



September 2021 Newsletter 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
83%	94%	95%	98%	100%!	99%	97%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and restful summer break. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and their families - we are really looking forward to getting to know you!

The children have amazed us all this week by skipping into school and have settled really well into their new classes. Our new Reception children in particular deserve a huge thank you for their amazing manners and such a calm and settled start to their school career. Thank you all!

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The arrangements we set out at the end of term in July remain unchanged and school has, this week, begun to operate with a little more “normality”. As mentioned in July, this includes the removal of isolated class bubbles – children (and staff) were delighted to find out about this!

Face coverings continue to be recommended for staff, visitors and parents/carers in areas where social distancing is not possible; therefore, staff and parents are asked to continue to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times. Thank you!

Despite the removal of some of the most restrictive guidance mentioned above, schools still have a responsibility to have an appropriate health and safety risk assessment in place; therefore, some of the protective measures are to remain in place to minimise transmission of the virus in school.

Measures we will continue to take are:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

All classes have now returned to our pre-covid drop off arrangements (8:40-8:50am for all classes) and collection arrangements (3:15pm for all classes).



Please see the attached document, [Taking your child to primary school: what you need to know](#)

DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

As per my letter in July, all classes have returned to their normal drop off window **8:40 - 8:50am**.

- Nursery and Reception classes should enter via their own classroom doors
- Children in Years 1 and 2 should enter via the KS1 cloakroom door from the main yard.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 should enter via the Year 4 cloakroom door (next to the field).



PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

- All classes will leave school at 3:15pm and should continue to be collected from their class fire exits please.
- Any children who are not collected by 3:20pm will be taken to After School Club and parents will be charged accordingly (£9.00).



PE DAYS

	PE day	
Nursery	Wednesday	Nursery children should bring a PE kit (yellow t-shirt and royal blue shorts only) to keep in school on their peg.
Reception	Monday	Reception children should bring a PE kit (yellow t-shirt, royal blue shorts and trainers) to keep in school on their peg.
Year 1	Wednesday	Children Years 1-4 should arrive at school in navy tracksuit bottoms/blue shorts, yellow t-shirt and navy hoodie (plain) with running shoes that they can tie themselves and with long hair tied back.
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Friday	



SCHOOL VISION

Before the summer, staff, Governors and children spent much time discussing our school vision and agreeing two core values for our school. This week, we have talked to children about our school values of love and determination and how this is rooted in the Bible:

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

We will be continuing to develop this as the year goes on and staff will be looking out for children demonstrating our school values in their work and play!

KEEPING INFORMED

Our school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Friday and is the “one stop shop” for all information regarding school activities, the work of the PTFA and the Governing Body. It is sent out by ParentMail, our Home School Communication Portal. If you have not yet registered for this service, please call the School Office and speak to Mrs Pygall. Copies of the Newsletter and the school calendar can also be found on our school website.



We try to give parents and carers as much notice as possible of events in school so please see the diary dates attached to the newsletter too!

In addition to the Newsletter, new parents might also like to read our Parents' Handbook which you may like to print and keep, to refer to during the school year. This is will also be available on the school website, for reference.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Today (Friday 10th September), data collection forms have been sent home in children's book bags. It is easily recognisable as it is a red letter. Please ensure you check and read it very carefully as this is the information we hold about your child and family and it is absolutely essential that it is accurate and up-to-date. If there are any changes, please amend it on the sheet and return to school via book bags to school by Friday 17th September. Thank you.

CASHLESS SYSTEM

All payments to school are made via ParentMail and no cash/cheques are accepted in school (apart from charitable giving donations). If you are unable to make payments through ParentMail online, we can give you a barcode which you can then take to a local PayPoint retailer to make a payment with cash. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs Pygall.



COMMUNICATION

The class teachers have all sent Class Newsletters and Topic Webs for Autumn 1, as well as adding information to Class Notice Boards (outside each external classroom door). Teaching staff email contact details are displayed outside each classroom too; feel free to email teachers directly.



Nursery	Mrs Francis	Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Reception	Miss Davison	Allex.Davison@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 1	Miss Wilkinson	Katie.Wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 2	Miss Nattress	Megan.Nattress@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 3	Miss Gray	Emily.Gray@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 4	Mr Booth (Monday – Wed) & Miss Burns (Thursday & Friday)	Jonathan.Booth@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk Jennifer.Burns@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Staff check their emails daily, either before or after the school teaching day, on their working days. You can still email admin during the school day with regard to school meals or other generic queries. Our School Business Manager, Ms Lowe, will deal with financial matters such as outstanding payments and debts.

Please also follow us on twitter at [@RuncieOf](https://twitter.com/RuncieOf) . You can also view tweets on our school website.



Parents are invited, if they wish, to write a short e-mail to your child's new Class Teacher(s), introducing your child. Your email might include special talents, worries etc. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mrs Battista (school chef) is currently absent and Mrs Lindsay Cooper is currently working alongside Mrs Bell and Mr Miller.



As you know, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal and we encourage all families to take up this offer. When children move into Years 3 and 4, school meals must be paid for. Please be aware that if your child has moved from Year 2 into Year 3, your child will no longer receive a universal free school meal.

We would be grateful if children with packed lunches continue to avoid bringing food containing nuts, fizzy drinks and confectionery in lunch boxes and please continue to cut grapes into halves to minimise the risk of choking. We would also be grateful if you could ensure that your child can unwrap/open all items in their lunch box independently. Thank you.

A reminder that the kitchen needs two weeks' notice if you wish your child to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa. Thank you.

This year's menu is attached for your information below.

Natasha's Law 1 October 2021

I am sure you will have heard about the new legislation which is effective from 1 October 2021 called Natasha's Law; this relates to the labelling of food allergens for prepacked food at the point of sale. The School Meals Service are introducing new measures in order to ensure that they comply with the legislation. Some changes will be that food, previously prewrapped, will no longer be prewrapped. Packed lunches for school visits will contain prepacked sandwiches to ensure that all allergen information is available for children and staff. As always, chefs have all allergen information available in the kitchens; however, we would be grateful if you could please ensure that Mrs Pygall is informed of all new children with food allergies and current children's records are kept fully up to date.



SUN SAFETY

Typically, we have had beautiful weather this week! Please ensure that, on sunny days, children have suncream applied before school. This should be the sun cream that lasts all day please. You may also like to send a **named** sun hat that can stay in school too. Thank you.

CHICKENPOX

We would like to alert you that chicken pox has been reported in school. If you have any concerns you can look at "The Little Orange Book" on our website.



BOOKBAGS

Each class has boxes for children to store their book bags in. Please could children all use school book bags rather than rucksacks? Children should not bring personal belongings to school in their bags or add bulky keyrings or toys to bookbags please. You may wish to write your child's name on the handle of the bag to help them identify it. Thank you!

HAND SANITISER

School provides all hand sanitiser for children as we must ensure that this complies with PHE guidance and is a minimum of 60% alcohol in order to be effective against coronavirus. Children do not need to bring their own to school. Many thanks.



MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Mrs Angela Armstrong (Nursery & Reception), Mrs Andrea Armstrong (Years 1 and 2) and Miss Fitzgerald (Years 3 and 4) manage medicines in school. If your child needs medicine administering during the school day or has a medical condition that requires medicine to be kept in school, please make a telephone appointment to discuss this and for a form to be sent. You can contact them on:

angela.armstrong@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk ,
andrea.armstrong@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk or megan.fitzgerald@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

NURSERY PLACES

We still have a small number of places available in our Nursery Class. If you would like to come for a visit or to find out more information, please contact Mrs Francis. We would love to meet your little ones!



METRO LINE

A reminder that there is continued work at South Gosforth Depot which is near our school. As the site gets slightly busier and electrification increases, I have been asked to remind pupils, parents and staff that the Depot has 1500 volt DC cables running throughout the site which are never turned off and about the dangers of trespassing. Staff will also discuss this with children in school.

CROSSING PATROL

There is a vacancy in the School Crossing Patrol service at the Great North Road site. Please share this with your friends and family to see if anyone is interested in the post. The link is www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol_Officer/212714
Thank you!



SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mr Booth are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.



Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

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

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

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information.

September 2021			
Thursday 16 th September	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Wednesday 22 nd September	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
	Full Governing Body Meeting	5:00pm	
Friday 24 th September	E-Safety Assemblies for Years 1 to 4 in school by our safeguarding consultants	Morning	TBC
Sunday 26 th September	Children's Cancer Run	Time TBC	
October 2021			
Friday 1 st October	Harvest Festival for all classes (children and staff only).	9:15am	Donations gratefully received. More info to follow in Newsletter 2.
5 – 11 th October	Dyslexia Awareness Week	-	Activities in school
Thursday 7 th October	National Poetry Day	-	Look out for recitals on Tapestry!
	E-Safety Information for Parents (Led by external consultant) in school hall	5:30pm	For any parents or family members interested. Further information to follow.
Monday 11 th October- Friday 15 th October	Breakfast Club and After School Club for November booking opens on ParentMail.	-	Bookings will close on Friday 15 th October at 3:30pm.
Tuesday 12 th October	Parent Teacher Consultation Phonecalls (pastoral focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 13 th October	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 14 th October	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Parent Teacher Consultation Phonecalls (pastoral focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Monday 18 th October	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	1:30pm	
Tuesday 19 th October			
Wednesday 20 th October			
Friday 22 nd October	Deadline for Nursery applications for January start (for children will have turned 3 before 31st December 2021)	Noon	
25-29 th October	Half term	-	School closed to children
Sunday 31 st October	Deadline for middle school applications for September 2021		Please see info on NCC website
November 2021			
Monday 1 st November	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
Thursday 4 th November	Nursery Forest School	Morning	Forest School goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long
	Year 3 Forest School	Afternoon	
Monday 8 th November	Year 4 Forest School	Afternoon	

			sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a voluntary £1 donation via ParentMail.
Thursday 11 th November	Y4 leading Remembrance Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
	Year 2 Forest School	Afternoon	Forest School goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a voluntary £1 donation via ParentMail.
Friday 12 th November	Deadline for Nursery place acceptance for January start	Noon	
	Children in Need	-	Children invited to wear something spotty to school in exchange for a, suggested, £1 donation
15 – 19 th November	Anti-bullying Week	-	Activities in school
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day	-	Children invited to wear odd socks alongside normal uniform
Wednesday 17 th November	Flu Immunisations in school for children in Reception – Year 4	am	More info to follow
	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 18 th November	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 19 th November	Reception Forest School	Morning	Forest School goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a voluntary £1 donation via ParentMail.
	Year 1 Forest School	Afternoon	
Monday 29 th November	Y3 leading Advent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
December 2021			
Wednesday 1 st December	Full Governing Body Meeting	5:00pm	
Friday 3 rd December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Just for fun - no cost!
Wednesday 8 th December	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	2:30pm	
Thursday 9 th December	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
Friday 10 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Children invited to wear school jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children.
Friday 17 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Just for fun - no cost!
20-31 st December	Christmas holidays	-	School closed to children
January 2022			
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday	-	School closed to children
Thursday 6 th January	Year 2 leading Epiphany Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Monday 10 th January	Nursery and Reception starting Piccolo Music sessions in school	am	Every Monday for 6 weeks

Wednesday 12 th January	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 13 th January	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 28 th January	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
February 2022			
Wednesday 9 th February	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 th February	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Monday 14 th February	Year 1 leading "Love is..." worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Thursday 17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	-	
Friday 18 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 nd April 2022)	Noon	
21-25 th February	Half term	-	School closed to children
March 2022			
Wednesday 2 nd March	Y3 leading Lent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 9 th March	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	2:30pm	
Thursday 10 th March	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
11-20 th March	British Science Week	-	Activities in school
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	-	Children invited to wear something red for a £1 donation
	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)	Noon	
Friday 25 th March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 29 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
April 2022			
Friday 1 st April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
Friday 8 th April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Tuesday 26 th April	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
3 rd -4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
16 - 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	2 In school	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	

	Y2 leading Ascension worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday		
Wednesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
20 – 24 th June	School Sports Week	-	
Monday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	
27.6.22 - 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
July 2022			
Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
Wednesday 13 th July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holidays		



NHS
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust
0-19 Service

School Health Virtual Drop In

Thursday 4pm- 5pm

For ages 12-19

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