



# March 2025

## Newsletter 13 – 21.3.25

### SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE

#### 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 children's 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.

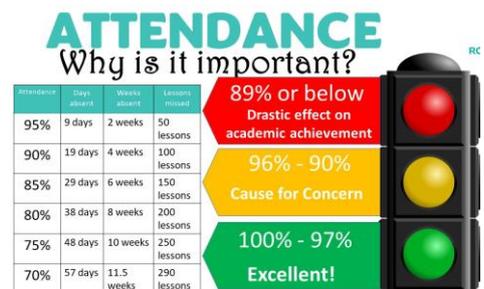
#### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	<b>Whole School Attendance</b> <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	<b>Highest class attendance!</b>	<b>Second place</b>	<b>Third place</b>
<b>Wb 10.3.25</b>	96%	Year 2 (98%)	Nursery (97%)	Year 4 (96%)
<b>Wb 17.3.25</b>	96%	Year 3 (99%)	Nursery (96.6%)	Year 1 (96.3%)

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 remember that I am unable to authorise absences during term time for family holidays. We would be grateful if parents/carers could also 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 do not hesitate to come and speak to us as we can help you access support from the school nurse, attendance officer or other appropriate services.

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 to support families by highlighting 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 (grant.short@clennelleducationsolutions.org).

### MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 2 hours 25 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. Our first lesson of the day is reading so children arriving late miss vital learning.



For children who arrive late, more than once in a week, we run a Friday lunchtime catch-up session with class teachers.

### PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence (excluding Nursery)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 10.3.25	4%	1%	3%
Wb 17.3.25	4%	0.5%	3.5%

## 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
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Otis Jasleen	Jad Hafsa	Billie Leo	Scarlett Mika	Hadin Elli	Lydia Elias	Mr Hunter Mrs Bannon
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Milana Amarleia	Charlie Gabby	Rudi Nyah	Harry Isla	George F Rahaf	George Jerome	Mr Brown Miss Armstrong

### 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 in the past 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)	Mika Eisa Benjamin	Mika Eisa Benjamin
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Rahaf Henry Mabel	Henry Thanuja Rahaf
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Rehan Daniel Percy	Rehan Daniel Percy

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	6	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	2.9
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As we move ever closer to the Year 4 multiplication check, this week in Celebration Worship we have handed out 'Gone Green' certificates. These certificates are awarded when children can recall all of the multiplication facts up to 12x12 in under 4 seconds. Mrs Ellwood is hoping to give these certificates out weekly and is encouraging all children to practise on Times Tables Rockstars.

Mrs Ellwood has been extremely impressed with the Year 4 pupils and how determined they are to receive their Gone Green certificates. In the fortnight since the last newsletter, we have had a further 7 pupils receive certificates - Lydia, Jacob C, Georgie, Rosa, Harry, Omar and Albatool. Well done everyone!

### HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have a real drive to improve handwriting, letter formation and presentation of work. 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:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Ivan Yusuf	Aidah Sami	Felix Cai	Sienna Grace	Jacob D Omar

## SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION

### CHARITABLE GIVING

The children look amazing in red today – thank you to everyone who has donated and done “something funny for money”. We have raised an amazing £105 so far – you can still donate via ParentMail if you have not yet done so. Well done everyone!



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council have been discussing sustainability and what this means to us as a school. They have agreed to take responsibility for turning off lights, computers and other electrical equipment to help lower our carbon footprint and our electricity bill!



### WORSHIP COUNCIL

This week, Worship Council met with Father Paul to plan our Mothering Sunday service at St Nicholas' Church. We look forward to welcoming lots of you on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.



### PLAY LEADERS

It has been so nice to see some sunshine during our break times this week and the play leaders have been working hard to ensure that everyone has been having fun! The school

field has been officially 'reopened' after winter and the play leaders have organised various games on the grass whilst the other half of the field focuses on football with Mr Hunter. Well done everyone! 😊

From next week, Lee Sterry will be running a lunchtime football session for Years 1 & 2 every Thursday. There is no need to book, children can just come along and join in. Lunchtime football will continue every Friday for Years 3 & 4.

### **YOUNG LEADERS**

Prior to the Year 4 cake sale, our young leaders each pitched their charities that they were promoting. The pairs researched, fact-checked and prepared presentations to deliver to Year 4 during snack time and then delivered their presentations very well. Year 4 have decided that, moving forward, we would like to support the NHS charities for all the amazing work that they do across a broad spectrum. Watch this space for further fund-raising opportunities.



### **GREEN TEAM**

Green Team have enjoyed the sunshine this week and collected an extraordinary amount of litter from the park next to school. We have a couple of vacancies on Green Team at the moment so, if your child is interested in joining, please let class teachers know. Thank you!

### **LIBRARY CHAMPIONS**

Our library champions have continued to work hard to keep our library a functional, yet tidy space. The girls have been working alongside Mrs Norman to ensure that all of the Accelerated Reader books are correctly categorised after children have read them - this is particularly helpful when some of our younger pupils begin to use the library for this reason.



## **SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!**

### **ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION**

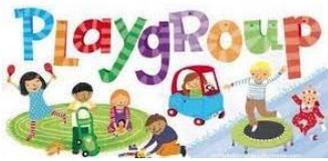
Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts during our recent consultation on the Admissions Policy. After careful consideration, thoughtful discussion, and prayer, the Governing Body has approved the updated policy, which will apply to admissions from September 2026.

The key change is the removal of the oversubscription criteria related to Church attendance. This was a difficult decision, but one we believe will make our school even more inclusive. We want to reassure our church families that our school's strong Christian foundation remains at the heart of everything we do. We deeply value our ongoing partnership with local churches, whether through collective worship, pastoral support, or shared events.

We warmly welcome applications from all local families and remain committed to providing a high-quality, inclusive, and nurturing education for every child. Thank you for your support and understanding as we move forward with this change. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure our school remains a place where every child can flourish.

*S Pickett*

Dr. Sarah J. Pickett, Chair of Governors



### PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Our pre-school playgroup plans are coming along well. Playgroup will run every Wednesday, starting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 1:30-3:00pm. Everyone who has a pre-school child is welcome to come along – please help us spread the word. We will be asking for a small donation (£3.00 per child)

for each session to cover costs of refreshments.

Children will attend with parents/carers and will remain the responsibility of their adult for the duration of the session. Mrs Francis will issue registration paperwork upon arrival.

If anyone has any good quality pre-school toys that are no longer needed at home, Mrs Francis would be grateful to receive these. Thank you in advance. We will also be looking for some willing volunteers to help us serve refreshments and greet our visitors. If you are able to help and fancy coming along, please contact Mrs Francis via email ([Kathleen.francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:Kathleen.francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk)). Thank you.

### BREAKFAST CLUB



From April, we will be increasing the price of Breakfast club to £6.00. This includes a healthy breakfast for children who arrive before 8:15am.

A reminder that places at Breakfast Club are funded by school for children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding but these places must still be booked via by Child Care Bookings for Schools. The URL to access the booking system is <https://archbishop-runcie.cbfs.uk/> Thank you.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After Easter, we will be adjusting the pricing for our school after school club in response to parental feedback and to bring it in line with other schools in Gosforth Schools Trust.

From April, we will have a staggered price for two collection times:

- 3:15 – 4:15pm £6.00
- 3:15 - 5:30pm £12.50 (this will include a light snack).



We will adjust the activities within after school club so 3:15 - 4:15 will be playing either indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. At 4:15pm children who are staying will be offered a light snack. We have purchased a ring door bell that Mr Brown can answer via an iPad and speak to parents/carers who are collecting if children are not in the hall.

Bookings can be made via Childcare Bookings for Schools: <https://archbishop-runcie.cbfs.uk/>



### ATHLETICS CLUB

From Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, MiniAthletics will be hosting an after school club for children in Reception – Year 2, 3:15-4:15pm, every Wednesday for 9 weeks in summer term. This activity will (hopefully!) take place outdoors so children need to be suitably dressed. Please scan the QR code for further information.



Please note that this activity is being run by an external agency and not staff so please direct any communication directly to [tmesiti@miniathletics.com](mailto:tmesiti@miniathletics.com). The club will need a minimum of 10 pupils to run.



### EASTER EGGSPLSION

On Saturday 5th April, 10am-12pm, a special Easter event is happening at Jesmond Parish Church for all children in Reception to Year 6. A cracking morning of fun with games, challenges, crafts, songs and a fab bit from the Bible all about Easter. All for

just £3! It's a drop-off event, so you can send your kids along and enjoy a morning to yourself! For more info check out [jpc.org.uk/children](http://jpc.org.uk/children), or you can contact Dan McBride, one of our parents, who is helping to organise it. His email is [dan.mcbride@church.org.uk](mailto:dan.mcbride@church.org.uk).

### MOTHERING SUNDAY - REMINDER

A reminder that children in Nursery & Reception will be holding a service, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March (9:00am in school), to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Unfortunately, there is only sufficient space in the Hall for one adult per family due to fire regulations.



Children in Years 1 – 4 will be attending a Mothering Sunday Service (1:30pm at St Nicholas' Church - next to South Gosforth Metro station). Children can be collected from Church at 2:15pm or from school as usual. Please complete the ParentMail form to let us know who will be collecting your child(ren) and from which venue. Thank you. Please bring along grandparents and other special people.

Children in Nursery and Reception are invited to attend the church service but will need to be collected from school at 1:00pm and accompanied by an adult please.



### CREAM TEA - MOTHERS & OTHERS

The PTFA are organising a Cream Tea for Mothers, Grandmothers and others on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:00pm in the school hall. All money raised will go towards PTFA funds to support the school. Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tickets are now available from the school office, £5 per person

- cash only please.

Our wonderful Year 4 children will serve the cream teas, much like they did for the MacMillan Coffee Morning in September, but this event is open to all families in school and we would encourage you to come along and join with other parents and carers in our school family. There are still lots of tickets available.

We will be collecting prizes for a tombola for the Cream Tea. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, bottles of wine, chocolates smellies or anything else, then please drop these off with either your class teacher or at the school office next week. Thank you.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This fortnight, we have reflected on several important events; International Women's Day, Covid Day of Reflection, Harmony Week and the first day of spring, as well as thinking about how important light is to us and to Christians around the world.



### CAKE SALE

Year 4 raised £45 in their cake sale last week – well done!

The next cake sale will be hosted by Year 3, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. A polite reminder that all ingredients must be displayed in case of allergies, thank you. If you would like to make a purchase, please bring cash along on the day. Thank you.

### DANCE FESTIVAL

There will be a showcase of the dance festival on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm at Gosforth East Middle School (GEMS). Unfortunately, there will only be one ticket issued per family. **Tickets are available, free of charge, from our school office.** Refreshments will be provided by GEMS.



Remaining tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis once all family tickets have been issued. These will be available from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Children will need to arrive at GEMS at 4:30pm so they can have a rehearsal on stage prior to the performance to parents and carers. Children should be ready in their costume and bring a healthy snack and water bottle, please. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs Francis directly.



### SWIMMING

As many of our children take part in private swimming lessons outside school, and given that the National Curriculum does not require children to be able to swim 25m until they are in Year 6, we have made the difficult decision not to offer in-school swimming lessons to Year 3 next financial year (from April 2025). We understand that this will not be a popular decision

amongst parents but, due to ever-rising costs, all schools have had to make many difficult decisions about how to spend budgets.

In line with other feeder first schools, we will continue to offer our Year 4 children in-school lessons.

### STEM WEEK

Last Week we celebrated British Science Week. We took part in a variety of activities through the week and were very lucky to have visitors into school too. Thank you to the parents and friends of the school who gave up their time to plan and lead sessions in school. A special thank you to RGS who hosted Year 1 and Year 3 in their science labs to take part in a variety of experiments.



### DESIGN A POTION

Vision for Education (supply teacher agency) have invited our children to take part in a "Design a Potion" competition to win a science workshop (1<sup>st</sup> prize) or science kit (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) for our school. Children need to design their very own potion using whatever artistic materials they like. They will need to tell us what their potion is called, what it's made from and what it would be used for. There is a template attached.

Please send hard copies of the potion to Mrs Coates in the office who will arrange for these to be collected. The closing date for entries is Friday 4th April and winners will be selected after this date. Hopefully, this will be a fun activity that our children can take part in to benefit our school. Thank you for your support.

### COMPLAINTS POLICY

From time to time we receive informal complaints from parents and carers. We would encourage parents to speak directly to the staff member if they have any concerns as many issues can be addressed and resolved at this informal stage. If you prefer, you are welcome to email me directly ([kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk)) and we can meet to clarify your concerns and seek an informal resolution.



If you feel that your concern or complaint has not been resolved at the informal stage you can put your complaint in writing, using the School Complaint Form, and pass it in a sealed envelope (or via email) to me and I will ensure that it is investigated appropriately.

The Complaints Policy, on our school website, sets out the various stages of the complaints procedure to be followed, if you wish to raise a concern or complaint. This policy aims to ensure that any complaint raised will be dealt with in a fair, open and responsive way with the aim of achieving a speedy and satisfactory resolution for all involved.



## 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:

If you have a non-emergency concern about a child contact:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Emergency Duty Team – 0191 278 7878 (out of hours)
- 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>

All concerns that a child or young person is suffering or is at risk of suffering significant harm must be referred directly to the Initial Response Service of Children's Social Care in accordance with the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board Procedures.

Please refer to the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Partnership website for safeguarding policies and procedures. For more information, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our school website.

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*  
Headteacher



JOIN THE  
**MINI  
ATHLETICS**  
After-School Club

Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15 pm  
Starts Wednesday 30th of April

SCAN ME 

A photograph of several young children in red athletic uniforms running on a red track. In the background, there are spectators and a building. The photo is partially obscured by large, colorful, stylized leaf and flower graphics.



### DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

<b>March 2025</b>			
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	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.
	Years 3 & 4 Cross Country at Grange First School	am	Selected children only
17 – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 swimming every afternoon	pm	Please see ParentMail (not Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery & Reception Mothering Sunday Service (in school)	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
	Years 1 – 4 Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas' Church	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	PTFA are hosting a Mothering Sunday Cream Tea.	pm	Tickets available from the school office
	Nursery & 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.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March & Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	SEND Reviews	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
<b>April 2025</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Dance Festival at Whitley Bay playhouse	1:30-3:30pm	Please see ParentMail. Please note children will not arrive back at school until 4:00pm.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 3 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 3 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed. Thank you.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 4 children about the Y4 Multiplication tables Check (in school)	4:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail, next week.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 visit to Cragside	All day	More info to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent-teacher consultations	From 2:00pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail, next week.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay & Play or parents and carers of children in Reception	2:00pm	
	Meeting for parents/carers	5:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail, next

	of Year 1 children about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check (in school)		week.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 summer safety visit	10-12	Please see ParentMail
	Dance performance at GEMS	6:00pm	1 ticket per family. Children should arrive at 4:30pm.
	Stay & Play for parents and carers of children in Nursery	2:00pm	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Additional transition opportunity for selected children	9:30-2:30pm	Selected children will be informed via ParentMail. Please bring a packed lunch.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Gosforth Voices Tour	All day	Children will need to be dropped off at Brunton First School at 8:45am. They should be collected from Brunton First School at 3:20pm.
	Years 1 – 4 Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Forest School		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 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs		All children need to wear royal blue uniform please.
<b>May 2025</b>			
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Forest School		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 9 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Activities for all children in Years 1 - 4		All Y1 – Y4 children need to be dressed in PE kits please.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 residential at Seahouses with Mr H		An information session will be held in school on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March at 4:30pm.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Forest School		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 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SEND Coffee Morning	9:30am	Please confirm your attendance by emailing Mrs Ellwood, our SENCO via margery.ellwood@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.
	Year 3 Watersmeet, Hexham	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse		Please save the date!
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Forest School		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 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay		More info to follow
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	English & Maths activities at	am	Children who have been selected will be

May	GCMS (for selected Year 4 children transferring to GCMS)		informed via ParentMail
	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 <sup>rd</sup> May	GST Daft as a Brush Day		Children invited to wear something “daft” and make a donation via ParentMail.
	Ascension Day Service – All Saints’	1:30pm	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday		School closed to children
<b>June 2025</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost Service	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Wb 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment		Places can be booked via ParentMail
	Reception Forest School		Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Wb 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Week		If any parents/carers have any connections to sports coaches/providers, please let Mrs Francis know.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Forest School		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 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	am	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig (Choir) TBC	TBC	More info to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum	All day	More info to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1- 4 Music Concert at All Saints’ Church.	pm	More info to follow
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 sleepover at school	All day	More info to follow
<del>30<sup>th</sup> June</del> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<del>Year 3 swimming every afternoon</del>		<del>More info to follow</del>
<b>July 2024</b>			
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum		More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum		More info to follow via ParentMail
	Nursery class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed Thank you.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Tynemouth	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
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

## 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 – '50xxxxxxx'
-  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>



### **PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING**

The school is given £1480 Pupil Premium funding, per eligible 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 Ms Lowe.



### **UNIFORM LIBRARY & EXCHANGE**

We 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 to families but also aims 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!

