



## July 2022

### Newsletter 19 – 1.7.22

#### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
<b>Wb 20.6.22</b>	92%	93%	99%	93%	97%	95%	95%
<b>Wb 27.6.22</b>	84%	92%	95%	97%	98%	96%	96%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

#### 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).

In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. 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
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Oliver Rosie	Harmony Rory	Thomas Franki	Noah Jabalah	Blake Maddison	Musa Luna
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Yashika Felix	Phoebe Eva	Evelyn Rosa	Kiran Zidan	Kiran Hugo	Ayaan S Vesper



#### PE WEEK

Thank you to Miss Nattress for organising PE week last week. The sun shone and we all enjoyed a week of physical activity and sports fun. Thanks also to staff from NSB for supplementing in-house activities!

It was great to see so many families attending our Sports Days and we really enjoyed being able to welcome you all back to school! Thank you for the wonderful feedback about these!

#### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Children in Reception to Year 6 across Newcastle are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 "Gadgeteers". More information has been handed out to children already. You can also find more information here:

<http://tiny.cc/summerreadingchallenge>.





### YEAR 3 RESIDENTIAL

Last night, Year 3 children (and several staff!) had a sleepover on the school field. The Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed making clay models, archery, inflatable assault course, campfire, silent disco, pizzas for tea last night and, this morning, they had a water fight followed by hot chocolate. They should all sleep well tonight!

Huge thanks to all the staff who stayed over to make this possible for our children. We are delighted that we can offer them this opportunity!

### BIKEABILITY

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, children in Year 4 will be taking part in Bikeability Level 1 training for Year 4 children. Half of the class will be taken outside in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. The children must be able to ride a bike without stabilisers i.e. start/stop and ride for a minute or more to take part.



All of the instructors are registered with Bikeability, qualified and fully DBS checked. They also hold safeguarding and risk assessment training.

A couple of points to note:

- If any pupils have been involved in or have suffered physical and or emotional issues as a result of a Road Traffic Collision that we should be aware of, please let us know before Monday.
- Children will need to bring their bike and helmet to school. The bike must be in working order including brakes. It will be the Instructors' discretion as to whether the pupil will be able to undertake the training / bike can be used.
- Training will take place in a variety of weathers. Only in exceptional circumstances will it be cancelled. Children should therefore be appropriately dressed with, for example, warm, waterproof coats if it is cold, sun cream if it is sunny and appropriate shoes.
- The Road Safety Team require all participants of the training to wear a helmet.
- Certificates and badges will be provided by the Instructors on completion of the training.

### SWIMMING

Following our Year 4 swimming sessions this week, I would like to share the expectations of Gosforth Pool with Year 3 families in advance of their swimming lessons:



- Children with long hair (both boys and girls) should have hair tied back and therefore will need to wear/bring a hair bobble (or put hair inside a swimming cap)
- All jewellery and watches should be removed (ideally not worn for school please)
- All items of clothing should be clearly named (there have been several mix-ups of grey shorts in the changing rooms!)
- Children can bring a snack for after swimming
- Everyone should have a named water bottle in school to bring to the pool

Teaching staff will be in touch with parents confirming parent helpers. If you are available to help, please contact Class Teachers directly, via email. We will be leaving school at 12:15pm prompt (not 12:30 as previously stated). If you have not yet completed the ParentMail form, please do so as soon as possible.

Children who are swimming will have an early lunch at around 11:40am.

The pool have informed us that members of the public (including parents) are not able to enter the viewing area during swimming lessons. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## EYFS STAY & PLAY



We would like to invite parents and carers of Nursery children to join us from 2pm on Monday for a pirate themed "Stay & Play" session. Come and join your child and see how we learn through play.

Reception "Stay & Play" is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm. Reception parents and carers are invited to come and play and talk about children's books with their child.

It was lovely to welcome some Reception parents into school this week to demonstrate their childhood toys to children in Reception. The children loved playing with the toys and talking to our visitors! Thank you to all who volunteered!



## SCHOOL VISITS

Years 1 – 4 have all now been on their class visits linked to their current learning. It has been so lovely to take the children out and about again! Year 1 enjoyed a local walk to investigate how Gosforth has changed over time, Year 2 have looked at the development of Tynemouth, Year 3 visited the River Tyne at two points near Hexham

and Year 4 visited Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported these visits to make them possible and to the teaching staff for arranging these!



## STAFFING & TRANSITION



As you know, children will take part in transition days on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. Year 4 children should come to ARFS as usual and staff will escort them to GCMS on both days. They will return to ARFS ready for collection at 3:15pm via the Y4 entrance (where they enter school in the mornings). These days will only be for children transferring to GCMS in September.

Children transferring to other schools will remain in school.

Other children across school will also move to their new classes and work with their new Class Teacher on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July too. **They will enter school via their usual entrance and should be collected from their NEW classroom door at 3:15pm.**

	Class Teachers 2022-23
Nursery	Mrs Francis
Reception	Miss Waters
Year 1	Miss Bowers
Year 2	Miss Witherspoon
Year 3	Miss Gray
Year 4	Miss Nattress

## WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

From September 2022, we will be asking parents to book and pay for places at Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club half-termly in advance. Hopefully this will make it easier for parents to plan ahead as they then only have to book once every six weeks, and know it is done for that half-term. It will also make it easier for us to plan staffing and resources. Bookings for September will open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Ad-hoc bookings can be accepted in exceptional circumstances only if we have spaces.

Children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are also entitled to free Breakfast Club places. Please email [wraparound@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk) to book places.

## PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire. 97 parents responded – thank you! Results were as follows:

Question	Strongly Agree / Agree
1. My child is happy at this school.	100%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	100%
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	98%
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively (or my child has not been bullied).	92%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly (or I have not raised concerns).	96%
7. (Parents of SEND children only) The school gives them the support they need to succeed.	95%
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	91%
9. My child does well at this school.	96%
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	93%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	96%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	88%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	98%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.	97%

### Summary of common strengths:

- The school's nurturing environment, particularly linked to its small size and the strength of staff. One particular highlight might be 'it's like a big hug' and many parents used the term 'family' to describe the school.
- The curriculum and high expectations were the next most common theme. As one parent put it: "The children are encouraged to strive for their best but not pressured (eg SATS)".
- The school's values came up a lot, including its Christian ethos.
- Staff members on the gate were praised repeatedly, as was the accessibility of the Headteacher.
- Being open with parents and inviting them in as much as possible was also noted as a strength by some parents, particularly doing this as quickly as possible after covid restrictions eased.
- Organisation of events, including adequate notice being given, was noted as a strength by multiple parents.
- Behaviour and attitudes came up a few times and general politeness by staff and children.



### Summary of common areas of development:

There were very few "negative" comments:



- More extracurricular activities – there were compliments for the recent addition of clubs but requests for more where possible (please see paragraph below!)
- More communication of successes, either through newsletter, Twitter etc.
- Mid-year staff changes were mentioned by a couple of parents (which we acknowledge was not ideal).
- There were two comments about homework (one that there was too much, one that it was not hard enough).



### Next steps:

- We will ensure children are more comfortable identifying the difference between when they don't like something a classmate does and 'bullying', as well as how to report this in school as/when it happens so it can be addressed promptly.
- We are proud of the high expectations we set for children and delighted that many parents recognised this. We will look at ways to better communicate these expectations to parents and carers better throughout the year and keeping you even more informed.
- Letting parents know how children are doing - we currently offer two parent-teacher consultations (autumn and spring) as well as an end of year report and drop in parents evening for those that want it. Next year, we intend to increase to two parent teacher consultations during autumn term in order for parents to understand how well their children are doing.
- Clubs and activities have been re-introduced this term and will continue to be rolled out during the first half of each term, next academic year.



### LUNCHTIME CLUBS

As mentioned in my last newsletter, lunchtime clubs for children in Years 1 - 4 in September can be booked via ParentMail from today from 3:00pm. Clubs will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes from 14.9.22 until 19.10.22, 12:30-1:00pm.



Please complete the ParentMail form, stating your first and second choices where requested.

Options for Autumn Term 1 will be:

Club	Leader	For:
Choir	Miss Bowers	Years 2 - 4
Mindfulness	Miss Witherspoon	Years 1 - 4
Art & Crafts	Miss Gray	Years 1 - 4
French	Miss Nattress	Years 3 & 4
History Club	Mr Booth	Years 1 - 4
Buddy Club	Mrs Francis & Miss Waters	Years 1 - 4

Clubs will be available to children in Nursery and Reception in spring term 2023, once they are settled in.

### ONLINE SAFETY

You will be aware the internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As a school, we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our children's development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carers, you can play a significant part in ensuring this.



Just a few simple steps taken by you can help keep them safe and give young people the awareness to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about anything they encounter while on the internet.

If you do not wish for your child to be able to access any inappropriate content online, please ensure that their computers, laptops and other devices with internet access are all fitted with parental controls.

If you would like to find out more and learn how to keep your child safe online please save the date for a parents and carers awareness raising session which is due to be held in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm.



### CHURCH LINKS

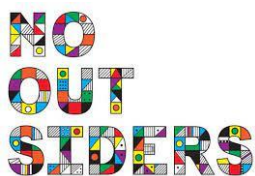
Gosforth, All Saints' are holding a Teddy Bears Picnic & Adventure on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm. Families are invited to bring a picnic and join in the fun!

### DROP INS

Following the end of year reports (to be sent home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July), teaching staff will be available after school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30-5:30, if any parents/carers would like to discuss any content. **Please only come if you have a question or concern** (rather than just for a chat!). Alternatively, staff can be contacted via e-mail.



These sessions will be drop-ins rather than allocated appointments so you may need to wait a short while to speak to staff. Please enter via the main entrance and sign in via our Inventory screen. Thank you.



### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have been busy exploring what inclusion means in our school. We have explored how we can make people feel welcome and included and how important it is for us all to be able to be ourselves. We have looked at what the Bible tells us about looking after others through stories such as The Good Samaritan.

### BEST SUMMER EVER!

Gosforth Pool are hosting "Newcastle's Best Summer Ever" on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of August 9:00-11:30am and 10:00am-12:30pm (2 sessions per day). Packed Lunches will be provided. This is a Funded activity therefore it is free but please book in advance by emailing [Geordie.cornish@gll.org](mailto:Geordie.cornish@gll.org)



### FINAL WEEK OF TERM

In the final week of term, we are planning a whole school end of term picnic. We would be grateful if each child could bring something for the picnic (please sign up on the list outside the classroom from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July (or via email to class teachers). All items must be individually wrapped with labels intact please. Thank you!

Additionally, I am under increasing pressure from Year 4 and Year 2 to allow them to have a water fight, after watching the Year 3's today. On their water fight day, children should bring appropriate clothing and shoes to get wet (e.g. leggings or swim shorts), a towel and a water gun if they have one. They will change into wet gear before their water fight (and get dry and changed back into usual school clothes afterwards). Thank you! If children do not want to take part, they don't have to.

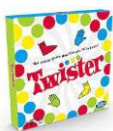
These will go ahead regardless of the weather!

### BAGS FOR LIFE

Staff are now preparing children's books to be sent home at the end of term. Each child will need a named, strong bag (like a Bag for Life) to bring their books home during the last week please. **Please send these to school as soon as possible, Thank you.**

Some children's books will be kept in school as examples of high quality work to show any visitors and new staff. These will be sent home next year (if you would like to come to look at them, just let staff know!). Thank you for your understanding.





### TOY DAY

On the final day of term, children are invited to bring to school a clearly named toy or game that they can share with friends. Please make sure it doesn't have too many small parts that could get lost, isn't expensive and isn't *too* noisy! Thank you!

### PTFA SUMMER SOCIAL

Please see the attached poster about the end of term "Summer Social" after school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 3:15-5:15pm. This will be a lovely opportunity to say farewell to our Year 4 children as well as celebrate the end of the school year with friends. Please feel free to bring a picnic rug and drinks and make yourselves at home! Please see their poster for further information.



### CHOIRISTER EXPERIENCE – THIS SUNDAY

To find out more about becoming a Newcastle Cathedral Chorister, the Cathedral is offering the Newcastle Cathedral Chorister Experience on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This is a special opportunity for children in Years 2 - 6 and their parents to go to the Cathedral and get some small sense of what it's like to be part of this elite team of young musicians.



Participants in the Newcastle Cathedral Chorister Experience will meet, warm up, and rehearse with the choristers, and will join the Cathedral Choir in singing a special service at 4pm, to which parents and families of the participants are all warmly invited.

Click here to book your place: <https://newcastlechoristerexperience.eventbrite.co.uk>

### SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mr Booth, Miss Willett and Mrs Francis 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 – 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>

With my very best wishes,

*Kate Massey*

Headteacher



**Be courageous; be strong.**  
**Do everything in love.**  
 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

# DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

July 2022			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Chorister experience for children in Years 2 - 6	4pm	See above.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part
	Nursery parent/carers invited to Stay & Play	2:00pm	One parent or carer per child invited to come into Nursery to play!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Confirmed Transition Days for GST schools (all children in school)	In school time	Please collect children from new classroom doors (Year 4 from cloakroom door)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
	Reception parent/carers invited to Stay & Play	2:00pm	One parent or carer per child invited to come into Reception to play!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Forest School	am	Forest school goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves, sensible footwear, sun cream, sunhats or waterproofs! We will also ask for a £1 donation via ParentMail
	Nursery Forest School	pm	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Forest School	am	Selected children only
	Year 1 Forest School	pm	
	GST Cricket at Regent Farm First School	9:30-11:30	
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	Please let Miss Gray know if you can help walk children to/from Gosforth Pool
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
	Gosforth Central Middle School Meeting for Year 4 parents	5:30-7:30pm	Please see info from GCMS
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Forest School	am	Forest school goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves, sensible footwear, sun cream, sunhats or waterproofs! We will also ask for a
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	



Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Bamburgh	All day	£1 donation via ParentMail Please see ParentMail for further info
	End of year reports		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	"Drop in" parent/teacher meetings in school for any parents/carers who would like to discuss end of year reports.	3:30-5:30pm	This meeting is only for parents who wish to discuss the end of year report with staff. Please do not come unless you have a specific question/query. Thank you.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 water fight	pm	Please bring a towel, clothes to get wet and a water gun if you have one!
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Class picnics		Please sign up to food lists outside classrooms from Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July. Year 3 will join in when they return from swimming.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 water fight	pm	Please bring a towel, clothes to get wet and a water gun if you have one!
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers' Service	9:00am	Y4 parents and carers invited to attend. Year 4 children are invited to wear/bring a marker pen and t-shirt to be signed if they wish.
	Toy Day	All day	Children invited to bring a toy from home.
	PTFA Summer Social	4:00pm	Please bring a picnic rug and join us for an end of term social event on the school field!
	School closes for summer holidays		
<b>September 2022</b>			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Worship for parents and carers of Reception	5:30pm	More info to follow
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Worship for parents and carers of Reception	5:30pm	More info to follow
19-23 September	Walk to school week		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Online safety session for parents	5:30pm	Or you can access information online <a href="https://express.adobe.com/page/1MwEX3zu3wrRD/">https://express.adobe.com/page/1MwEX3zu3wrRD/</a>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Reception Stay & Play	2:00pm	More info to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA AGM	5:30pm	More info to follow from PTFA
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery Stay & Play	2:00pm	More info to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 1 & 2 Harvest Festival	9:00am	More info to follow
	Years 3 & 4 Harvest Festival	2:45pm	More info to follow
<b>October 2022</b>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening (pastoral)		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening (Pastoral)		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Open afternoon for prospective parents	1:30pm	Places will be restricted. Please book a visit at <a href="mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open afternoon for prospective parents	1:30pm	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Open morning for prospective parents	9:30am	
24-31 October	Half term		School closed to children
<b>November 2022</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School reopens to children		

December 2022			
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term		
23.12.22- 6.1.23	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2023			
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
February 2023			
20-24 February	Half term		School closed to children
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to children		
March 2023			
April 2023			
3.4.23-14.4.23	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to children		
May 2023			
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Bank holiday		
26.5.23-2.6.23	Half Term		
June 2023			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens to children		
July 2023			
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School closes for summer	3:15pm	

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**Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



**All Saints Church**

The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith

# All Teddies invited to Picnic & Adventure on the Green

with a parachute abseil  
competition from the Tower



MAKE YOUR OWN TEDDY  
PARACHUTE  
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

**SAT 09 JULY 3:30-4:30**

## Altogether for Armed Forces Day

**Saturday 25 June 2022, 11am to 3pm  
Nuns Moor, Newcastle upon Tyne**

Celebrate Armed Forces Day and say thank you to the Armed Forces Family for their dedication and service by joining military personnel, veterans and cadets for a fun filled day of activities



**Your chance to say  
thank you to our  
Armed Forces**

## Altogether for Armed Forces Day

Attractions and activities include:

- Military displays
- Inter-services football tournament
- World War 2 Military Kitchen
- Dig for Victory
- Weapons display
- Fairground rides
- Entertainment including music from the Royal Fusiliers Band.



[newcastle.gov.uk/armed-forces-day](http://newcastle.gov.uk/armed-forces-day)  
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@ArmedForcesEventsNewcastle  
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City Council



### Cochrane park

Multi-sports ages 4-12

Dates:

Week 1 : Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July – Thu 28<sup>th</sup> July

Week 2 : Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August - Thu 4<sup>th</sup> August

Week 3 : Mon 8<sup>th</sup> August - Thu 11<sup>th</sup> August

Week 4 : Mon 15<sup>th</sup> August – Thu 18<sup>th</sup> August

Week 5 : Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Thu 25<sup>th</sup> August

Week 6 : Tue 30<sup>th</sup> August – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September



### Gosforth academy

Multi-sports (indoors) ages 4-12& Football (outdoors) ages 4-14

Dates :

Week 1 : Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July

Week 2 : Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> August

Week 3 : Mon 8<sup>th</sup> August – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> August

Week 4 : Mon 15<sup>th</sup> August – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> August

Week 5 : Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> August

Week 6 : Tue 30<sup>th</sup> August – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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