

September 2024

Newsletter 2 - 20.9.24

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 9.9.24	96%	Year 3 (99%)	Year 2 (98%)	Year 1 (97%)
Wb 16.9.24	93%	Years 3 (97.2%)	Year 4 (97%)	Year 2 (95%)

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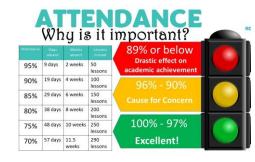
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- · 95% attendance = two weeks absence
- · 90% attendance = 4 weeks absence
- · 85% attendance = 6 weeks absence
- · 80% attendance = more than half a term of absence
- · 75% attendance = more than 9 weeks of absence

Please be reminded I am unable to authorise absences during term time for family holidays. Please 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 don't hesitate to come and speak to us as we can access support from the school nurse and attendance officer.

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 in an attempt to support families. It aims to highlight 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.

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During this fortnight, 50 minutes of learning time have been missed in school due to lateness. Please try to arrive on time at school, between $8:35 \, \text{am} - 8:45 \, \text{am}$. Thank you.



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For children who arrive late more than once in a week, we offer a Friday lunchtime catch-up session with class teachers.

PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence (excluding Nursery)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 9.9.24	4%	1%	3%
Wb 16.9.24	7%	1.5%	5.5%

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	Otis	Ivan	Nyah	Ruby	Alicia	Rehan	Mrs Coates
Love	Maryam	Isla	Rudi	Franco	Esim	Scarlett	Mrs Ahmed
							Miss Cooper
							Mrs Hannaby
Demonstrating	Isaac	George	Carter	Ava	Phoebe	Scarlett	Mrs Francis
Determination	Jindu	Lola	Marcel	Scarlett	George	George	Mrs Ellwood
					Р		Mrs Coates
							Mrs Lowe

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

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



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the holidays or in the first week back. Well done everyone!

3	Children Need to Learn	Highest engagement this	Highest accuracy this
		fortnight	fortnight
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and	Lyla	Mika
	corresponding division facts)	Aadriti	Lyla
		Mika	Aadriti
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8	Elvis	Elvis
	(and corresponding division	Joshua	Thanuja
	facts)	Thanuja	Henry
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and	Bella	Rehan
	corresponding division facts)	Lydia	Rex
		Rex	Jacob D

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	8	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	3.57
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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:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Eric	John	Eva	Nialah
Rosa	Lyla	Indi	Lydia

SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION

CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes today, so far we have raised £122 which is amazing!



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Year 1-4 Harvest Festival will be held at All Saints' Church on Friday 4^{th} October. 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:
Tinned vegetables	Plum tomatoes, chopped tomatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
Tinned fruit	Peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin oranges
Soup	Any tinned or instant soups
Cooking ingredients	Sugar, flour, dried rice, jam, coconut, cocoa, dried fruit, cooking oil, lentils,
	spices.
Snacks	Pot noodles, pasta pots, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets
Drinks	UHT milk, coffee, tea, dilute orange juice, hot chocolate
Puddings	Rice pudding, jelly, Angel delight, tinned or instant custard, syrup, evaporated milk
Tinned meat	Ham, corned beef, chilli, curry, minced beef, bolognaise, stewing steak
Cooking sauces	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Coconut milk
Condiments	Ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, salt and pepper

Pasta & rice	Lasagne, noodles, rice, pasta
Stock & gravy	Gravy granules, stock cubes — vegetarian, beef, chicken, onion
Toiletries	Soap, deodorants, shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, shave gel, toothpaste/brushes
Household	Washing up liquid, Washing powder, J cloths, pan scrubs, non-scented washing powder, kitchen roll, carrier bags
Pet Food	Wet and dry cat and dog food



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Please send any donations **into school with your child the morning of Friday 4th October.** Please do not bring donations to the service at school (because they are being collected from school). Thank you in advance!



Next Friday (27th September), we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Year 4 will be serving refreshments in the school hall from 9:00am-9:30am for anyone who is able to join us. We would be really grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, scones etc. Please ensure ingredients are included. Thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council have been discussing the ongoing concerns about parking in the area around school. They have written to MP, Katherine McKinnel, to share their concerns and invite her to school to discuss some possible solutions.



WORSHIP COUNCIL



Worship Council have been meeting with Mrs Palmer and Rev'd Shipton to evaluate our collective worship and make suggestions. They are busy planning our Harvest Festival and have spoken to peers about their classroom reflection areas.

GREEN TEAM

Green Team have enjoyed some September sun over the last couple of weeks. We collected LOADS of litter from the park and also noticed quite a bit on the school field.



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LIBRARY CHAMPION

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Our library champions have made a fantastic start at organising and keeping our library beautiful. We have had many visitors use our library space recently and everyone has commented on what a fabulous space it is. Well done Lydia and Livie!

PLAY LEADERS

Our play leaders have been amzing at organising games of Grannies Footsteps for everyone in Years 1-4 this week. Mrs Ellwood has had so many comments from other members of staff on how well and how engaging our play leaders have been with everyone - great work Scarlett, Bella, Harry and Theo!



SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

SIAMS INSPECTION

Thank you to everyone for the well wishes and support in advance of our SIAMS inspection. The abundant supply of chocolates, cakes and biscuits also helped! We were the first school to be inspected under the new framework in the area and we await the report in anticipation.





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BABY CROZIER

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Crozier has safely delivered baby Florence. Both Mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them both soon.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Please remember to go along to Tesco Jesmond Metro store (NE2 2DJ) on Saturday 21st Sept 2024, between 12 noon and 1pm, to select a token and find the lucky gold one!



ONLINE SAFETY

The e-safety workshop has been rearranged for Monday 23rd September at 5:30pm.



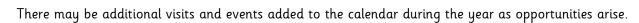
EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We firmly believe in the importance of educational visits to support our children's learning across the

curriculum. These are carefully planned, in advance, and compliment learning in classrooms. Please see dates attached. In response to parental

feedback, Mrs Coates will be calculating the total cost for each class across the year and will be offering parents the option to pay in full or in several instalments. We hope this will support parents and carers to make a donation towards the educational visits on offer. If insufficient contributions are made, visits will need to be cancelled.

For children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, visits can be paid for in part or in full (depending on family circumstances) by school, using this funding. If you think you may qualify for Pupil Premium funding, please contact Mrs Lowe or register online using the QR code.





There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with class teachers before half term. Please book your consultation via ParentMail and state whether you would prefer a face-to-face or telephone appointment. Appointments will be available to book in the next couple of weeks.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have been thinking about the Equality Act and protected characteristics. We reflected on the parable of the Good Samaritan and how Christian's believe that we should value and help everyone, regardless of our differences, as a child of God.

NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES



We have, unfortunately, had a family that has not arrived in Reception after accepting their place last term. If you know anyone with a child who has just turned 4. Places can be applied for at https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-

childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places&New

Nursery also have some remaining space for 15 and 30 hour places this term. Please contact Mrs Coates for further information.



Are you a Connected Carer, Special Guardian or have a Child
Arrangement or Resident Order?

Do you live in Newcastle or have a Newcastle child in your care?
If you answered Yes - this free event is for you!

Kinship Networking Event
Thursday 24th October 2024
Drop in between 10am - 2pm

Banqueting Suite, Newcastle Civic Centre
Barras Bridge, Newcastle. NEI 8QH.

Meet our Friendy Team
Meet other Agencies and Services
Advice and Support
Information Stalls

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We have several families in school who offer care for a child via connected carers, special guardianship and residency orders. There is an event arranged to offer support, advice and signposting. You can book a place via the QR code.

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



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Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



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DIARY DATES

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September 2024			
Monday 23 rd September	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.
Friday 27 th September	Year 4 hosting the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning"	9:00am-9:30am	Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please include a list of ingredients. Thank you.
Monday 30 th September	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.
	Reception height & weight checks	1:00pm	Please see info from NHS sent via ParentMail
October 2024			
Tuesday 1st October	Year 3 & Year 4 team games in school	am	Children should wear PE kits please
Wednesday 2 nd October	School photographs		All children in royal blue uniform, please.
Friday 4 th October	Years 1 — 4 Harvest Festival at All Saints'	pm	Children can be collected from church at 2:30pm or be collected from school/after school club as usual. Please send donations to school (not to church). Thank you. No book bags for Years 1 — 4 today, please.
Monday 7 th October	Rec 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.
	PTFA AGM	6:00pm	All welcome
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 2 synagogue visit TBC		
Thursday 10 th October	Mental health day		
Monday 14 th October	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.
Wednesday 16 th October	SEND reviews for relevant children	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
Friday 18 th October	Show racism the red card day		Children invited to wear red clothing (please make sure these are suitable for PE for relevant classes).
Monday 21st October	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.
Tuesday 22 nd October	Reception visitor from Newcastle Mosque		
Monday 21 st & Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent-teacher consultations	From 2:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Thursday 24 th October	Year 4 Geography fieldwork	am	
Friday 25 th October	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	October half term		School closed to children
November 2024			•
Friday 1st November	Deadline for applications for Nursery places for January intake		
Monday 4 th November	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.
4 th — 11 th November	Poppies for sale in school		
Wednesday 6 th November	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship led by Year 4	9:00am	Parents & carers welcome
	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.
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks (anti- bullying)worship led by Year 2		Parents and carers invited to attend. Children invited to wear odd socks (with normal uniform).
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need		Children invited to wear something spotty. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
	Adults only quiz night TBC		More info to follow
Monday 18 th November	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.
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 4 visitor from Durham University		
	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
Thursday 21st November	Prospective parents tour (for Nursery/Reception Sept 2025)	1:30pm	Please book a place at the school office

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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.
Friday 29 th	Advent worship led by Year	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
November	3		
December 2024			
Monday 2 nd December	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 3 rd	Parents/carers of Reception	2:00pm	
December	children invited to stay & play	·	
Wednesday 4th	Parents/carers of Nursery	2:00pm	
December	children invited to stay &		
Thursday 5 th	Flu Immunisations in school		
December			
Friday 6 th	Nursery & Reception visit to	am	
December	Gosforth Civic Theatre		
	Children invited to wear		
	Christmas jumpers		
Monday 9 th	Year 3 visit to Durham		
December	Oriental Museum		
Wednesday 11 th	Nursery & Rec Nativity (am)	TBC	
December	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (pm) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (evening)		
Thursday 12 th	Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity	TBC	
December	(am) Nursery & Rec Nativity (pm) Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity (evening)		
Friday 13 th	Years 3 & Year 4 Nativity	TBC	
December	(am) Years 1 & Year 2 Nativity (pm) Children invited to wear		
	Christmas jumpers		
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 visit to All Saints'	10:00am	
	Years 3 & 4 Christmas	pm	
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 & 4 visit to Tyne Theatre	am	
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas	pm	
Wednesday 18th	Years 1 & 2 visit to Tyne	am	
December	Theatre		
	Nursery & Reception party	pm	
Thursday 19 th	ARFS Family Day (including	All day	
December	Christmas lunch)		
Friday 20 th	Children invited to wear		
December	Christmas jumpers		
	Year 1 — 4 Carol Service at	pm	Children can be collected from church at

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	St Nicholas' Church		2:30pm
Monday 23 rd Dec	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
– Friday 3 rd			
January			
January 2025			
Wednesday 8 th	Phonics & early reading	5:30pm	
January	session for parents & carers		
	of children in Reception		
Thursday 9 th	Prospective parents tour (for	5:30pm	Please book a place at the school office
January 2025	Nursery/Reception Sept		
	2025)		
Wednesday 15 th	Deadline for Reception		
January	applications to Newcastle		
	City Council		
Tuesday 21st	Year 4 visit to El Torero	Lunchtime	
January			
Monday 24 th	February half term holiday		School closed to children
February —			
Friday 28 th			
February			
February 2025			
Friday 21st	Staff training day	All day	School closed to children
February			
Tuesday 11 th	Year 1 walking tour of		
February	Gosforth		
-	Internet safety day		Activities in school
Friday 14 th	Love is worship led by Year	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
February	1		
Friday 28 th	Deadline for Nursery		
February	applications for April intake		
March 2025			
Tuesday 4 th	Year 4 visit to Beamish		
Match	(TBC)		
Thursday 6 th	Years 3 & 4 Magic Flute at		
March	The Theatre Royal		
	World Book Day		Children invited to come to school dressed
	,		as a character from a book, if they wish.
Friday 14 th	Red Nose Day		Children invited to wear red and 'do
March			something funny for money'. Donations can
			be made via ParentMail.
Monday 17 th	Year 2 visit to Newcastle		
March	Castle TBC		
17 – 28 th March	Year 4 swimming every		
	afternoon		
17-21st March	STEM Week		Activities in school
Wednesday 19th	Year 1 visit to Newcastle		
March	Mosque		
Friday 28 th	Nursery & Reception	9:00am	
March	Mothering Sunday Service		
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	Years 1 — 4 Mothering	1:30pm	
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	Sunday Service at St Nicholas' Church		
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April 2025	Marting for a sure !	4.20	
Thursday 3 rd	Meeting for parents/carers	4:30pm	
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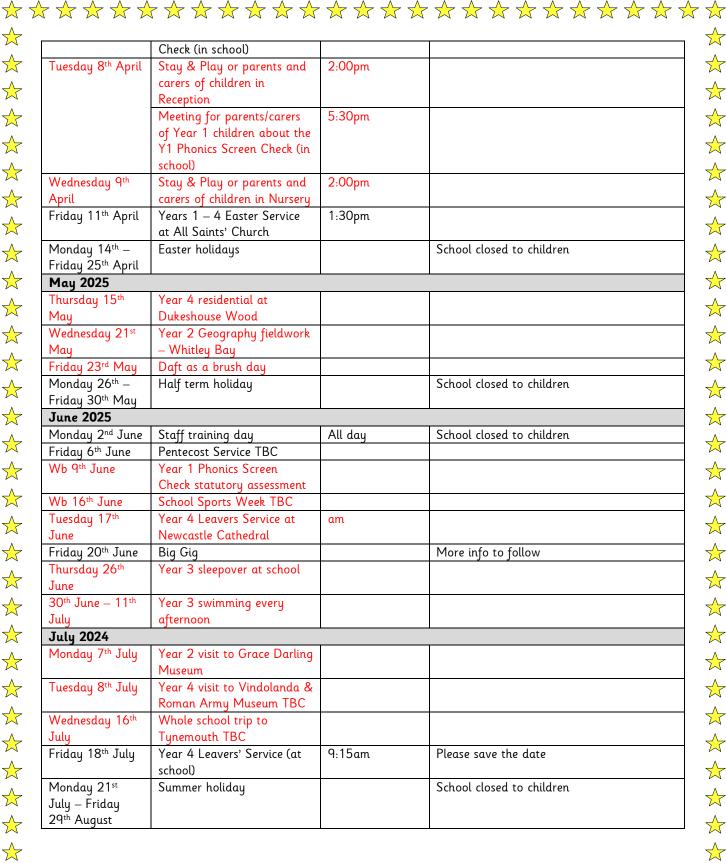
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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 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.



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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



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SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

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

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

If you are unsure or need help, please see Mrs Lowe.



UNIFORM LIBRARY & EXCHANGE

We now have a pre-loved "Uniform Library" in the main entrance for anyone who needs to borrow, exchange or replace any uniform items. This is not only to help cut costs for families but we are also aiming to have a positive environmental impact by reducing waste and pollution caused by textiles. Please come along and help yourselves. Cash donations can be

made to the PTFA at the school office. Thank you.

Donations of outgrown uniform can also be made at the school office. Please ensure items are clean and name labels are removed. Thank you!



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