



May 2025

Newsletter 15 – 2.5.25

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 (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 7.4.25	94%	Year 4 (97%)	Year 2 (96%)	Reception (94%)
Wb 28.4.25	98%	Year 3 (99%)	Year 4 (98.7%)	Reception (98.3%)

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	96% - 90% Cause for Concern
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons	
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).

MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 2 hours 15 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 7.4.25	6%	2%	4%
Wb 28.4.25	2%	0.5%	1.5%

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 Sara	Josiah Jacob	Urwah Oliver B	Isla Anneloise	Phoebe Jessie	Jacob C Jerome	Mrs Brown Mrs Ahmed
Demonstrating Determination	Isaac Grace T	Molly Aima	Mehr Eric	Henry Ayesha	Teddy Thanuja	Charvitha Danny	Mrs Francis Mrs Gyle

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 Aadriti Sacha	Mika Musa Aadriti
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)	Nuh Henry Harmony	Nuh Henry Elvis
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)	Theo Percy Charvitha	Theo Percy Harry

Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	8	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	2.95
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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
Lola Heidi	Jacob Nura	Musa Ruby	Thanuja Isaac	Razan Rex

SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION

WORSHIP COUNCIL

Worship Council are currently planning the Ascension Day Service with Canon Shipton.



PLAY LEADERS



During worship this week, we have discussed the importance of showing our school values whilst on the playground, focusing particularly on love. Our Play Leaders are fantastic role models for showing both love and determination on the playground and are looking forward to leading many cross Key Stage games over the summer term.

YOUNG LEADERS

Due to the upcoming bank holiday and Year 4 residential, Young Leaders will be taking a short break and restarting on Monday 19th May. The group have been given a research task to complete before we reconvene at the end of the half term.



GREEN TEAM

Green Team enjoyed the glorious sunshine this week whilst planting seeds in our wildflower garden. We discussed biodiversity and have asked the groundsmen to leave a strip of grass unmown to encourage wildlife on our school site.



LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Our library champions have been working with different members of staff this week to ensure that the library remains organised and easy-to-use. The girls have been sorting the books into their specific compartments within the library, organising the furniture to allow easy access and checking that all of the displays are intact. Well done girls!

SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

Reception have begun entering school through the Key Stage 1 door this week and have settled amazingly into their new routine. This will continue until the end of the school year to support their readiness for their transition to Year 1 in September.

Transition to
Year 1



RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2025

We currently have a limited number of Reception places available for September 2025. We will be holding an open day on Thursday 8th May at 11am and 4pm if you know anyone who might like to come and see our lovely school. Please share with friends and relatives!

Late applications can be made until 31st August 2025, but this must be using the late application form, you cannot do this on the Citizen's Portal. Further information is available [here](#).



CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

Online registrations for the NECCR are open until Midnight on 14th May but runners can go along the day before or even the day of the race and still take part.



Our school will be running at 9:50am.

Our allocated carpark is carpark A.

Run packs for runners who have registered to run for our school (before 6 May) should arrive with us on or around 9th May. Any runners who register after that date will be asked to collect their run packs from the Children's Cancer Run Event Information Point (big white marquee) at Gosforth Park on Saturday 17th or Sunday 18th May.

A reminder that you can easily see how our school is doing with online fundraising by accessing the school fundraising page. You will have received a link to this when you registered.

Although this will be my first year not taking part, I am looking forward to supporting those who are and thrilled with the response from parents, children and staff.

Here is some essential information for run day:

- Our designated car park is Car Park A
- Please arrive at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park by 9:15am
- **Meet by our school banner at the finish line between 9:15am-9:30am or the school meeting point from 9:30am** (see map on the event website under 'On the Day Info' or speak to one of the Event Information Stewards when you arrive).
- Please remember to pin your run number to the front of your t-shirt (completing the details on the reverse) with safety pins and our school logo to the back.
- Bring a small bottle of water to drink on the way around.
- Please remember any inhalers or other medication for you or your child.
- Please bring suncream and a sun hat if required.
- We will be taking part in a warm up a few minutes before our start time so please come along to join in.
- Once you have finished the run, please meet at our camp (next to the finish line), to enjoy your snack pack with the rest of the school team.

- We know that times are tough financially for many people, but if you feel able to, please share your online fundraising page and encourage your friends and family members to sponsor your child or the whole family, if you are all taking part.
- For any cash sponsor money you raise please either:
 - donate it online at <https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/> via the DONATE button on the home page and choosing 'Pay in sponsorship money', referencing our school in the Additional Comments box, or
 - send your cheque payable to Children's Cancer North and your sponsor forms (please use GiftAid wherever possible) directly to the address below with a note to say it is for our school total:
Children's Cancer North, Floor 6, Wolfson Childhood Cancer Research Centre, Herschel Building, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7RU.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you there on the day and we hope you have fun! Thank you for helping our school to make a difference.

BIKEABILITY

Year 4 children will be taking part in Level 1 Bikeability training (either morning or afternoon session) on Thursday 22nd May on our school yard. Mrs Coates will send further information via ParentMail. You can also find further information [here](#).

Bikes can be brought to school anytime that week and left in the courtyard until they are needed on Thursday. Children must have a well-fitting bike in good working order. We have been asked not to allow children to borrow bikes from each other. They must also have a well-fitting bike helmet to wear on the day. Please watch the [Check Your Cycle](#) video online. Bikeability staff reserve the right to withdraw children if they do not have the correct equipment.



PLAYGROUP

Mrs Francis and Mrs Armstrong welcomed some new faces to the ARFS family this week in our first pre-school playgroup session. It was a fabulous afternoon! This will run every Wednesday 1:30pm- 3:00pm during term time. Please help us spread the word.

VIOLIN LESSONS

A small number of after school violin lessons have become available with Music Partnership North. Children will be taught how to read sheet music and how to play the violin with others. Learning an instrument can improve memory and attention and learning the violin uses the brain in a different way improving cognitive function.



If your child is interested in having violin tuition, please register [here](#).



SMARTPHONES

There is growing concern about the impact of smartphones on children and young people amongst parents, carers and professionals. Please see the attached letter from the Headteachers within Gosforth Schools' Trust.

SUNSHINE

In order to keep our children safe in the sun, please could we ask parents to;

- provide a named sun hat
- ensure long-lasting sun cream has been applied **before** school
- send in a named water bottle every day



FREEZE FRIDAY

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On Friday afternoons during the summer, the PTFA will be running "Freeze Fridays" most weeks (not when we are at church). They will be selling ice pops on the yard after school. Ice pops will be available for a cash donation of 50p.

GATES

Now that the weather is (hopefully) improving, After School Club children will be using the playing field from 3:30pm. It is therefore important that the site is secure. Mrs Ahmed will be locking the gates at 3:25pm prompt. If children would like to play football after school, can we politely suggest they use the Christon Playing Field (adjacent to school) rather than the school field? Many thanks for your understanding.



GOSFORTH VOICES

Gosforth Voices is a choir for children from first schools within the Gosforth Schools Trust. It's a fantastic way to make new friends from other schools, develop confidence in singing and learn new songs. Gosforth Voices is now open to children in Years 2, 3 and 4. If your child is interested in attending, you can speak to Mrs Norman for further information or register online [here](#).

Rehearsals are on 14th May and 4th June at Grange First School. Mrs Norman can walk children who are attending to Grange at 3:15pm but children must be collected by parents/carers at 3:45pm.



GOSFORTH BAND

Gosforth Band is a mixed instrumental ensemble designed for children from Year 3 up to Year 8 within the Gosforth Schools Trust. It's open to complete beginners right through to experienced players. If your child is interested in attending, you can speak to Mrs Norman for further information or register online [here](#).

Rehearsals are on 7th May, 21st May and 11th June at Archibald First School. Mrs Norman can walk children who are attending to Archibald at 3:15pm but children must be collected by parents/carers at 3:45pm.



BIG GIG

Choir are taking part in the Big Gig again this year at Vertu Motors Arena on Friday 20th June 2025. This year, the theme is 'sounds of the 70's' where we will be singing 10 fun songs, including Crocodile Rock, Dancing Queen and We are family! Miss Bowers will run rehearsals for the Big Gig after school on Thursdays, 3:15-4:00 (08.05.25, 15.05.25, 22.05.25, 5.06.25, 12.05.25 and 19.05.25). A ParentMail will be sent out to parents of children in choir to sign up if they would like to take part and with more information.

Our violin group have also been learning the songs too and have the opportunity to play at the Big Gig as well.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Service, before the holidays. It was a lovely way to end the term! Huge thanks, as always, to our Worship Council who planned and led the service.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in worship, we have reflected on the events of Easter and the 50 days afterwards (known as Eastertide). We have also reflected on how we can show our school values in our work, rest and play.



GST DANCES

GST put on an amazing dance showcase representing the talent of all of our children across the Gosforth First schools. Once again our children shone and performed amazingly well. Well done to all of the dance team and to our parents for coming along and supporting them. The children have really enjoyed dancing and performing and we are so proud of all of their achievements.



CAKE SALE

Year 3 raised £50 in their cake sale before Easter and Year 2 raised £35 yesterday – well done! The next cake sale will be hosted by Year 1 on 22nd 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.



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

May 2025			
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Year 3 Forest School	pm	School closed to children and staff 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 6 th May	GCMS staff visiting Year 4 staff	1:30pm	
Wednesday 7 th May	Gosforth Band	3:45 – 4:45pm	Archibald First School
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 8 th May	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 9 th 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 th – Tuesday 13 th May	Year 4 residential at Seahouses with Mr H	All day	An information session will be held in school on Thursday 13 th March at 4:30pm.
Monday 12 th May	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Postponed due to staff being on Year 4 residential
Wednesday 14 th 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	Please see ParentMail
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
	Gosforth Voices	3:45 – 4:45pm	Grange First School
Thursday 15 th May	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 16 th May	PTFA "Freeze Friday"	3:15pm	
Sunday 18 th May	Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse	TBC	Please save the date! There is still time to sign up!
Monday 19 th 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.
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 2 Geography fieldwork – Whitley Bay	All day	Please see ParentMail
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
	Gosforth Band	3:45 – 4:45pm	Archibald First School
Thursday 22 nd May	English & Maths activities at GCMS (for selected Year 4 children transferring to	am	Children who have been selected will be informed via ParentMail

	GCMS)		
	Year 4 Bikeability	am or pm session	See info in newsletter 15
	Year 1 cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Year 1 children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed Thank you.
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
Friday 23 rd 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	1:45pm	
	No “Freeze Friday” today		
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
Tuesday 3 rd June	GCMS Parent Information at ARFS	5:15pm	For parents of children at ARFS and Archibald First School who have Year 4 children transferring to GCMS in September.
Wednesday 4 th June	Gosforth Voices	3:45 – 4:45pm	Grange First School
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 5 th June	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 6 th June	Pentecost Service at St Nicholas’ Church for children in Reception – Year 4	1:30pm	Parents/carers welcome to attend.
	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	
Wb 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check statutory assessment	All week	Places can be booked via ParentMail
	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 11 th June	Gosforth Band	3:45 – 4:45pm	Archibald First School
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 12 th June	GCMS staff visiting ARFS	11:00	
	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 13 th June	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	
Wb 16 th June	School Sports Week	All week	If any parents/carers have any connections to sports coaches/providers, please let Mrs Francis know.
Monday 16 th June	Nursery Forest School	pm	
Monday 16 th June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	Children should wear PE kit for school, please. All children will need to bring a water bottle to school and have sun cream applied before school. Children will not be able to take part if they are wearing jewellery. Playground gates will be opened at 1:45pm and closed before children come outside at
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 18 th June	Nursery Sports Day	9:15am	
	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Thursday 19 th June	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	

Friday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	2:00pm.
Thursday 19 th June	Big Gig rehearsal for choir members taking part	3:15 – 4:00pm	Please see info on ParentMail
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	am	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 18 th June	Mini Athletics	3:15 -4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
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.
	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 20 th June	Big Gig (Choir)	All day	More info to follow
	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum	All day	More info to follow
	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 25 th June	Year 1- 4 Music Concert at All Saints’ Church.	pm	More info to follow
	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 26 th June	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 27 th June	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 sleepover at school	All day	More info to follow
Monday 30 th June	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.
July 2024			
Wednesday 2 nd and Thursday 3 rd July	Transition Days	All day	More info to follow
Wednesday 2 nd July	Mini Athletics	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 3 rd July	Rugby Minis	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Friday 4 th July	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 9 th July	Mini Athletics (final session)	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
Thursday 10 th July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
	Rugby Minis (final session)	3:15 – 4:15pm	For Reception to Year 2
	Nursery class cake sale	3:15pm	Please could the parents/carers of Nursery children send donations of cakes with ingredients displayed Thank you.
Friday 11 th July	Music concert	TBC	To be held at All Saints’ Church more information to follow
	No “Freeze Friday” today		
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
	PTFA “Freeze Friday”	3:15pm	

Monday 21 st July – Friday 29 th August	Summer holiday	-	School closed to children
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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

Newcastle City Council

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!

