



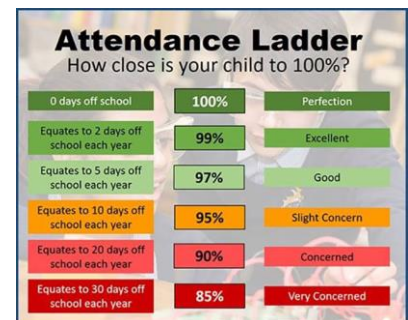
# June 2024

## Newsletter 17 – 7.6.24

### 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.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7% (so their overall attendance was 95.3%).
- The overall absence rate of children not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).
- 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 (90% of young offenders have been persistently absent as young children) and serious violence (83% of knife possession offenders had been persistently absent for at least one year).



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
<b>Wb 20.5.24</b>	97%	Reception (98%)	Year 2 (97.5%)	Year 4 (96%)
<b>Wb 4.6.24</b>	95%	Reception (98%)	Year 1 (96%)	Year 2 (94%)

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. Mrs Gurkin 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.



**MINUTES MISSED**

During this fortnight, 155 (2 hours and 35 minutes) 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**

	<b>Whole School absence</b> <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	<b>Absence caused by holidays</b>	<b>Other absences</b>
<b>Wb 20.5.24</b>	3%	1%	2%
<b>Wb 4.6.24</b>	5%	1.5%	3.5%

As you know, there is no entitlement in law to time off in term time. Children who are absent from school fall behind in their learning, they miss school events and many find it difficult to catch up. In addition, school staff have to divert their attention away from other children in order to support those that have fallen behind due to a holiday related absence.

For this reason, any request for leave of absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised. In the case of all unauthorised leave of absences, incurring 8 or more unauthorised sessions (4 days), an application for a Fixed Penalty Notice will be made to the Local Authority.

**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!



	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Staff member(s)</b>
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Lucas Ehi	Ada Mehr	Benjamin D Ava	Hadin Sienna	Georgie Rosa	Emilia Jake	Mrs Coates Mrs Crozier
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Billy Isla	Maryam Evie	Rohan Isla	Esim Eva	Esme Jerome	Max Amelia Samuel	Mrs Norman Miss Cairns

**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:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Aaidah Haniya	Ethan Benjamin D	Hayden Thanuja	Lydia Percy	Mabel Zidan

### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

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



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the last fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn	Highest accuracy this fortnight	Highest engagement this fortnight	Average Daily Minutes this fortnight
Year 1	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)	Mika Ethan Benji	Ethan Ryan Lyla	3 mins
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4 (and corresponding division facts)	Ebuka Thanuja Esim	Ebuka Thanuja Max	2 mins
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 6, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Leo Shun Yau Bella	Leo Shun Yau Rehan	2 mins
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Yusuf Alfie Isaac	Isaac Aziza Max	3 mins
Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools		12	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	3.89

## SECTION 3: AGENTS OF CHANGE



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council have designed and made “love and determination bugs” for an outside games area which is soon to be under construction. They are very excited about getting the area up and running. Watch this space!

### LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Our Library Champions have been caring for our books on the playground in our outdoor Reading Shed as part of our playground development. They are always busy in class libraries and the main school library too!



### GREEN TEAM



Green Team have been busy cleaning up the local area, taking part in community litter picks. We have received lots of compliments and thanks from members of the local area – well done Green Team! It has been a pleasure to spend our lunchtimes out and about in the sunshine!

### CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to “Daft Day”. The children loved dressing up in daft clothing and learning about the work of Daft as a Brush. We raised an amazing £130 – well done everyone!





Today, children are wearing wellies for Winston's Wish. We have raised £50 so far – you can still donate via ParentMail. Thank you! Additionally, Havannah First School has hosted an event for children who have suffered a recent bereavement in their school today. They have had a wonderful afternoon planting seeds and making new friends, despite the weather!



**CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN**

Although it seems a long time ago now, we were really proud to have so many runners from ARFS at the Children's Cancer Run. Thank you to everyone who ran, walked or came along to support. It was fabulous to have the school represented by over 50 runners at the event. Here we all are with our medals!

**YOUNG LEADERS**

Our Young Leaders raised £85 for The People's Kitchen from their cake sale after school on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who donated, purchased or otherwise supported the event.



**SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!**

**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**



Well done to everyone who took part in Walk to School week before half term. We counted how many children walked, scooted and cycled to school over the week. Well done in particular to our youngest children who managed to walk, scoot and cycle lots during the week! Results were as follows:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
70%	65%	75%	45%	60%	55%

**SCHOOL SHOES**

A polite reminder that children are asked to wear sturdy, flat, black school shoes that are appropriate for outdoor play for school. Trainers, sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. Please could we kindly ask that these are not worn for school. Many thanks.



**PARKING**



A reminder that parents and carers are asked not to park across driveways and garage doors as residents need constant access. Additionally, please refrain from turning in the junction from Christon Road. This is an area where many children cross the road and it is, therefore, not safe to turn in this area. Thank you.

**BIG GIG**

Miss Bowers and the choir are looking forward to taking part in "The Big Gig" on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Rehearsals will take place, after school, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please see dates attached.



**STAY & PLAY**

Thank you to the Nursery and Reception parents and carers who joined their children for stay and play this week – there was a fabulous turn out (despite the rain!) and special thanks to Esme's dad for super tidying after the event!

## FOREST SCHOOL



I'm excited to announce that Mrs Norman has, this week, completed her Level 3 Forest School accreditation after several weeks of training. We are really proud of her for achieving this. She and Mrs Francis usually plan and lead forest school activities together but this will mean that Mrs Norman is now able to lead forest school in her own right too. Having two trained staff will mean we can further strengthen our forest school offer to support personal development in our school.

## PTFA

Huge thanks to our PTFA for buying a new fire pit for Forest School. They have also funded and installed a planting area for each class to grow herbs and vegetables during forest school.



This year they have also funded coaches for Reception & Year 1 in order to keep costs of visits down for parents and carers. We are really grateful for their support.

The PTFA summer fair will take place, after school, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. In preparation, the PTFA have requested tombola gifts to be sent into school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, please. They would welcome donations of anything (other than soft toys) so please dig out any unwanted gifts or other items to send into school with your child next week. Many thanks.

We would, as always, be really interested to hear about any suggestions of future events. Please email [archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com](mailto:archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com) Thank you. You can also join the PTFA Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArchbishopRunciePTFA/>



## READING BUDDIES

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

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Year 3 who led the Pentecost Service at St Nicholas' Church before half term. Mrs Francis said they did a wonderful job of retelling the story of Pentecost and celebrating the birthday of the church. Year 4, Mrs Singh and I were disappointed to miss the event due to the Year 4 residential.



As you know, each Friday we celebrate acts of love and determination in our school. This celebration is rooted in our mission statement that we will **Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.** (1 Corinthians 16:13-14) as demonstrated within the parable of the good shepherd.

In addition to celebrating these acts, each week we talk to children about Fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We have reflected on how we have shown these British Values in our work, behaviour and attitudes.

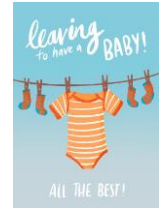
## GOSFORTH SCHOOLS TRUST

Following the success of the GST spring photo competition, GST have launched a "Sensational Summer Sandcastles" competition. Please see info attached. Please send pictures of your completed sandcastles (drawn, built or created with whatever you have at home) to [admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk) Thank you!



## STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Wakefield begins her maternity leave on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and Damien every happiness and best wishes for the arrival of their baby girl later this month.



## WELCOME TO OUR school

As you know, Mrs Margery Ellwood (new SENCo and KS2 Leader) has taken up her new role at ARFS this week and has settled in brilliantly. She will be working with Miss Edwards (SEND support) to get to know children on the SEND register and their families this half term. Additionally, Mr Steven Hamlen has joined us this week prior to beginning his role of class teacher in September. We know you will make them both feel very welcome.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

A reminder that children should not bring their own pencil cases, books, soft toys etc to school please. If there are books that your child loves to read at home, but that we do not have in school, please let Mrs Crozier know so we can order a copy for our school library. Thank you!



## SAFEGUARDING

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

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



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

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

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

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

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*  
Headteacher

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





### DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

June 2024			
Wb Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check	-	Statutory Assessment for Year 1 children
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School Year 4	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please. Please dress for the weather (waterproofs or suncream and sunhats!). Children must wear long sleeved/legged clothing please.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 visit to Waters Meet (Acomb, Northumberland)	All day	Please see info on ParentMail
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig rehearsal	3:15-4:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Choir rehearsal	3:15-4:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
	Donations for PTFA tombola	-	Please hand donations to Class Teacher or the school office at drop-off or pick up
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fair		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School Year 1	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to

			change into please. Please dress for the weather (waterproofs or suncream and sunhats!). Children must wear long sleeved/legged clothing please.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 swimming	1:30pm-2:15pm daily except Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	See info on ParentMail wb 22.4.24
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	School Sports Week	-	Children need to wear active wear for school all week. Please send children in school PE kits on their Sports Day.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda and the Roman Army Musuem	All day	Please see ParentMail for info. Children are likely to be late back to school.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
	GCMS staff to teach Year 4 (in school)	am	
	Big Gig rehearsal	3:15-4:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
	Choir rehearsal	3:15-4:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Diocesan Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	10am – 12noon	
	Year 1 walking tour of Gosforth	am	
	Choir rehearsal	3:15-4:30pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 3 Sports Day	9:30am	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
	Big Gig (for choir members if they wish to attend)	TBC	Please see info on ParentMail
	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
	Family Quiz Night	5:30-7:00pm	More info to follow
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School Year 2	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please. Please dress for the weather (waterproofs or suncream and sunhats!). Children must wear long sleeved/legged clothing please.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June/Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND Reviews for relevant children	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 visit to Gosforth	1:30pm	



June	Library		
	Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children joining Reception in September 2024	5:30pm	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 sleepover at school (no swimming today)	All day	See info on ParentMail
	Choir rehearsal	3:15-4:30pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Year 3 swimming session	1:30-2:15pm	
<b>July 2024</b>			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception visit to the Discovery Musuem	All day	See ParentMail
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Forest School Year 3	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please. Please dress for the weather (waterproofs or suncream and sunhats!). Children must wear long sleeved/legged clothing please.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum & beach	All day	See ParentMail
	Year 4 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
	Welcome meeting for parents and carers of children joining Nursery in September 2024	5:30pm	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Current Nursery children invited to come and play with Mrs Egdell in Reception	am	Only for children who currently attend our school Nursery and who are joining Reception in September 2024
	New Reception children and parents/carers invited to come and play with Mrs Egdell	pm	Not for current Nursery children as they will go in the morning session
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	GST Transition Days (includes GCMS, GEMS and GJA)	TBC	Children will “move up” to their new class to spend time with their new class teacher (current Year 4 children will go to GCMS or their new school)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception invited to come and play with Mrs Egdell (without parents/carers)	pm	Existing Nursery children will meet their new friends
	Choir rehearsal	3:15-4:30pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School for Nursery & Reception	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please. Please dress for the weather (waterproofs or suncream and sunhats!). Children must wear long sleeved/legged clothing please.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in opportunity for parents/carers to discuss any queries about end of year reports with class teachers	3:30-5:00pm	No appointments – just turn up
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Gosforth Library visiting to launch the summer reading challenge	am	
	Year 3 visit to Waters Meet	All day	More info to follow

	(Hexham, Northumberland)		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Concert at All Saints' Church	1:45pm	More info to follow
	Year 4 Leavers' Party at All Saints'	3:30pm TBC	More info to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	EBSNA parent workshop	2:45-3:15pm	Please book via ParentMail
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school visit to Tynemouth beach	All day	More info to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	ARFS has talent celebration	am	If your child has won a badge, award or trophy in one of their out of school activities since Easter, they can bring it into school so we can celebrate their achievements.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Service	9:15am	Parent and carers invited to attend
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		School closed to children
<b>September 2024</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	School re-opens to children		

**Be courageous; be strong.**






**Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### NURSERY 30 HOUR PLACES

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

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

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

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

### HEALTHIER TOGETHER

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

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



### WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

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

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



### COMMUNITY HUB NORTH



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



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



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



**SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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



**PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING**

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

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

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!

