



September 2021

Newsletter 2 – 24.9.21

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
87%	95%	99%	99%	97%	94%	97%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

COVID REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Schools have been asked to remind parents and carers of current covid guidance. Please take a couple of minutes to re-familiarise yourselves! Thank you.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they must remain at home for at least 10 days from the date their symptoms first started. You need to arrange for them to have a PCR test for COVID-19.

To book a test, either call 119 or go to the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test. They must self-isolate until the test result is known. If positive, they must self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace. Your household must follow the 'Stay at Home' guidance at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate unless you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months.

Support to Self-Isolate

If you need support with self-isolation, Newcastle City Council's Welfare and Wellbeing Team may be able to help you. If you can, you should try to seek help from your friends, family and community first, or look online at www.newcastle.gov.uk for local support services. Where this is not possible, the Welfare and Wellbeing team can help.



SELF-ISOLATION

Visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare or call 0800 170 7001 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm Saturday) to get the support you need.

You may also be entitled to a Test and Trace Support Payment. Apply online at <https://newcastle.gov.uk/TestandTraceSupportPayments>

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

Remember; 'Hands, Face, Space and Let Fresh Air In':

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Try to stay apart from anyone you don't live with as much as possible.
- Use a face covering when you are indoors in crowded places such as supermarkets and on public transport
- If meeting others, try to do so outside as much as possible. If inside, open the window to let fresh air in.



You (and anyone over the age of 11 years) are encouraged to take part in twice-weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for COVID-19. This helps to identify those who do not have symptoms of the virus and helps prevent it spreading to others. You can get free LFD test kits from most pharmacies or by ringing 119 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

All those over the age of 16 can now get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please take up the offer of the vaccine. There are locations across the city where you can be vaccinated; for details go to www.newcastle.gov.uk/covidvaccine

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE PORTAL

During the summer holidays, the School Admissions Team has tested and launched the Free School Meal module on the Citizen's Portal for parents.

https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

This new way of applying for Free School Meals has advantages for parents, schools and the local authority.



Parents find out the result of their Free School Meal application instantly

- If a parent has applied on the portal and they become eligible later, the portal will tell parents that they have become eligible
- Schools will find out the result of a parent's application sooner than if a parent applies via a paper form
- During busy times of the year, such as the lead up to School Census, Free School Meal information will be more up to date
- Applicant information only needs input once and younger children can be added to a parents claim as they reach school age (or pre-school for maintained nurseries)
- Parents of children who are new to the city can apply for FSM in the same place they are applying for a school
- The portal fully complies with GDPR requirements and parents can choose to remove their consent via the portal. They are aware of the information we hold and how it is used.

MENU & FOOD ALLERGIES

As you may know, Mrs Battista (school chef) is currently absent from work. Miss Cooper is doing a great job of getting to know our children, their allergies or dietary requirements and their likes and dislikes. As such, we are currently reviewing the menu to exchange some of the less popular options for more popular ones. Additionally, we are asking children with dietary requirements, taking school meals, to wear a coloured lanyard in the lunch hall (to ensure all children are given suitable food options) until she knows them all a little better.



GOSFORTH VOICES & GOSFORTH BAND

We are absolutely delighted that face to face rehearsals are going to start again for Gosforth Voices and Band. The first session for Gosforth Voices (Years 3 and 4) was on Wednesday this week. The first session of Gosforth Band (Year 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) is Wednesday 29th September at Archibald First School 3.45pm - 4.45pm. It would be great to have some representatives from ARFS at these events!



Gosforth Voices and Gosforth Band 2021 -2022

Gosforth Voices and Gosforth Band meet regularly to rehearse and have fun making music together. We have lots of performances throughout the year, including:

- Gosforth Voices Tour 2022
- Sign Language Week 2022
- North East Festival of Languages 2022
- Newcastle Achievement Awards 2022
- Big Gig June 2022 at Northumbria Sports Central
- Pyramid Concert Summer Term 2022

Our face to face sessions start

- **September 22nd for Voices Grange First School 3.45pm - 4.45pm**
- **September 29th for Band Archibald First School 3.45pm- 4.45pm**

*Please note that due to social distancing the sessions during the Autumn term will be **limited to 30 pupils per session**.

Please ensure you have a coat as weather permitting, singing and breaks will be outside and rooms in both schools will be ventilated

Gosforth Voices for year 3 and 4 pupils

These sessions are for year 3 and 4 pupils that enjoying singing with others

Autumn Term 2021

22 September, 6 October, 20 October, 10 November, 24 November

Spring Term 2022

19 January, 2 February, 16 February, 9 March, 23 March

Summer Term 2022

18th May, 8th June

Gosforth Band is for year 3 to year 8 pupils

These sessions are open to pupils that know a few notes up to Grade 5 standard.

Autumn Term 2021

29 September, 13 October, 3 November, 17 November, 1 December

Spring Term 2022

26 January, 9 February, 2 March, 16 March, 30 March

Summer Term 2022

25 May, 15 June

Please register for your son or daughter using the link or QR code below

[Gosforth Voices and Band registration](#)





HARVEST

On Friday 1st October, we will be holding our Harvest Service for Years 1-4. As part of this celebration, we are politely requesting donations for The People's Kitchen, if you feel able to donate.

They are currently seeking the following donations:

	For example:
Main meals	tinned meats, curries and stews
Cooking ingredients	sugar, flour, dried rice, ground white pepper, brown sauce, cooking sauces, mixed spice, gravy granules, stock cubes (especially vegetarian)
Drinks	coffee, tea, dilute orange juice, hot chocolate
Puddings	tinned or instant custard, tinned rice, tinned fruit, jams, syrup, long life milk
Tinned veg	mixed veg, peas, butter beans, potatoes
Soup	any tinned soups
Toiletries	deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shave gel
Clothing	new tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, jackets, sleeping bags
Household	J cloths, pan scrubs, non-scented washing powder, kitchen roll
Take away bags	small bags of crisps, chocolate bars, biscuits and cereal bars

Please send any donations into school on Friday 1st October. Thank you in advance!



CHURCH LINKS

All Saints' Church are holding their own Harvest Festival Service on October 17th at 9:30am. You are all warmly invited to attend!

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

The Cancer Run event running this Sunday is a "test event" and has been opened to **general public entry only** (not for school groups). Communications and run packs should have arrived directly to participating families for those who rolled over their entry from last year.

School registration for the main May event will open in mid-October and this will run as a "normal" event with us running as a school group.



TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We are delighted that we can invite prospective parents into school for small group, face-to-face visits this year. Places must be booked in advance with Mrs Pygall via email please as attendance will be strictly limited to 5 families per visit. Thank you!

READ WRITE INC

From 7th September, we moved to Read Write Inc. phonics scheme for children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2. We have invested a lot of money in staff training, resources and beautiful new reading books which will be coming home next week. Please, please look after them! Thank you in advance for your support.





FAMILIES NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD

Please follow the [LINK](#) to read the September/October issue of Families Newcastle Gateshead magazine (soon to be retitled Families North East magazine) for sharing with the parents of your students.

It's full of high quality content about education, SEND, Black History Month, autumn activities, Bonfire night fun and much more.

BUILDING WORK UPDATE

The new entrance is taking shape nicely and the contractors are hopeful that work will be complete by 11th October. Please continue not to use the main entrance next to the carpark. If you need access to the site during the school day, please phone Mrs Pygall who will pop out to meet you. Thank you all for your ongoing patience while work is taking place!



ONLINE SAFETY

Children in Years 1 - 4 have today had lessons on e-safety from our safeguarding consultants at Clennell Education Solutions. The children had lots of questions, particularly around Roblox and TikTok. The session leader will be returning on Thursday 7th October (5:00-6:30pm) to run a session for parents. Places will shortly be available to book via ParentMail.

PARENTS' EVENING

Mrs Pygall is in the process of setting up booking forms on ParentMail for Parents' Evenings phonecalls on Tuesday 12th October and Thursday 14th October. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long.



- If you anticipate you will need longer than 10 minutes, please do not book an appointment.
- If your child is on our school SEND register, longer appointments will soon be made for after half term so you may choose to wait until this appointment and combine the two appointments.

Parents' Evening appointments can be booked via ParentMail from 6:00pm on Monday 27th September.



CHRISTMAS

We are advised that it will be unlikely that schools will be able to invite large groups of parents and carers into school to watch children perform nativities this year. Therefore, we have booked GEM Education (who produced our Year 4 Leavers' video this year) to record the children performing in Key Stages, on Monday 13th December, and this recording will then be shared with parents and carers to watch at home.

We will obviously make decisions closer to the time in line with national and local guidance.

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



Be courageous; be strong.

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

September 2021			
Sunday 26 th September	Children's Cancer Run	-	Individual family/public entries only (no school groups)
Monday 27 th September	Bookings available for Parents' Evening via ParentMail	From 6:00pm	
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
Tuesday 5 th October	Years 1 & 2 Healthy Active Lifestyle workshop with Newcastle PE Service	9:30am	Please wear PE kits
Thursday 7 th October	National Poetry Day	-	Look out for recitals on Tapestry!
	Online Safety session for parents (in school)	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Places can be booked via ParentMail
Tuesday 12 th October	Parent Teacher Consultation Phone calls (pastoral focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 13 th October	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	2:30pm	
Thursday 14 th October	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
	Parent Teacher Consultation Phone calls (pastoral focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Sunday 17 th October	All Saints' Harvest Festival	9:30	All welcome to attend. This will be held at All Saints' Church, West Ave, NE3 4ES
Monday 18 th October	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	1:30pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Tuesday 19 th October			Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Wednesday 20 th October			Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Friday 22 nd October	Deadline for Nursery applications for January start (for children will have turned 3 before 31 st 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
Tuesday 2 nd November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	5:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Monday 8 th November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	4:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall

Tuesday 9th November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	4:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Wednesday 10 th November & Thursday 11 th November	Individual and sibling photographs in school (Travelling Light)		Orders will be online- more info to follow
Thursday 11 th November	Y4 leading Remembrance Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
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
Monday 15 th November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2021	5:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
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	2:30pm	
Thursday 18 th November	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
Wednesday 24 th November	NEW DATE Flu Immunisations in school for children in Reception – Year 4		
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.
Monday 13 th December	Nativities being recorded		
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!
	Carol Service at St Nicholas'	2:00pm	Arrangements will depend on restrictions
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	2:30pm	

Thursday 13 th January	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
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	2:30pm	
Thursday 10 th February	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
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	2:30pm	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
	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	2:30pm	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
	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	2:30pm	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
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	2:30pm	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	2:30pm	
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		

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

School Health Virtual Drop In

Thursday 4pm- 5pm

For ages 12-19

What you need to do...

- Find somewhere comfortable, private and well lit for your appointment.
- You need a SMART phone, tablet or computer with good internet connection.
- Input your details, read the info and begin video call.

Relax and wait, your School Health team member will be with you soon!

Using Attend Anywhere is quick and easy.

It's great to talk face to face like in a school drop in and get the help you need.

No information about you is stored or shared by Attend Anywhere.

You do not need to set up an account.



Scan here to get started!



<http://nhs.vc/school-health-support-clinic>