



# **Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022**

*Jubilee Artwork by William Barnes, Violet Class*



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What an amazing start to the term! It was lovely to see such smiley faces, raring to go on Tuesday morning and wonderful to meet so many of our new Reception parents at the coffee morning.

The children have settled well into their new routines and we are very proud of them all.

In case you missed the news during the holiday, Newcastle City Council have approved the expansion and refurbishment of GPFS. We will be increasing our intake to 60 next September and work will be done across the GPFS and BEFS site to make it one school. We don't yet have a start date for any of the works but will share any news when we can.

I know it's a bumper addition of the newsletter today but please read through carefully as there's lots of important information

Thanks  
Mrs Lamb



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter.

Our school account is @GosforthPark1st



## Rainbow Day

On Tuesday next week we will be holding our Rainbow Day – a special treat for the children which had to be postponed in the last week of summer term due to the heatwave. This is a special treat from PTFA to our children for being amazing! There will be an inflatable obstacle course, a space hopper grand prix and archery, led by Mr H Outdoors. Each class from Reception to Year 4 will have a session over the course of the day. As we don't want last year's Year 4s to miss out on their treat, the now Year 5s will be invited to join us from 3:40 – 4:10 to have their turn.

**If your Year 5 child will be attending, please phone or email the office to give permission and ask your child to wait with me at the school gate.** Once the playground has cleared we will take them for their turn.



Please remember to put your mobile phone in your pocket/bag once on site unless it is an emergency.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



We are very excited to be starting a new phonics scheme with Reception and Year 1. We had a full day of staff training on Monday and would really like to involve our families and keep you up to date with the changes.

We would like to invite you into school so we can explain the new scheme and share how we can work together to support all our children on their reading journey. We will be holding parent phonics briefings with Reception and Year 1 next week on:

**Reception: 9-10am Thursday 15th September**

**Year 1: 9-10am Friday 16th September**

We look forward to seeing you then,  
Miss Gasper & Mrs Lambert



**Oxford Reading Buddy**

Now our new pupils have started, we will begin the process of rolling the children over into their new classes on our digital platforms (above). There will be some disruption in service until this is done and we get new passwords out to you. We will get these to you as soon as we can.



## Rainbow Wraparound

Following feedback regarding the booking system, we are now going to make it possible to book sessions in advance for the entire school year.

Bookings will still close on (or the closest school day to) the 20th of every month for the following month's sessions and payments must be made in advance.

Ad-hoc bookings after this date will still be considered on an individual basis.

If you do wish to book the same sessions for the entire school year, please email me at [wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk) and I will book them all for you and let you know the cost for each month so that you can allocate your vouchers or make payment via PayPal monthly.

Hopefully this will make things a little easier if you always require the same days/sessions. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks

Mrs Carrick

Please contact us via

[wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk)

or for any ad hoc bookings

**Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.**





School Dinner Money (KS2) for the term when remains at £2.20 per day, £11.00 for the week or if you wish to pay by the term it is seven weeks and £74.80.

If your child had packed lunches last year and is new to having school lunches, please let the office know.

We ask for a week's notice if anyone wants to change from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa so that the kitchen staff can order appropriately.

Please see our new school menus attached.

### **Free School Meals**

Every child in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal but did you know...

Your child and their school may be able to get extra help, if you get one of the qualifying benefits.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### **Free School Meals cont...**

- Universal Credit - if you apply after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals during their Reception Year, so Newcastle City Council can assess whether your child and their school can receive this extra help. This can help to pay towards the cost of trips and clubs for your child. **If you are successful in your application we will provide you with a free school jumper or cardigan.**

If you are eligible for free school meals, vouchers are issued during holiday times for the supermarket of your choice!

Newcastle City Council operates an Apply Once process for Free School Meals. During your child's academic life you will only ever have to apply once for Free School Meals while they attend a Newcastle school.

If your application is refused, they will continue to check your details on a weekly basis, unless you tell them to stop. This means we will know if you start to get a qualifying benefit. They will approve your child's free school meals application and contact you.

If you apply through the online portal, you will receive an immediate response to your application. School will be informed of your child's Free School Meal application on a weekly basis.

**Please apply online here**

[https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal\\_LI/VE/en](https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LI/VE/en)

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



We have lots of reminders for this week's newsletter as we settle back into routines after the summer break. Thankfully there are far fewer COVID reminders than the last two years!

## Playtime Snacks

It's been lovely to see the children catching up with all of their friends on the yard this week. A quick reminder about playtime snacks: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free fruit or vegetable snack daily at morning break or you may wish to provide your child with their own preferred fruit or vegetable choice. Key Stage 2 children are also permitted to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack. Please remember that any form of packaged biscuit bar or snack such as cheese biscuit dippers etc. do not constitute as a fruit or veg snack and so should not be brought in to school for morning break. There is a wealth of fruit and vegetable choice out there that you can choose from, and children are able to bring in small pots of pre-prepared fruit or veg too.

Mrs Wells

## Nut Free School



Please remember we are a nut free school. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Do not send your child with any nut products in their snack or packed lunches such as cereal bars containing nuts or nut based chocolate spreads such as Nutella.

## Bikes and Scooters

It's been lovely to see so many bikes and scooters in the racks this week.

Please remember to dismount any bikes or scooters at the main gate and walk them on to the school site to avoid any bumps with pedestrians. Please make sure bikes and scooters are parked up by 9am when the school gates will be locked.

## Before and After School

If children are enjoying playing in the school grounds before and after school, please make sure they are supervised, particularly on the trim trail. School gates are locked at 9am until the end of the school day and are then locked again at 3:40pm.

Please make sure you leave the playground by 3:40 so we can lock the gates ready for Wraparound and other school clubs taking place on site.

## Parking

Parking at the front of school and in the surrounding streets has greatly improved recently. Please remember

- not to idle and to switch engines off
- to be considerate of our neighbours
- leave the disabled bay free for disabled users and remember not all disabilities are visible
- to drive slowly

## COVID

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

If your child has tested positive for COVID they need to stay at home on the day they tested positive and the next three days, returning to school on day 5 if they feel well enough and no longer have a temperature.

**If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.** The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. *For example, if they test positive on Monday, they should stay at home Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returning on Friday if they feel well enough and do not have a high temperature.*

## Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who donated items to be sold and also those who purchased items over the summer a total of £195 has been handed over to Mrs Hall this week to be spent on playground equipment etc.

Pre-loved items we can sell		Pre-loved items we cannot sell
Official school jumpers	£2.50	Non – official jumpers
Official school carigans	£2.50	Non – official carigans
Official school polos	£1.50	Non – official polos
Girls checked dresses	£1.50	Grey boys trousers
Grey pinafores	£1.50	Grey taylored girls trousers
Grey skirts	£0.50	Grey boys shorts
Grey girls soft trousers	£0.50	Damaged or marked items
School bag (new style)	£2.50	
School bag (old style)	£1.50	

Items are currently sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU, with a drop off box at the front door.

Please REMEMBER items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on.

You can text me Kate Watkins (Parent) on 07947846974

PLEASE NOTE: My daughter will be moving on to GEMS in September 2023, if anyone should like to continue the pre-loved uniform sales from Easter 2023, please can you approach me or Mrs Lamb.

## Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools next year will be:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2022\_2023 attached.



If your child has something to celebrate for example a swimming or sports award or a Beavers or Rainbow's achievement, please send an email to [admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk) with a brief explanation and if you'd like to, a photo too.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.4%**

Our classes of the week this week are **Orange Class** with **100%** and **Green Class** with **98.9%** attendance. Well done!

Our exceptional circumstance request forms have changed. For anyone requesting a leave of absence there is a new form to be filled in. As well as returning the form you will be required to meet with me or Mr Hindess. Please make sure any requests are on the correct form which can be obtained as a hard or electronic copy from the office.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

# Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Training Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee Morning for New Nursery Parents
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Rearranged Rainbow Day Rec – Year 5</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Meeting for Reception Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Meeting for Year 1 Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Classes: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Green, Orange and Yellow Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Indigo, Violet and Blue Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception – Year 4 Dick Whittington at The Exchange Theatre
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Mrs McClurg Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Training Day
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Day of Term

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Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term