



November 2024

Newsletter 6 – 22.11.24

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 compared to those with the lowest attainment.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths also had lower attendance.
- For the most vulnerable pupils, regular attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for needs to be identified and support provided. Research has shown there are clear links between regular absence from school and harm for children.

Improving school attendance is everyone's business. Please support us in promoting the benefits of good attendance with your child - not only for their education but, also, to support their wellbeing and future life chances. Thank you.

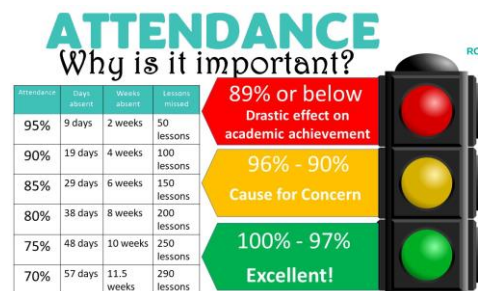
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 11.11.24	94%	Year 3 (95%)	Year 2 (94.7%)	Reception (94%)
Wb 18.11.24	95%	Year 4 (99%)	Reception (96%)	Year 3 (95%)

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 20 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 11.11.24	6%	5.5%	0.5%
Wb 18.11.24	5%	4.5%	0.5%

SECTION 2: SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!



SCHOOL VALUES

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



	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Staff
Demonstrating Love	Harper Milana	Naeto Aima	Maryam Jacob	John Dipti	Jesse Samuel	Albatool Bella Scarlett Esme	Miss Richardson Mrs Norman
Demonstrating Determination	Amaya Ollie	Ziyad Hafsa	Annabelle Hooriya	Amaya Musa	Henry Jesse	Bella Rex	Miss Cairns Mr Hunter

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)	Lyla Cai Musa	Benjamin D Lyla Mika
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Harmony Thanuja Max Cr	Thanuja Max Elvis
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Bella Harry Lydia	Harry Theo Jacob D

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	27	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	4.8
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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
Charlie Gabby	Leo James	Maliha Scarlett	Elli Rory	Evelyn Georgie

SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



GREEN TEAM

Green Team braved the weather this week and went out litter picking around the perimeter of the allotments adjacent to school. We found lots of interesting bits and pieces and received lots of lovely feedback from allotment users. Huge thanks, as always, to our Green Team for giving us their lunchtime play.

LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Mrs Norman and our Library Champions have been busy searching through our newly donated books and adding them to our school library. Thank you for the continued donations of pre-loved books. We are very grateful!



PLAY LEADERS



Our Play Leaders have had a tough job keeping everyone warm this week, but with their fantastic attitudes and determination to include everyone in their games, some excellent cross-year group games have been played! They have also been proactive in recommending our outdoor reflection area, for when those quieter moments are needed - well done Theo, Harry, Bella and Scarlett!

YOUNG LEADERS

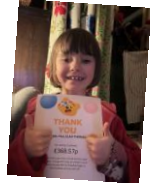
This week in Young Leaders, we have been discussing our local communities and what we think are the pros and cons. We discussed rubbish and broken glass in various play parks within the city and thought about what we could do to initiate a positive change - watch this space!





CHARITABLE GIVING

Last Friday was Children in Need. Our children looked amazing in their spotty outfits and we learned about the 2024 theme of 'Making Life Lighter for Children'. Together, we raised £151. Thank you everyone!



I must also give a special shout out to Mabel who took it upon herself to bake Pudsey themed treats to sell in school. (The brownies in the staffroom were delicious!) She raised an amazing £368.57. Well done indeed!

SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

ROAD SAFETY

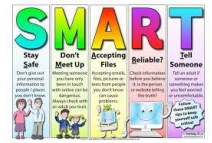
Over the last couple of weeks, we have noticed several of our older children being dropped off by parents and carers on Christon Road and making their own way into school. As Christon Road is a very busy road, with frequent accidents and near misses, it is vitally important that children are walked on to the school site by an adult and remain supervised until they are inside the school building. Doors are opened by staff at 8:35am. Thank you for your co-operation.



Additionally, as the weather changes, children are increasingly walking to school with their hoods up, impacting visibility. Please remind them about the need for good visibility when crossing roads and remind them to remove their hoods before checking left and right and crossing the road. We have had lots of conversations about this in school but it would be fantastic if parents and carers could also reinforce this message. Thank you.

DEVICES

We have been talking to children about e-safety and which devices they use at home and what they do online. Several children in Years 1 & 2 have reported "talking to random people" online. We have contacted parents and carers of these children individually, however, I would urge all parents and carers to be vigilant in monitoring what children are doing online and whether they are talking to other people. Ideally, children should be in the same room as you whilst using their device so you are able to monitor their activity closely. Thank you for your support in this matter.



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

There is a growing collection of pre-loved jumpers and tops in the main entrance which are available to buy. We would be grateful of any further donations to the office, please. Thank you in advance.

ANTI-BULLYING

Thank you to everyone who came along to Year 2's 'Odd Socks' Collective Worship and/or the anti-bullying workshop for parents. This week, we have also had staff training linked to anti-bullying. It has been great to have a whole school relaunch with lots of important conversations happening. As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers or me directly. Thank you.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Further to our SIAMS Inspection recommendation, over the last couple of weeks we have been reflecting on Global issues, concerns and Christianity around the world in Collective Worship. We have enjoyed singing hymns from around the world and learning about other places and traditions, their challenges and thinking about how we can take action locally to support.

CAKE SALE – NEW DATE

Well done to Year 1 who raised £80 at their class cake sale. Nursery & Reception will be hosting their class cake sale, after school, on Thursday 24th January. All donations must have ingredients clearly labelled please. Please remember to bring cash when you collect children at 3:15pm if you wish to make a purchase. Thank you.



SCOOTERS & BIKES

A reminder that children (and adults!) should dismount from bikes and scooters before entering the yard, please, in order to avoid collisions and accidents. Thank you.

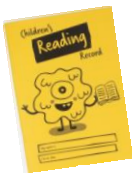
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

A polite reminder that we ask that for parents and carers to arrange appointments outside the school day, please. It is far from ideal for children to be arriving late, leaving early or during the school day and it impacts significantly on children's learning and progress. Thank you for your understanding.



READING RECORDS

A reminder that children need to bring their Reading Record to school every day, please. It is great to see the improvement in home reading in recent weeks but we need Reading Records to be in school so that staff can see which children have read at home and how they have got on with their book. Please remember to add a short comment to let us know how your child managed. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PLANS!

December is a busy time of year in school so Mrs Coates has kindly printed a festive calendar for parents and carers to help keep up with what is happening, when. Please see attached.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We often receive a number of requests at this time of year from parents asking for class lists so their child can send Christmas cards to their classmates.



We will be giving out, upon request, class lists with first names only for data protection reasons (unless two children have the same name – in this case, we will give the least amount of letters of their surname to identify them). If you do not wish for your child's name to be included on these lists, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Christmas cards can be handed out at the beginning or end of the school day (not in class!). Thank you!

As a staff team we decided, several years ago, that in lieu of exchanging individual Christmas cards we would take part in the St Oswald' "Share a card" campaign. We intend to extend this to the children in each class this year too.

CAROL SERVICE

There is a Carol Service planned for the final afternoon (Friday 20th December) at St Nicholas' Church for children in Years 1 - 4. The service will begin at 1:30pm and finish at 2:15pm. Children will be dismissed from church, if their parents/carers are in attendance. Please see permission form on ParentMail for children in Years 1 - 4.



Children should not bring book bags / anything extra on the last day so they don't have to carry belongings to church. Nursery and Reception children are invited to attend if they are accompanied by a parent/carer.

They can be collected from school at 1:00pm. Please indicate on the ParentMail form if your Nursery or Reception child will be attending, accompanied by a parent or carer.

It would be amazing if parents and carers of children in Years 1 - 4 could meet us at school at 1:00pm and walk to church with us and sit amongst the children during the service please.

At the end of the service, each class will be taken to a separate corner of the church. Children must be signed for and only collected by the person indicated on the ParentMail form please. Any children without a parent/carer at church will return to school and can be collected at 3:15pm as usual (or attend After School Club).

Festive photographs from our family day will be available to buy immediately after the service.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Food lists for Christmas parties will be issued via ParentMail this year – please sign up to bring something for your child's class if you are able to (from Monday 2nd December). Your child may also like to wear party clothes to school (with sensible shoes please!) on their party day.

All foods must be individually wrapped with ingredients clearly listed on packaging please. Thank you for your understanding.

Class party dates are as follows:

- Years 3 & 4 – Monday 16th December
- Years 1 & 2 – Tuesday 17th December
- Nursery & Reception – Wednesday 18th December

FAMILY DAY

On Thursday 19th December, each class will have a traditional “family” Christmas Day with staff and peers. This will include Christmas lunch (with crackers!), board games and/or a film (as well as a special surprise!). We have, once again, asked Sean Elliot (photographer) to take pictures of each child which will be available to buy at the Carol Service on the final day of term.



Please complete the ParentMail to indicate if you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch or if they will be bringing a packed lunch that day. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Children (and staff) are invited to wear Christmas jumpers every Friday in December. Donations can be made via ParentMail for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. The other days do not require a donation but the PTFA will be seeking donations of tombola prizes on Friday 6th December. Please see PTFA Newsletter.



NATIVITIES

Nursery & Reception

- 11.12.24 at 9:30am
- 12.12.24 at 1:30pm

Years 1 & 2

- 11.12.24 at 5:00pm*
- 12.12.24 at 9:30am
- 13.12.24 at 1:30pm



Years 3 & 4

- 11.12.24 at 1:30pm
- 12.12.24 at 5:00pm*
- 13.12.24 at 9:30am



Parents will be issued with two seats per family, per key stage, so they can choose which performance they would like to attend. Mrs Coates will be taking bookings either by phone or by email until Friday 29th November. Extra seats may be released from Monday 2nd December, if capacity allows. Physical tickets will not be issued; Mrs Coates will check attendance at each performance against the bookings list.

*Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 children are asked to return to school one evening to allow parents, who are unable to attend during the day, an opportunity to see the Nativity too. Please book seats for a daytime performance if you are able to do so. Evening performances will both begin at 5:00pm so children will be asked to return to school at 4:30pm to get into costumes ready for their performance. Children will be dismissed from classroom doors after they are changed out of costumes (5:45 - 6:00pm). After school club will be held in Nursery on these nights. Please indicate whether your child can attend their evening performance via the ParentMail form. Thank you.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Violin lessons take place on a Monday, after school; however, there are several bank holidays in the summer term. Therefore, to balance this out and ensure all sessions are covered, 11 sessions will take place in the Spring term and 9 in the Summer term. Please find the dates below:

- January: 13th, 20th, 27th
- February: 3rd, 10th, 17th
- March: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.
- April: 28th
- May: 12th, 19th
- June: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
- July: 7th



HEALTH & SAFETY

A huge well done to Mr Hunter & Mrs Lowe for their 'exceptional' H&S Inspection earlier this week. The inspector was very complimentary about systems in our school.

GOSFORTH VOICES & GOSFORTH BAND

There will be no more Gosforth Voices rehearsals until after Christmas. The final Gosforth Band will be on 4th December. Futures dates can be found on the website:

- <https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/gosforth-voices>
- <https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/gosforth-band>



SAFEGUARDING

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

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



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

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

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

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

With my very best wishes,

Kate Massey
Headteacher





GOSFORTH PARISH
CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

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NOVEMBER

SATURDAY | 30 | 1PM-7PM

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN IN THE CHURCH HALL
BAR WITH BEER, WINE AND GIN

LIVE MUSIC

FOOD

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

WATCH SOCIALS FOR MORE DETAILS

FREE ENTRY ALL WELCOME



Gosforth
Parish Church
of St Nicholas

VISION for EDUCATION

DESIGN A

CHRISTMAS BAUBLE

WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZE!

HOW TO ENTER:

- PUPILS NEED TO DESIGN A BAUBLE USING WHATEVER ARTISITC MATERIALS THEY LIKE USING THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED BY

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Please send all entries to mya.ellwood@visionforeducation.co.uk



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

November 2024			
Monday 25 th November	Reception Forest School	pm	Children should wear uniform tops with joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to put on later in the day. Please make donations via ParentMail.
Tuesday 26 th November	Supporting good mental health – workshop for parents	2:15pm	Please sign up via ParentMail
Wednesday 27 th November	RISE leading collective worship	In school	For children and staff
Thursday 28 th November	Film Night	3:15pm	Please sign up via the PTFA archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com
Friday 29 th November	Advent worship led by Year 3	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
December 2024			
Monday 2 nd December	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.
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parents/carers of Reception children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	No need to book – 1 parent/carer per child is welcome
	Year 2 synagogue visit	am	Please see ParentMail
Wednesday 4 th December	Gosforth Band	3:45pm-4:45pm	
Thursday 5 th December	Flu Immunisations in school		Please see ParentMail
	Parents/carers of Nursery children invited to stay & play	2:00pm	No need to book – 1 parent/carer per child is welcome
	Nursery & Reception cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery & Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
	PTFA Christmas Disco	3:15-4:15pm for Nursery & Reception, 4:45-6:00pm for Years 1 – 4.	More info to follow from PTFA.
Friday 6 th December	Nursery & Reception visit to Gosforth Civic Theatre	10:00am & 2:00pm	Please complete the form on ParentMail.
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Donations for PTFA coloured hampers will be gratefully received.
Monday 9 th December	Year 3 visit to Durham Oriental Museum		Please see ParentMail
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery & Rec Nativity (am) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity	9:30am 1:30pm	Please see info in Newsletter 5

	(pm) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (evening)	5:00pm	
Thursday 12 th December	Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (am) Nursery & Rec Nativity (pm) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (evening)	9:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	
Friday 13 th December	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (am) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (pm)	9:30am 1:30pm	
	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Donations can be made to Save the Children via ParentMail
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 visit to All Saints' Church	10:00am	Please see ParentMail
	Years 3 & 4 Christmas party	pm	Please see ParentMail and sign up to bring food to share
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 & 4 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	Please see ParentMail
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas party	pm	Please see ParentMail and sign up to bring food to share
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 1 & 2 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	Please see ParentMail
	Nursery & Reception party	pm	Please see ParentMail and sign up to bring food to share
Thursday 19 th December	ARFS Family Day (including Christmas lunch)	All day	More info to follow
Friday 20 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers		Just for fun – no donations required
	Year 1 – 4 Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	pm	Parents and carers welcome to attend. Children can be collected from church at 2:30pm
Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2025			
Wednesday 8 th January	Phonics & early reading session for parents & carers of children in Reception	5:30pm	Please see ParentMail
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Wednesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception applications to Newcastle City Council	Noon	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45pm-4:45pm	
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 4 visit to El Torero	Lunchtime	More info to follow via ParentMail
Tuesday 22 nd January	Gosforth Band	3:45pm-4:45pm	
Thursday 24 th January	Nursery & Reception cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 4 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed. Thank you.
Monday 24 th February – Friday 28 th	February half term holiday		School closed to children

February			
February 2025			
Friday 7 th February	Family Bingo Night	7:00pm.	All welcome. More info to follow from the PTFA.
Friday 21 st February	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Tuesday 11 th February	Year 1 walking tour of Gosforth	pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
	Internet safety day		Activities in school
Thursday 13 th February	Film Night	3:15pm	More info will follow from the PTFA
Friday 14 th February	Love is... worship led by Year 1	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Friday 28 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April intake		
March 2025			
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 4 visit to Beamish	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 6 th March	Years 3 & 4 Magic Flute at The Theatre Royal		More info to follow via ParentMail
	World Book Day		Children invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, if they wish.
Thursday 13 th March	Year 4 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 4 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed. Thank you.
Friday 14 th March	Red Nose Day		Children invited to wear red and 'do something funny for money'. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
Monday 17 th March	Year 2 visit to Newcastle Castle TBC	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
17 – 28 th March	Year 4 swimming every afternoon		More info to follow via ParentMail
17-21 st March	STEM Week		Activities in school. If any parents/carers have a career/interest in science, technology or maths, please contact Mrs Egdell.
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 1 visit to Newcastle Mosque		More info to follow via ParentMail
Friday 28 th 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 st March	Year 4 children are hosting a Mothering Sunday Cream Team.	pm	More info to follow.
April 2025			
Thursday 3 rd 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 rd 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.
Tuesday 8 th April	Stay & Play for parents and carers of children in Reception	2:00pm	

	Meeting for parents/carers of Year 1 children about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check (in school)	5:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail.
Wednesday 9 th April	Stay & Play for parents and carers of children in Nursery	2:00pm	
Friday 11 th April	Years 1 – 4 Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
May 2025			
Thursday 1 st May	Year 2 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 2 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed. Thank you.
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 3 Watersmeet, Hexham	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 15 th May	Year 4 residential at Dukeshouse Wood		Info on ParentMail
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay		More info to follow
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed Thank you.
Friday 23 rd May	GST Daft as a Brush Day		Children invited to wear something “daft” and make a donation via ParentMail.
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday		School closed to children
June 2025			
Monday 2 nd June	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Friday 6 th June	Pentecost Service		Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Wb 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment		Places can be booked via ParentMail
Wb 16 th June	School Sports Week TBC		If any parents/carers have any connections to sports coaches/providers, please let Mrs Francis know.
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	am	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 19 th June	Reception class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Reception children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed? Thank you.
Friday 20 th June	Big Gig		More info to follow
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum	All day	More info to follow
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 sleepover at school	All day	More info to follow
30 th June – 11 th July	Year 3 swimming every afternoon		More info to follow
July 2024			
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum		More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 10 th July	Nursery class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed Thank you.
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole school trip to Tynemouth	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Friday 18 th July	Year 4 Leavers' Service (at school)	9:15am	Please save the date

Monday 21st July
– Friday 29th
August

Summer holiday

School closed to children

Be courageous; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


NURSERY 30 HOUR PLACES

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

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

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

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



HEALTHIER TOGETHER

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

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



WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

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

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



COMMUNITY HUB NORTH



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

The community hubs also offer a range of services including – health visiting, family support, community midwifery, mental health support, children's therapies, youth provision, training opportunities, childcare and employability services. To find out what is available near you, telephone your local Community Hub at Fawdon Children's Centre, Cairns Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2SN. Telephone 0191 2115773 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/north>



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

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!

