



May 2023

Newsletter 15 – 5.5.23



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
Demonstrating Love	Molly Thomas	Ayesha John	Jesse Hadin	Jerome Olivia	Nolan Charlie	Charlotte Thomas
Demonstrating Determination	Marcel	Anneloise Benjamin	Sienna George P	Rehan Rex	Zidan Max	Nancy David

HANDWRITER OF THE WEEK

We are having 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
Nnamdi	Isaac	Ava	Victory	Ben
Isla	Mia	Harry	Emilia	Kiran

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 will 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
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10	Olivia Daniel	Percy Joshua Harry
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8	Zain Karlo	Finley Alfie

		Nolan	Evie
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12	Rose Avie Charlotte	Avie Charlotte Zoe Thaddeus

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	17th	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	4.11
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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 24.4.23	95%	Year 3 (96.2%)	Year 4 (96%)	Year 2 (95%)
Wb 1.5.23	95%	Year 2 (98%)	Year 1 (97.6%)	Year 3 (97%)

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. This week, Year 3 enjoyed an extra playtime in the sunshine!



We are also introducing hot chocolate in the staffroom for one child per class with 100% attendance. Children with 100% attendance will have their names drawn from a hat during celebration worship each Friday and will join the staff in the staffroom for a hot chocolate to celebrate!



MINUTES MISSED

During the last fortnight, 200 (3 hours and 20 mins) 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.



PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 24.4.23	5%	0.5%	4.5%
Wb 1.5.23	5%	1%	4%



SECTION 2: SCHOOL NEWS!

RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

Reception children are now entering school, in the mornings and during the day, via the Key Stage 1 entrance. They have adjusted to their new routine brilliantly! The children have made us really proud. Well done Reception!

Transition to
Year 1

KING CHARLES III CORONATION

Today we have celebrated the coronation of King Charles III in school with our very own "street party" lunch, crafts and activities. There has been a real buzz around school and I think the staff were just as excited about the day as the children.

Well done to everyone who participated in the family crown making competition. Rev'd Shipton had such a hard job choosing just one winner from each class. Winners are as follows:



Nursery	Shloka
Reception	Benjamin
Year 1	Isaac
Year 2	Rosa
Year 3	Layla J
Year 4	Thomas



Each of the above children won a prize, which they will bring home today. Thank you to everyone for getting involved! We were so impressed with the effort that you all put in! Please see Twitter for pictures.

READING BUDDIES

We are looking to recruit reading buddies to help in all classes across our school. 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!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship. We have been thinking about St Paul and the letters he wrote. We have thought about the impact of these letters, then and now, and what we can learn from Paul.

This week, we have been reflecting on the upcoming coronation; the symbolism within the service, traditions and important people involved.

INAUGURATION OF BISHOP HELEN-ANN

Children from ARFS were chosen to welcome the new Bishop of Newcastle at her Service of Inauguration on Saturday 22nd April at St Nicholas' Cathedral. It was a fabulous occasion and the children made me so proud! They led Collective Worship, the following week, to tell their friends all about it! Please see Twitter for pictures.



CLASS VISITS

Educational Visits



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Alnwick Castle last week! They loved exploring the features of castles and learning new facts about Alnwick Castle. Huge thanks to all the parent helpers!





Year 4 loved their visit to The Sill to learn about the history of Hadrian's Wall before embarking on a walk to Sycamore Gap. There were lots of muddy shoes and big smiles! Thank you to the parent and carers who joined them.

PE WEEK

School Sports Week will be held in school 19 - 23 June. We will be having a week of sports related activities and are looking for providers to support us making in this a really exciting opportunity for our children to try new sports, be active and have fun. If you run a business or have contacts with someone who could help, please contact Miss Witherspoon (Alana.Witherspoon@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).



LIBRARY VISITS

Mrs Crozier has arranged for each class to visit Gosforth Library on the following dates:

Nursery	Friday 7 th July & Friday 14 th July
Reception	Friday 23 rd June & Friday 30 th June
Year 1	Friday 9 th June & Friday 16 th June
Year 2	Friday 19 th May & Tuesday 23 rd May
Year 3	Tuesday 2 nd May & Friday 12 th May



As this is a visit within our local area, we do not need parents/carers to complete permission slips. Staff from the library will also be visiting school on 27th June to launch their summer reading challenge.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Club	Day <small>(may change due to staff commitments)</small>	For children in	Run by
Nursery Play Buddies	Friday	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Francis
Film Club	Tuesday	Y3 & Y4	Miss Willett
Choir	Wednesday	Y1 – Y4	Miss Bowers
Art Club	Tuesday	Rec – Year 2	Miss Witherspoon
Library Club	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Mrs Crozier
Maths Club	Tuesday	Y3 & Y4	Miss Nattress
Football Club*	Thursday	Y3 & Y4	Lee Sterry
Green Team	Monday	Year 1 – Year 4	Mr Hunter



*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.

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

Well done to everyone who has been training for the Cancer Run! It is great to see so much enthusiasm! Miss King is running one more training session for staff and children, 3:15 - 4:00pm, on Tuesday 9th May.



If your child would like to stay for the last session, please complete the ParentMail form. Children should be collected from the field gate (next to the kitchen/staff carpark). Please note that this will be cancelled in the event of rain. Children will need to bring appropriate footwear to change into please.



Run packs

Our run packs will arrive in school next week. These packs will include a run number and children's t-shirts, along with further information about the day. There is a t-shirt exchange over run weekend for anyone who wishes to change their t-shirt size. Please pin run numbers to your front and the ARFS logo to your back.

Late entry runners

Online entries for the run will remain open until **Wednesday 10th May**, however anyone signing up after Monday 1st May will be asked to collect their packs from Newcastle Racecourse over event weekend. You will receive details about where/when to collect these in an email when you register. Please note that there is also an opportunity to do 'on the day' entries over run weekend for any very last minute runners.

Plans for the day (14th May):

Time	Where	Plans
From 9:30am	Carpark A	
From 10:30am	Base camp (by end of run)	Leave bags/coats etc with Mrs Francis & Mrs Coates while we run. You will be able to see our school flags by the grandstand.
10:30-10:40am	Schools Meeting Point	Group photo & warm up
10:45		Each group will make their way to start of their run
10:55	Start of each run	Please try to begin the run with our school group
After run	Base camp (by end of run)	Enjoy our snack bags together. You might also like to bring a picnic and a rug.

Our school start time is 10:55am.

Fundraising

Everything raised by our school team, whether through their online fundraising pages or paper sponsor forms, will be helping children diagnosed with cancer in our region. Thank you for your help in making life better for children with cancer.



PE DAYS- SUMMER TERM

Please remember that children should only wear their school PE kits on the days they have PE. This comprises navy hoodie/jumper and tracksuit bottoms and/or royal blue shorts with a yellow t-shirt and running shoes that children can fasten themselves. Please do not wear own clothes for PE. Thank you.

Nursery	Monday
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday

BIG GIG

This summer, the Big Gig is back! An event that brings lots of schools from all over Newcastle together to sing and make music. This year, the theme is 'Back to the 80s' with a selection of 10 popular 80s songs to learn. The event takes place on the 21st June 2023 (the same day as Y2 sports day) at the Vertu Motor Arena, 1:30-2:30pm.



In order to continue with choir rehearsals as normal, Miss Bowers is planning on having Big Gig rehearsals after school 3:15pm – 4:15pm on Wednesdays every other week (10th May,

24th May, 7th June and a final rehearsal on 14th June) to learn the new 80s repertoire. There are 35 spaces available to children who are already in our school choir. If your child is in Choir and would like to take part in the Big Gig, they can attend the after-school rehearsals. Please sign up via ParentMail.

MUSIC TUITION



We are looking to re-introduce peripatetic music teachers to provide guitar and violin lessons to children in Years 3 and 4, from September 2023. We need to gauge interest so we can inform NEMCo of which sessions we would need. We would be grateful if the current Year 2 and Year 3 families could

indicate, via ParentMail, if their child would be interested in learning to play the guitar or violin (or either), after school, in a small group lesson. These would be booked and paid for by parents/carers directly with NEMCo (not school).

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Thank you to those parents and carers who have already completed this form.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mrs Francis are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). Miss Clay is the DSL for wraparound clubs. 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





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




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1 Apply through the childcare service:
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
You will need to confirm your identity.
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2 If successful you will receive an eligibility code – '50xxxxxxx'
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3 Take this code to your childcare provider with your NI number, child's date of birth and complete a Parent Declaration form.
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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
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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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City Council







MAY HALF TERM
TUE 30TH MAY 2023 - FRI
2ND JUNE 2023

Gosforth Academy
Football & Multi-sports
Tuesday-Friday
10:00am - 3:00pm £55

Gosforth Academy
Wrap Around football & Multi sports
Tuesday-Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm £90




Full days, half days and early drop offs available



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For more information
Phone 07729058119
Email: coaching@ls-sc.co.uk
Website www.ls-sc.co.uk



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**Bank Holiday
Monday 8th
May from
2p.m. at
All Saints
Gosforth**



2p.m. Yoga / Pilates (bring your own mat)
Taekwondo
3p.m Music
3:30
Mini Rugby
Tappy Toes
Available throughout:
Bell tower
Refreshments
Gardening, Treasure Hunt
Displays including flower arranging, bridge, spinning, upholstery, Sew, Knit and Natter, Mothers' Union.



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All Saints has talent

This is a free event with a wide range of short workshops run by people connected to All Saints as part of our celebration of the coronation



**Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

Monday 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for His Majesty's coronation.		School closed to children
	All Saints' has talent	2:00pm	All welcome
Tuesday 9 th May	Cancer Run Practise (Years 1 – 4)	3:15-4:00pm	Please book places via ParentMail
	Mosque representative to speak to children in Reception	1:00pm	
Wednesday 10 th May	Big Gig Rehearsal for relevant choir members	3:15-4:15pm	Please book places via ParentMail
11-12 May 2023	Year 4 Residential at Dukeshouse Wood	pm	Details to follow
12 th May 2023	Year 3 visit to Gosforth Library	pm	
Sunday 14 th May	Children's Cancer Run	TBC	Please register at https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2023
Monday 15 th May	Year 1 leading Christian Aid Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers of Year 1 welcome to attend.
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 3 visit to Waters Meet	All day	Information will be sent via ParentMail
Thursday 18 th May	Year 4 leading Ascension Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers of Year 4 welcome to attend.
Friday 19 th May	Deadline for booking Summer 2 wraparound	5:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
	Year 2 visit to Gosforth Library	pm	
	Year 1 Forest School	pm	
	School Council Meeting	2:45pm	
Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 1 Mosque visit	am	Information will be sent via ParentMail
	Year 4 Forest School	am	Children must wear long sleeved tops and trousers. We will be outdoors regardless of the weather so please send clearly named wellies, waterproofs, hats and gloves (and possibly a named change of clothes!) £1 donations can be made via ParentMail
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	
Wednesday 24 th May	Nursery & Reception Forest School	am	Please see ParentMail
	Year 3 Forest School	pm	
	Big Gig Rehearsal for relevant choir members	3:15-4:15pm	
Thursday 25 th May	Year 3 leading Pentecost Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers of Year 3 welcome to attend.
	Pentecost Service at St Nicholas' Church for children in Reception – Year 4	1:30pm	Parents and carers invited
Friday 26 th May	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
26.5.23-2.6.23	Half Term		
June 2023			
Monday 5 th June	School reopens to children		
	Eat Smart project begins in school		
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 4 leading Trinity Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers of Year 4 welcome to attend.
Wednesday 7 th June	Big Gig Rehearsal for relevant choir members	3:15-4:15pm	Please see ParentMail
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 attending Newcastle	1-3pm	Information will be sent via ParentMail

June	Cathedral Leavers' Service		
Friday 9 th June	Year 1 visit to Gosforth Library	pm	
Wb Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen		
Tuesday 13 th June	Nursery & Reception games (in school)	am	Children will wear PE kits in school
Wednesday 14 th June	Welcome Meeting for parents and carers of children starting Nursery in September 2023	5:30pm	
	Big Gig Rehearsal for relevant choir members	3:15-4:15pm	Please see ParentMail
Thursday 15 th June	Welcome Meeting for parents and carers of children starting Reception in September 2023	5:30pm	
Friday 16 th June	Year 1 visit to Gosforth Library	pm	
19 th - 23 rd June	School Sports Week		Children to wear sports clothing all week (School PE kit on their Sports Day) please
Monday 19 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	Reception children to wear school PE kits please
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	Year 1 children to wear school PE kits please
Wednesday 21 st June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	Nursery children to wear school PE kits please
	Big Gig 2023	All day	Vertu Motors Arena
	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	Year 2 children to wear school PE kits please
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	Year 4 children to wear school PE kits please
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	Year 3 children to wear school PE kits
	Reception visit to Gosforth Library	pm	Half of class only (no permission required)
Tuesday 27 th June	Visit from Newcastle Library Service to launch Summer Reading Challenge	am	
Thursday 29 th June	Year 3 activities and sleepover at school with Mr H Outdoor Experiences	All day & night	More info to follow
Friday 30 th June	Reception visit to Gosforth Library	pm	Half of class only (no permission required)
	School Council Meeting	2:45pm	
July 2023			
Monday 3 rd July	Reception Stay & Play	2:00pm	
Tuesday 4 th July	Nursery Stay & Play	2:00pm	
Wed 5 th & Thurs 6 th July	Transition Days for GST		
Friday 7 th July	Year 4 Bikeability		All children taking part will need a well-fitting helmet and their own bike in good working order.
	Nursery visit to Gosforth Library	pm	Half of class only (no permission required)
Friday 14 th July	Deadline for wraparound bookings for Autumn 1		Please book via ParentMail
	Reception visit to Discovery Museum		
	Year 3 visit to Great North		More info to follow

	(Hancock) Museum		
	Nursery visit to Gosforth Library	pm	Half of class only (no permission required)
	School Council Meeting	2:45pm	
17-21 st July	Year 3 swimming lessons each day this week		More info to follow
Friday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers Service	9:00am	Parents and carers of Year 4 welcome to attend.
	School closes for summer	3:15pm	
September 2023			
Monday 4 th Sept 2023	Staff training day		
October 2023			
Friday 27 th October 2023	Staff training day		
30.10.23 - 3.11.23	October half term		
December 2023			
22.12.23 – 5.1.24	Christmas Holiday		
February 2024			
19.2.24 – 23.2.24	February Half Term		
March 2024			
29.3.24 – 12.4.24	Easter Holiday		
May 2024			
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half Term		
June 2024			
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Staff training day		
July 2024			
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	School re-opens to children		

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