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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.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7% (so their overall attendance was 95.3%).
- The overall absence rate of children not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).
- 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 (90% of young offenders have been persistently absent as young children) and serious violence (83% of knife possession offenders had been persistently absent for at least one year).

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 22.4.24	97%	Year 3 (99%)	Year 4 (98.6%)	Year 1 (98.3%)
Wb 29.4.24	96%	Year 2 (99%)	Nursery (96.4%)	Year 4 (96.3%)

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



Please let Mrs Coates know, via ParentMail, if your child will be absent by 9:00am at the latest. Thank you.

If your child is not in school when the register closes at 9.15am (even if this is for a medical or dental appointment), they are marked as absent for the whole morning session. Therefore, we would encourage parents to make medical appointments

outside school time, wherever possible please. Thank you.
 If you are experiencing any difficulties and need support with your child's attendance, please contact school as soon as possible. Mrs Gurkin can visit you at home or meet you in school to offer support and advice.

We will now be taking appropriate legal action for children who are deemed persistent absentees (under 90% attendance). Please see the attendance policy on our school website for further information.



MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 170 (2 hours and 50 minutes) 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.

PUPIL ABSENCES

	Whole School absence <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 22.4.24	3%	0.5%	2.5%
Wb 29.4.24	4%	1%	3%

As you know, there is no entitlement in law to time off in term time. Children who are absent from school fall behind in their learning, they miss school events and many find it difficult to catch up. In addition, school staff have to divert their attention away from other children in order to support those that have fallen behind due to a holiday related absence.

For this reason, any request for leave of absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised. In the case of all unauthorised leave of absences, incurring 8 or more unauthorised sessions (4 days), an application for a Fixed Penalty Notice will be made to the Local Authority.

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 member(s)
Demonstrating Love	Ehi Isla	Masa Oliver B	Amaya Musa	Joshua Rio	Omar Shun Yau	Aleeza Yusuf	Miss Halliday
Demonstrating Determination	Lola Izzy	James Leo	Aadriti Maliha	Max Cr Ebuka	Charvitha Elias	Evie Huwariya	Miss Cooper

HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have a real drive to improve handwriting, presentation of work and spelling. Each week, class teachers will choose someone who has worked hard to improve their presentation or who consistently demonstrates exemplary standards of presentation. Well done and thank you to the following children:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Evie Carter	Franco Anneloise	Max Co Esim	Elif Abbie	Esther Alfie

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 either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the last fortnight. Well done everyone!

	Children Need to Learn		Highest accuracy this fortnight	Highest engagement this fortnight	Average Daily Minutes this fortnight
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and corresponding division facts)		Ebuka Max Mabel	Ebuka Mabel Joshua	3
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x 4, x 8 (and corresponding division facts)		Jacob D Theo Rehan	Jacob D Rehan Charvitha	3
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12 (and corresponding division facts)		Zain Alfie Yusuf	Zain Isaac Lauren	4
		Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools	14	Mean studio speed (seconds per question)	3.9

SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

As you know, we have mapped out educational visits across each year group to support specific learning in school. Unfortunately, this academic year has seen a rise in living costs for families and, as a result, a decline in financial contributions towards school visits. You may be aware that several visits have had to be cancelled this year as a result.



As a school, we are also facing rising costs and are unable to subsidise educational visits any more than we already are. Therefore, if insufficient voluntary donations are made, future visits will be cancelled.

Staff spend a considerable amount of time researching, booking and planning visits for the children in order to enhance educational experiences and we endeavour to give plenty of notice. If you have any suggestions about how we can overcome financial barriers, I would love to hear from you.

PARKING

The allotment members have asked me to remind parents and carers that the access lane to Beaumont Allotments is a private road and access is required so there is no parking allowed.



CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

Online registrations for the NECCR are open until Midnight on 15 May but runners can go along on the day before or even the day of the race and still take part.

Our school will be running at 10:55am.

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 10 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 18th or Sunday 19th 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.

DESIGN A SPORTS KIT

With Euro 2024 starting in June, Vision for Education have launched a 'Design a Sports Kit' competition. All the information is in the poster and a template for children to use in order to design their most creative sports kit has been sent home today. Entries should be returned to Mrs Coates in the school office, please. The closing date for the competition is 24th May, and winners will be announced early next half term. Good luck everyone!



The winning entry will receive £100 towards PE equipment for our school, plus a number of individual prizes for the winning pupils and certificates for all who enter.

COMMUNICATION WITH CLASS TEACHERS



As you know, children are met by support staff each morning. This means class teachers can be in the classroom to settle children and begin learning promptly. Please could I request that parents/carers do not knock on classroom fire exit doors to speak to teaching staff before school. If you would like to have a conversation with class teachers, they are available at the end of the school day after they have dismissed all children or you can, of course, contact them by phone or email during the school day.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to everyone who completed the ParentMail form about future workshops for parents. The main themes were:

- To hold workshops during the school day (before the end of the school day was the most popular time) due to childcare. I totally understand this request, however, we are really limited for space during the school day.
- To offer hybrid meetings so parents/carers can attend virtually. This would be fine as long as all attendees give permission.
- First Aid and supporting good mental health were the most common suggestions. We will look into providing these before the end of the school year



GST PHOTO COMPETITION

Huge thanks to everyone who submitted entries for the GST photo competition. Winners were as follows:

	School Winner	Overall GST Winner
Nursery & Reception	No entries	Harper (RFFS)
Years 1 & 2	Lyla (Year 1)	James (Archibald)
Year 3 & 4	Amara (Year 4)	Layla (Grange)

Prizes will be given out at celebration assembly next week.

RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

Reception children have been entering through the Year 1 door and have settled really well in to this new routine. This will continue going forward ahead of the move to Year 1 next year!



PTFA

We would be really interested to hear about any suggestions of future events. Please email archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com Thank you.

You can also join the PTFA Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArchbishopRunciePTFA/>

READING BUDDIES

We are looking to recruit reading buddies to help in all classes. If you (or a friend or family member) could spare an hour a week, please email class teachers who will be delighted to hear from you! You will require DBS clearance through our school – please speak to Mrs Coates or Mrs Lowe who will arrange this. Thank you in advance!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on parables and why they were told. We have been thinking about which parable reflects our school values of love and determination the best – there was a clear winner amongst the children: The Good Shepherd. Our children felt that the shepherd demonstrated that he had love for all of his sheep and never gave up on searching for his lost sheep. This reminded us that Jesus loves us all and will never give up on us.

CHURCH LINKS

Congratulations to Revd Paul Baker who was commissioned as Area Dean for Newcastle Central Deanery.



HAIRSTYLES

Whilst there are no specific rules about hair lengths or styles, long hair (below chin length) needs to be tied back, please. As per our uniform policy, children should not have vivid artificially coloured hair at school. Thank you for your support.



WATER BOTTLES

Please could all children bring a named water bottle to school each day. It is really important that children stay hydrated and, as the weather (hopefully!) improves, it will be essential. A reminder that water bottles should contain water only, please. Thank you.





DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

Tuesday 7 th May	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Year 1 and Year 2 Active Lifestyle workshop	pm	Children need to wear PE kit for school please (no earrings and hair tied back).
	Reception visitor from Newcastle Mosque		
Thursday 9 th May	Year 4 leading Ascension worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
	Running Club	3:15pm	For children taking part in NECCR – please sign up via ParentMail
Monday 13 th May	Year 1 leading Christian Aid Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
	Year 1 and Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
	Healthy Active Lifestyle opportunity for Nursery & Reception children	am	Children will wear PE kits already in school
Tuesday 14 th May	No Outsiders demo lessons, open lesson and staff training	TBC	
Wednesday 15 th May	Year 5 staff from GCMS to teach Year 4 (in school)	pm	
Thursday 16 th May	Year 4 Residential at Dukeshouse Wood	Depart 1:30pm	Further information will be sent home next Tuesday.
Friday 17 th May	Pentecost Service at St Nicholas' Church (led by Year 3)	1:30pm	Parents and carers invited to attend.
Sunday 19 th May	NE Children's Cancer Run	10:55am	Please save the date! https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/kate-massey-357dc
Monday 20 th May	Children who took part in NECCR can wear their t-shirt and medal for school		
	Nursery & Reception Forest School	pm	Children need to wear usual uniform top with joggers and bring named wellies to change into please.
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 2 Trip to Whitley Bay	am	See ParentMail
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 1 Mosque visit	am	See ParentMail
Friday 24 th May	Year 4 leading Trinity worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
	GST Daft Day	All day	Children are invited to wear something

			"daft" for school e.g. odd socks, clothing back to front. Donations can be made to Daft as a Brush via ParentMail
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half Term	-	School closed to children
June 2024			
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Staff training day	-	School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 3 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
Tuesday 4 th - Friday 7 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Mornings	Statutory Assessment for Year 4 children
Thursday 6 th June	80 th Anniversary of D-Day - commemoration and lunch	Noon	Children who usually have packed lunch are welcome to have a themed D-Day lunch (bookable via ParentMail)
Friday 7 th June	Wear wellies for Winston's Wish	All day	https://www.winstonswish.org/ More info to follow
Wb Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check	-	Statutory Assessment for Year 1 children
Monday 17 th June- Friday 28 th June	Year 3 swimming	1:30pm-2:15pm daily except Thursday 27 th June	See info on ParentMail wb 22.4.24
Monday 17 th June- Friday 21 st June	School Sports Week	-	Children need to wear active wear for school all week. Please send children in school PE kits on their Sports Day.
Monday 17 th June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
Tuesday 18 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 2 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
Wednesday 19 th June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
	GCMS staff to teach Year 4 (in school)	am	
Thursday 20 th June	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
Thursday 20 th June	Year 4 Diocesan Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral	10am – 12noon	
	Year 1 walking tour of Gosforth	am	
Friday 21 st June	Year 3 Sports Day	9:30am	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend.
	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	Please wear school PE kit. Parents and carers welcome to attend. Please enter via the school field gate at 1:50pm.
	Family Quiz Night	5:30-7:00pm	More info to follow
Monday 24 th June	SEND Reviews for relevant children	From 3:30pm	Please book via ParentMail
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 1 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
Thursday 27 th	Year 3 sleepover at school	All day	See info on ParentMail

June	(no swimming today)		
Friday 28 th June	Final Year 3 swimming session	1:30-2:15pm	
July 2024			
Monday 1 st July	Reception visit to the Discovery Musuem	All day	See ParentMail
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum & beach	All day	See ParentMail
	Year 4 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th July	GST Transition Days (includes GCMS, GEMS and GJA)	TBC	Children will “move up” to their new class to spend time with their new class teacher (current Year 4 children will go to GCMS or their new school)
Monday 8 th July	Drop in opportunity for parents/carers to discuss any queries about end of year reports with class teachers	3:30-5:00pm	No appointments – just turn up
Tuesday 9 th July	Gosforth Library visiting to launch the summer reading challenge	am	
	Year 3 visit to Gosforth Library	1:30pm	
Thursday 11 th July	Music Concert at All Saints' Church	1:45pm	More info to follow
	Year 4 Leavers' Party at All Saints'	3:30pm TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 16 th July	Whole school visit to Tynemouth beach	All day	More info to follow
Thursday 18 th July	ARFS has talent celebration	am	If your child has won a badge, award or trophy in one of their out of school activities since Easter, they can bring it into school so we can celebrate their achievements.
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		School closed to children
September 2024			
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	School re-opens to children		

Be courageous; be strong.






Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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 – '50xxxxxxxx'
-  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-healthiertgether.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>



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!

