



# April 2025

## Newsletter 14 – 4.4.25

### 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 attendance have higher rates of attainment.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.
- 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 to 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 <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
<b>Wb 24.3.25</b>	96%	Reception (100%)	Year 1 (97%)	Year 3 (96%)
<b>Wb 31.3.25</b>	92%	Year 4 (95%)	Reception (93%)	Year 2 (92%)

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.

## ATTENDANCE

### Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed	Impact
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	89% or below Drastic effect on academic achievement
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	96% - 90% Cause for Concern
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons	100% - 97% Excellent!
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons	

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 sometimes 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](mailto:grant.short@clennelleducationsolutions.org)).

### MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 3 hours 45 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 24.3.25	4%	0.5%	3.5%
Wb 31.3.25	8%	2%	6%

## 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>	Billy Lily	Isla George	Arthur Yashika	Harry Maliha	Rio Max Cr	Thomas Danny	Mrs Nelms Mrs Hannaby
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Lydia Maryam	Hugo Sanjhpati	Ollie Ani	Felix Anneloise	Sienna Nuh	Livie Franki	Miss Lathan Mrs Ellwood

### 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)	Benjamin D Eisa Cai	Benjamin D Eisa Mika
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Harmony Henry Elvis	Henry Joshua Nuh
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Jacob Harry Percy	Jacob D Harry Percy

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	5	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	2.79
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As we move ever closer to the Year 4 multiplication check, we have introduced 'Gone Green' certificates. These certificates are awarded when children can recall all of the multiplication facts up to 12x12 in under 4 seconds.

This week in school, all of the children who have previously 'Gone Green' received their new badges to wear in school to promote their green status amongst peers. Unfortunately, we have had no further children go green this week but hopefully, with the parental Multiplication Tables Check workshop, this week, and the promise of a highly sought-after badge, we will see some more heat maps turning green soon!

### 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
Suleman Amanah	Ada Evie	Benjamin Sacha	Jesse Max Co	Charvitha Rehan

## SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

After writing to Catherine McKinnell about our campaign to make the roads safer around our school - we are thrilled to announce that Catherine will be coming to visit on Friday 16th May and will meet with our School Council. We can't wait to tell her all about our initiatives.

### WORSHIP COUNCIL

Our wonderful Worship Council did a fabulous job of planning and leading the Mothers Day service at St Nicholas' Church last Friday. They are now planning the Easter Service that will be held at All Saints' Church on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



### PLAY LEADERS

Mr Hunter and the staff on break time duty have got our football schedule up and running and, due to this, our play leaders have been working hard with the rest of the pupils to create different play zones around our environment. The crates and decking tiles have been utilised as an obstacle course and the children have been enjoying spending time in our Forest School area. Long may the sunshine last!

## YOUNG LEADERS

In Young Leaders we have been looking at inspirational leaders on a national and international level. We have discussed certain characteristics that these people have and how we can take inspiration from them into our own lives and communities.



### GREEN TEAM

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Arthur Urwah	Ruby Isla	Isaac Esim	Jacob D Albatool

Our newly established Green Team have been enjoying the sunshine whilst litter picking. Existing team members have introduced our Green Team rules to new members and we have issued badges to new members so they are easily identifiable.

## LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

As our Key Stage 1 pupils progress through our phonics scheme, we begin to see more and more of them visit our library to access the Accelerated Reader books. Our Library Champions are very helpful in explaining the system and helping the younger pupils when choosing an appropriate book to read.

## SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!



### AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April is World Autism Acceptance Month, a global effort to promote a better understanding of autism, acceptance and inclusion throughout society. Autism Acceptance Week runs from 2-8 April. Mrs Ellwood and all of the staff at ARFS strive to provide an inclusive learning environment for all of our pupils and appreciate the benefits of welcoming children with neurodiverse profiles.

Please find some signposted information below from the Local Authority to support our families who are on the diagnostic pathway or post-diagnosis of autism.

### Walk for Acceptance 2025

The annual celebration of Autism Acceptance returns again to Herrington Country Park in Sunderland! This year, they are celebrating North East Autism Society's 45th birthday, and the progress that's been made in that time.



Whether you and your family have been with NEAS from the very start, are brand new to what they do, or have joined them somewhere along the way, they would love to see you on Friday 25th April for this family-friendly staple of our fundraising calendar.

### Newcastle Autism Hubs

Autism Hubs are available to support parents / carers of children who are on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism. Children must be living in Newcastle.

#### Dates available:

Nunsmoor Centre, Studley Terrace, NE4 5AH	07/05, 04/06, 02/07, 06/08
Galafield Centre, Newbiggin Ln, NE5 1LZ	14/05, 11/06, 09/07, 13/08
Byker Sands, 19 Raby Cross, NE6 2FF	21/05, 18/06, 16/07, 20/08
Fawdon Children's Centre, Cairns Way, NE3 2SN	28/05, 25/06, 23/07, 27/08

### 'Supporting your autistic child' workshop

The workshop will cover: worries and action planning, common misconceptions, differences in autistic children, practical strategies to use in everyday life. These sessions will run 10-12 and must be pre-booked.

## One-to-one appointments

1:1 appointments are for families that have questions or would like to discuss any issues in confidence. Appointments are available between 9-4pm and must be pre-booked.

## RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

From Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, in readiness for moving to Year 1, children in Reception will enter school via the main cloakroom from the yard (where Years 1 and 2 enter) instead of through their classroom door. Reception children should initially enter at 8:30am please (and will be greeted by Mrs Egdell) and **Years 1 and 2 can enter after Reception at their usual time of 8:35am**. Please could we ask children in Years 1 and 2 to stand back to allow Reception to enter first whilst they are getting used to their new routine. After the first few days, when Reception children are comfortable in their new routine, we can resume the usual 10 minute window for all children. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Transition to  
**Year 1**

## NATIONAL OFFER DAY

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Primary school places



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April is National Offer Day where families will be informed of their Reception place allocation for September 2025. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception families (many of whom are already in our Nursery). Mrs Francis will be in touch with further information in due course.

Please remember to accept the school place you have been offered before 30<sup>th</sup> April. For further information and advice you can visit <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places> or contact School Admissions directly via email [admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk)

Late applications can be made to the Local Authority until 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



## MOTHERS DAY CREAM TEA

Huge thanks to everyone who attended, donated or assisted at our Mothering Sunday Cream Tea. Thirty 'mothers and others' attended and were served tea, cake and scones by our Year 4 children. We raised an amazing £200!

This event was organised by the PTFA. If you would like to join or help with future events please contact [archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com](mailto:archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com). We would like to thank Asda, Tesco and Morrisons for their extremely kind donations for this event.

## READING BUDDIES

Could you or a grandparent spare 20 - 30 minutes once or twice a week to help children with reading? We operate a successful reading buddy scheme with parents, grandparents and friends of the school, sharing books with children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. If you could spare an hour or two a week please contact the school office. You will require DBS clearance through the school - please contact Mrs Coates.



## EASTER SERVICE

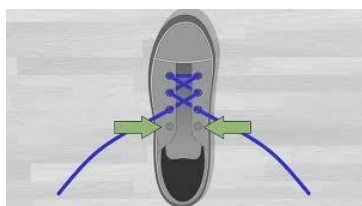


On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, children in Years 1 – 4 will be attending an Easter Service at All Saints' Church (off Gosforth High Street), led by our Worship Council. Everyone is welcome to join us. Children in Nursery and Reception are invited to attend if they are accompanied by a parent/carer. Please complete the ParentMail form to let Mrs Coates who will be collecting your child or if they will be returning to school. Children can be collected from All Saints' at 200-2:15pm or back at school at 3:15pm as usual.



## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

It was amazing to see the progress in the Year 4 children during their swimming fortnight – in particular those children who had never swum before finishing the lessons in the big pool – well done Year 4.



## SHOE LACES

A reminder that children should only wear lace up shoes if they can fasten them themselves – most children can do this independently from Year 2 onwards. This is a really important life skill that children need to learn so please take some time to teach your child at home. Thank you.

There are loads of good recordings online of how to tie laces and provide children with “hacks” e.g. [here](#).

## YOUNG CARERS

At Archbishop Runcie First School, we believe all young people have a right to an education, regardless of their situation at home. When a young person has a caring responsibility they may need extra support to help them get the most out of school.



We define a Young Carer as a young person who has caring responsibilities for a family member with a disability, health condition or substance misuse issue. Young carers may provide physical care, personal care, help with medication or practical tasks, or provide emotional support. If you believe your child is a Young Carer, please let us know so we can offer them support in school, if they need it.

## PACKED LUNCHES

It is really important that the children having packed lunches bring something filling such as a sandwich or pasta (or other carbohydrates) that will fill them up for the afternoon rather than just crisps and other processed snacks. Could we also request that sweet items such as cakes and biscuits are restricted to one item per day please? We really appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping lunch boxes healthy, thank you.



### Reminders:

- Please do not send foods containing nuts in case of allergies amongst the other children.
- Please remember; no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks should be included in packed lunches.
- Please continue to cut grapes into halves to minimise the risk of choking.
- Please ensure that your child can unwrap/open all items in their lunch box independently.
- Please consider using reusable food containers for packed lunches and fruit snacks, rather than disposable food packaging and avoid sending disposable plastic cutlery or straws in packed lunches. Thank you.

For ideas of what to include you could try:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

<https://babyfoode.com/blog/30-healthy-lunch-box-ideas-for-kids/>

<https://www.playpennies.com/fitness-and-diet/free-change-4-life-sugar-swap-pack-lunch-box-app-117627>

## LOST PROPERTY

As you can imagine, matching 30 children to 30 identical jumpers can be hugely challenging – especially when some are not clearly named. As the weather warms and children remove layers, it is really important that EVERYTHING is named so items can be returned to the right



children. Unnamed items will be donated to the PTFA pre-loved uniform stock. Thank you for your understanding.



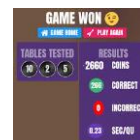
### MAGNETIC BOOKMARKS

A number of children have brought in a collection of magnetic bookmarks to give to peers in school. Whilst I am sure this was well intended, unfortunately, this has caused many issues in school as they have only been given to selected children. Please do not allow children to bring any items in from home, in particular to hand out to peers. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### TTRS



It has been brought to our attention that older siblings and parents/carers have been signing into children's TTRS accounts to "boost" their child's scores. TTRS is used as an online learning platform and assessments from this site inform our teaching. If children's scores are not accurate, we are not able to give individual children the support they need to learn their multiplication tables.



Additionally, from an e-safety point of view, children must be taught not to share logins and passwords with peers. We would be grateful for your support in this matter.

### PARENTS EVENING – REMINDER

A reminder that appointments for parents and carers will be held in school next week. These can be booked via ParentMail. For parents/carers who are separated, separate appointments are available. Please contact Mrs Coates to request two appointments if needed.



For all appointments, please enter via the main office and sign in/out so we know who is on the site. Thank you.



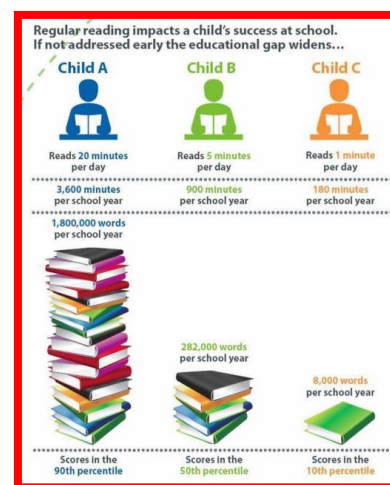
### WONDE VOUCHERS

Wonde vouchers will be issued to families in receipt of income based free school meals on Saturday 12th April.

If you think you may be eligible for income based free school meals, you can check [here](#).

### READING AT HOME

As you already know, reading at home was one of the recommendations from our recent Ofsted report. From time to time, we gather in children's reading records to check on how frequently they are reading at home and how parents/carers feel they are getting on. In order for children to become confident, fluent readers, it is vital that they read every night at home. I cannot emphasise the importance of regular home reading enough. The infographic adjacent illustrates the importance of reading often and the difference this makes to children's reading abilities if they read for 1, 5 or 20 mins per day at home. For children who are not yet reading a "book" set by their class teacher, they can practise blending every night using the phonics cards sent home by teaching staff. Please also record this in Reading Records.



There are several children in school who read every single night at home, which is amazing. Huge thanks to the parents who schedule this in to their day – we know how busy everyone is. Children who have read, every night, for a sustained period have been issued with some bonus dojo points to spend at the dojo shop! Well done to them all!

## TOILET TRAINING SUPPORT

For parents and carers of our younger children, the QR code included will take you to a presentation about potty training, bowel health and a healthy diet by 0-19 Heath Visiting Team and the School Nurse Service.



## WOMEN'S AID CAMPAIGN



Although we recognise domestic abuse comes in many forms and perpetrators are not always men, Women's Aid have launched a new campaign, 'The Monster Who Came to Tea', highlighting the impact of domestic abuse on both women and children. The film tells the story of a mother and daughter experiencing domestic abuse, seen through the eyes of a young girl named Lily. Alongside the film, Women's Aid have written an open letter calling on the Government to improve funding for specialist domestic abuse services.

**Read the news story:** Women's Aid launched sobering children's book 'Monster who came to tea' and calls on the Government to improve funding for women and children survivors of domestic abuse. You can read the story [here](#).

**Watch the film:** The Monster Who Came to Tea [here](#).

## INTERNET MATTERS

Internet Matters has published a blog looking at tech-facilitated abuse in teenage relationships. The blog sets out signs of this type of abuse and explores how it can impact teenagers. It also contains tips to share with parents and carers around protecting and supporting young people in relation to online abuse and harassment: What tech-facilitated abuse looks like in teenage relationships.



## ATHLETICS CLUB - REMINDER

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 school 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.



## RUGBY MINIS

A tag rugby themed class for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, focusing on fun, games & core skills will run after school on a Thursday, from 3.15pm - 4.15pm, starting on 1st May through the summer term. This will be an outdoor activity (weather permitting) so children will need to be suitably dressed. Bookings can be made [here](#). Please note that this club is being run by an external agency so all communication should be via [info@rugbyminis.co.uk](mailto:info@rugbyminis.co.uk), not to school. Thank you.

## EASTER EGGSPLORION - REMINDER

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).







## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Over the last few weeks we have reflected on the importance of Lent as a time of preparation and the festival of Easter as the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Next week, we will focus on the events of Holy Week in the run up to our Easter service next Friday.

## DANCE

Children from Year 3 and 4 have been involved in an afterschool dance club for the past six weeks. This week, they performed at Whitley Bay Playhouse as part of the Newcastle Schools Dance Festival and they were amazing! Not only did they perform their routine with skill and precision, but also showed fabulous sportsmanship - congratulating other schools on their performance. They demonstrated our school values of love and determination and we could not be more proud of their amazing talent!



There will be a showcase of their dance on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm at Gosforth East Middle School (GEMS) for parents and carers. Initially, there was only be one ticket issued per family. **Further tickets are now 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.

A reminder that 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.



## CAKE SALE

Year 3 raised £50 in their cake sale this week – well done! The next cake sale will be hosted by Year 2 on 1<sup>st</sup> May. A polite reminder that all ingredients must be displayed in case of allergies, thank you. Please only send cakes and biscuits – not sweets. If you would like to make a purchase, please bring cash along on the day. Thank you.

## STAFFING UPDATE

As you know, Miss Wakefield is currently on maternity leave. She has informed us that she will not be returning to ARFS due to her relocation. She and Maya intend to work at/attend the same Nursery in order to ease the pressures of childcare. We wish her well on her next venture.



I am sad to announce that Mrs Hannaby comes to the end of her fixed term contract at ARFS next Friday. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we are unable to extend her contract. We have really enjoyed working with Mrs Hannaby over the last 18 months and she has made an exceptional contribution to our school family and the lives of our children. We wish her every success as she embarks on her next chapter.

In happier news, I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Crozier will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. For those of you who are new to school, Mrs Crozier is our Year 2 teacher and a member of our senior leadership team with responsibility for Years 1 & 2, English, RE and Geography.

## CHURCH LINKS

Huge thanks to everyone who completed the design for the All Saints' Easter card competition. The winner was Eric C – well done, Eric! His design will now be used on communication from All Saints' Church this Easter.

### All Saints' Holy Week Services



#### Palm Sunday 13th April

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Procession of Palms & Eucharist beginning in All Saints Centre
- 3.00pm Holy Communion in All Saints Centre
- 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

#### Monday 14th April

- 7.30pm Compline & reflection on the Lord's Prayer

#### Tuesday 15th April

- 9.45am Peaceful Reflection
- 10.15am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Compline & reflection on the Lord's Prayer

#### Wednesday 16th April

- 7.30pm Compline & reflection on the Lord's Prayer

#### Maundy Thursday 17th April

- 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

#### Good Friday 18th April

- 10.00am Children's Service followed by Hot Cross Buns in All Saints Centre
- 11.15am Act of Witness at Trinity Church
- 2-3pm Final Hour led by Revd Adam Romanis

#### Holy Saturday 19th April

- 8.00pm Easter Vigil & lighting of the Easter Candle - All Saints Centre

#### Easter Day 20th April

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

### St Nicholas' Services

#### Good Friday (18 April)

9.30am All-age journey to the Cross, with the Good Friday story, children's activities and hot cross buns.

#### Easter Day (20 April) 10am

Parish Eucharist followed by coffee, cake and fizz, and a children's Easter Egg hunt.



### DESIGN A POTION

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a potion for the Vision for Education competition. The closing date was today and winners will be announced in our next newsletter.



### SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis, Mrs Crozier 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 – 0800 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





## DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

<b>April 2025</b>			
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 of Year 1 children about the Y1 Phonics Screen Check (in school)	5:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail, next 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 or 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 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
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception place national offer day.		Login online to see your offer. The LA will send emails to applicants who have provided a valid email address and post letters second class to applicants who have not provided an email address.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Deadline for late Reception place applications and late changes to be considered in the late offer process		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 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.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs	All day	All children need to wear royal blue uniform please.








	Deadline for parents to accept or refuse their Reception place offer		
	Mini Athletics begins	3:15 - 4:15pm	See Newsletter 13
<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.
	Rugby Minis begins	3:15 - 4:15pm	See Newsletter 14
	Meeting for Year 3 parents with Mr H about the sleepover	5:00pm	Please see ParentMail
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 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.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	PE Activities for all children in Years 1 - 4	All day	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	All day	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	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.
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	TBC	Please save the date! <b>There is still time to sign up!</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	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.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay	All day	Please see ParentMail
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	English & Maths activities at GCMS (for selected Year 4 children transferring to GCMS)	am	Children who have been selected will be 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	All day	Children invited to wear something “daft” and make a donation via ParentMail.
	Ascension Day Service – All Saints' for children in Reception – Year 4	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 at St Nicholas' Church for	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.

	<b>children in Reception – Year 4</b>		
Wb 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment	All week	Places can be booked via ParentMail
	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.
Wb 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Week	All 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	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 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.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Big Gig (Choir) TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>More info to follow</b>
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
<b>July 2024</b>			
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum	All day	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.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Music concert</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>To be held at All Saints' Church</b>
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!

