pm. Please save the date(s)!

We are excited that our EYFS environment has been selected by the Local Authority to host the next EYFS leaders meeting. We are looking forward to sharing our practice with parents and carers at the Stay & Play sessions and colleagues at this LA event.



NUT ALLERGIES

Several children in school have nut allergies. We would therefore like to remind parents and carers not to send food containing nuts to school in packed lunches, snacks or for any other purpose. This includes foods at parties and picnics. Thank you.

PTFA

The PTFA AGM will be held, in school, on Wednesday 6th November at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along if you are able to. It would be great to have some new Nursery & Reception parents and carers involved. We would be really interested to hear about any suggestions of future events. You can contact the PTFA via e-mail archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArchbishopRunciePTFA/>



PARENTS EVENING

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with class teachers before half term. Please book your consultation via ParentMail. Appointments will be face to face, however, if you would prefer a phone call, please email class teachers directly.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship, we have been reflecting on Harvest and being thankful for what we have. This morning, we were overwhelmed by donations for our Harvest Festival – thank you to everyone who contributed!



CHURCH LINKS

Please see information below from All Saints' about their upcoming Harvest activities.



NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES

We have set a series of dates, in the coming weeks, for parents and carers of children due to start Nursery and Reception in September 2025 to visit. Please contact Mrs Coates in the office for further information.



MEASLES

Measles is increasing across the country at the moment. The first port of call is the UKHSA. The following document may also support parents and carers who believe their child has measles. [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/01/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/)

GOSFORTH VOICES

It was fabulous to see so many of our Years 3 and Year 4 children taking part in Gosforth Voices on Wednesday. It is really important that Newcastle Music Service North (who lead the choir) have emergency contact details for all children who are attending so please ensure these details have been shared before sending your child along. Thank you.



Huge thanks to Mrs Norman for walking the group to the event too – as a working parent I know how tricky it can be to get your child to after school activities, so I know parents and carers will appreciate this support.

GATES

From Monday 7th October, Mr Hunter (and Mr Robinson whilst Mr Hunter is on holiday), will be opening the gates for collection at 3:10pm rather than 3:00pm. This is so the school site is secure for as long as possible in order to keep our children safe. He will continue to close the gates at 3:25pm, after children have been dismissed. Any children who are not collected by 3:20pm will be taken to after school club so please come to the main entrance to collect them. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Huge congratulations to Miss Halliday who has now completed her Emotional Literacy Teaching Assistant (ELSA) training. Miss Halliday has a passion for supporting children's mental health and has already successfully led several social, emotional and mental health interventions in school. We are really grateful for her continued dedication and all she does for our children.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to everyone who completed the ParentMail form, last term, about future workshops for parents. The main themes requested were First Aid and supporting good mental health. With that in mind, Mrs Coates has arranged sessions for parents and carers later this term. Please complete the ParentMail form to indicate if you are able to attend. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who attended our online safety session last week – the feedback was incredibly positive. I have attached the ABC checklist that was referred to during the session as well as the parent handout.

Also attached to today's newsletter are some flyers about RISE workshops and Solihull support for parents.

EdShed



EDSHED

I understand that a small number of families have had difficulty accessing Spelling Shed. Please accept our apologies – there was an issue with EdShed allocating the spelling package for some children but this should now be resolved. Thank you for your patience while we were resolving this. If there are any further issues, please contact Mrs Coates who is our administrator for online subscriptions.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis and Mrs Ellwood are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). Mr Brown is DSL for Wraparound care.

Children are regularly reminded who they can talk to if they are worried about something in school.



If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police. Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

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

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

With my very best wishes,
Kate Massey
Headteacher



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

All Saints' Church Gosforth
AUTUMN
Art & Crafts for Harvest
SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
2.30 - 4.00
IN ALL SAINTS' CENTRE
All ages welcome
COME AND MAKE SOME DECORATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH AND HALL - AND TO TAKE HOME TOO! (FREE)
DETAILS FROM PARISH OFFICE
0191 2130450
POST@ALLSAINTS-GOSFORTH.ORG.UK

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GOSFORTH
HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER
9.30 AM
FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH IN THE CENTRE
POST@ALLSAINTS-GOSFORTH.ORG.UK
0191 2130450



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

October 2024			
Saturday 5 th October	Art & Craft for Harvest at All Saints'	2:30-4:00pm	All welcome
Monday 7 th 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.
	PTFA AGM	6:00pm	All welcome
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 2 synagogue visit TBC POSTPONED		
Thursday 10 th October	Mental health day		
	Year 3 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 3 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Sunday 13 th October	All Saints' Harvest Festival	9:30am	All welcome
Monday 14 th 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 th October	SEND reviews for relevant children	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
Friday 18 th October	Show racism the red card day		Children invited to wear red clothing (please make sure these are suitable for PE for relevant classes).
Monday 21 st October	Year 4 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 22 nd October	Reception visitor from Newcastle Mosque		
Monday 21 st & Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent-teacher consultations	From 2:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Thursday 24 th October	Year 4 Geography fieldwork	am	
Thursday 24 th October	Year 2 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 2 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 25 th October	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	October half term		School closed to children

November 2024			
Friday 1 st November	Deadline for applications for Nursery places for January intake		
Monday 4 th November	Year 3 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Year 4 TTRS day		Year 4 children invited to dress as a rock star today
4 th – 11 th November	Poppies for sale in school		
Wednesday 6 th November	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
	PTFA AGM	6:30pm	All welcome
Friday 8 th November	Year 3 TTRS day		Year 3 children invited to dress as a rock star today
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship led by Year 4	9:00am	Parents & carers welcome
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks (anti-bullying)worship led by Year 2		Parents and carers invited to attend. Children invited to wear odd socks (with normal uniform).
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Thursday 14th November	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need		Children invited to wear something spotty. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
	Adults only quiz night TBC		More info to follow
Monday 18 th November	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
	Year 2 TTRS day		Year 2 children invited to dress as a rock star today
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 4 visitor from Durham University		
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Thursday 21 st November	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Monday 25 th November	Reception Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.

Friday 29 th November	Advent worship led by Year 3	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
December 2024			
Monday 2 nd December	Nursery Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parents/carers of Reception children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	
Wednesday 4 th December	Parents/carers of Nursery children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	
Thursday 5 th December	Flu Immunisations in school		
	Nursery & Reception cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery & Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 6 th December	Nursery & Reception visit to Gosforth Civic Theatre	am	
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		
Monday 9 th December	Year 3 visit to Durham Oriental Museum		
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery & Rec Nativity (am) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (pm) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Thursday 12 th December	Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (am) Nursery & Rec Nativity (pm) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (evening)	TBC	
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (am) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (pm)	TBC	
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 visit to All Saints' Church	10:00am	
	Years 3 & 4 Christmas party	pm	
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 & 4 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas party	pm	
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 1 & 2 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	
	Nursery & Reception party	pm	
Thursday 19 th December	ARFS Family Day (including Christmas lunch)	All day	
Friday 20 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		
	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	pm	Children can be collected from church at 2:30pm

Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2025			
Wednesday 8 th January	Phonics & early reading session for parents & carers of children in Reception	5:30pm	
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Wednesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception applications to Newcastle City Council		
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 4 visit to El Torero	Lunchtime	
Monday 24 th February – Friday 28 th February	February half term holiday		School closed to children
February 2025			
Friday 21 st February	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 1 walking tour of Gosforth		
	Internet safety day		Activities in school
Friday 14 th February	Love is... worship led by Year 1	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Friday 28 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April intake		
March 2025			
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 4 visit to Beamish (TBC)		
Thursday 6 th March	Years 3 & 4 Magic Flute at The Theatre Royal		
	World Book Day		Children invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, if they wish.
Thursday 13 th March	Year 4 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 4 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 14 th March	Red Nose Day		Children invited to wear red and 'do something funny for money'. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
Monday 17 th March	Year 2 visit to Newcastle Castle TBC		
17 – 28 th March	Year 4 swimming every afternoon		
17-21 st March	STEM Week		Activities in school
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 1 visit to Newcastle Mosque		
Friday 28 th March	Nursery & Reception Mothering Sunday Service (in school)	9:00am	
	Years 1 – 4 Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas' Church	1:30pm	
April 2025			
Thursday 3 rd	Year 3 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 3

April			children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Thursday 3 rd April	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 4 children about the Y4 Multiplication tables Check (in school)	4:30pm	
Tuesday 8 th April	Stay & Play for parents and carers of children in Reception	2:00pm	
	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 1 children about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check (in school)	5:30pm	
Wednesday 9 th April	Stay & Play for parents and carers of children in Nursery	2:00pm	
Friday 11 th April	Years 1 – 4 Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	
Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
May 2025			
Thursday 1 st May	Year 2 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 2 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 3 Watersmeet Hexham		
Thursday 15 th May	Year 4 residential at Dukeshouse Wood		
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay		
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 23 rd May	Daft as a brush day		
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday		School closed to children
June 2025			
Monday 2 nd June	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Friday 6 th June	Pentecost Service TBC		
Wb 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment		
Wb 16 th June	School Sports Week TBC		
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	am	
Thursday 19 th June	Reception class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 20 th June	Big Gig		More info to follow
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 sleepover at school		
30 th June – 11 th July	Year 3 swimming every afternoon		
July 2024			
Monday 7 th July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda &		

	Roman Army Museum TBC		
Thursday 10 th July	Nursery class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Wednesday 16 th July	Whole school trip to Tynemouth TBC		
Friday 18 th July	Year 4 Leavers' Service (at school)	9:15am	Please save the date
Monday 21 st July – Friday 29 th August	Summer holiday		School closed to children

Be courageous; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NURSERY 30 HOUR PLACES

Childcare Choices Applying for 30 hours free childcare through the childcare service

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

Your 30-hour eligibility code has a validity end date. If you fail to reconfirm or become ineligible, you will stop receiving the extra hours. If you are unsure discuss with your provider immediately. This is your responsibility.

For support call Customer Interaction Centre on **0300 123 4097**

HEALTHIER TOGETHER

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

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



WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

Bookings for Wraparound Care are managed by Child Care Bookings for Schools. This will make managing and making bookings far easier for parents and carers. You can still pay using either a debit/credit card or using childcare vouchers.

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



COMMUNITY HUB NORTH



Children & Families Newcastle is part of a community network providing activities and services across four localities in the city for babies, children, young people and families. We are part of the North Community Hub. Community hubs link to other buildings in the locality to create a network of venues that offer activities and services.



The community hubs also offer a range of services including – health visiting, family support, community midwifery, mental health support, children's therapies, youth provision, training opportunities, childcare and employability services. To find out what is available near you,



telephone your local Community Hub at Fawdon Children's Centre, Cairns Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2SN. Telephone 0191 2115773 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.
<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/north>



SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Does your child have a special educational need or disability? Would you like to talk to other parents/carers or get advice from professionals? Whether your child has a formal diagnosis or not, you are invited to drop in to the SEND

Support Group for an informal place to chat and get advice.



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

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

families to check their eligibility for this funding <https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

If you are unsure or need help, please see 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!

