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BBC

# Children in Need

BBC **Children in Need** Appeal Day is back on **Friday 19th November**. Their mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential.

At Gosforth Park we will be raising money by:

**Dressing in Spots** – wear your best spotty outfit and/or accessories for the day!

**Fun and Games** – each class will be involved in some fun Pudsey Bear themed activities!

**Surprise Guest** – ???

We will be asking for a suggested £2 donation via Parent Pay to help Children in Need change young lives across the UK.

Mrs Lamb



## Odd Socks Day

**Anti-Bullying Week** is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15th to 19th November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.

**We invite all of our children to wear their funkiest odd socks to school on Monday 15th November** in order to raise awareness for this important cause.

Children will also be taking part in a variety of creative, age-appropriate activities to help to spread the message, 'let kindness fuel kindness.'

I cannot wait to see you all in your best odd socks!

Mr Kindness (Hindess)

## School Photographer

Our wonderful school photographer will be back on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** to take photos of anyone who missed out last week due to absence.

Thanks, Mrs Carrick

## Christmas Events

Please see below provisional dates for Class Christmas Assemblies. We are restricting these events to two adults per family to limit the number of visitors on site. We will let you know nearer the time if these are able to go ahead depending on both the local and in school COVID infection rate. If events are able to go ahead, we will have the following measures in place:

- Do not attend if symptomatic or you feel unwell for any reason, including with other respiratory infections
- You must not attend if you have returned a positive LFD or PCR test.
- Take a lateral flow device test on the day of the visit and only attend if your result is negative
- Only two adults per child admitted
- A one way system with designated entry and exit points
- Wear a face covering unless exempt
- We will not be able to serve teas/coffees but you are welcome to bring your own in a lidded cup

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Nursery:** 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

**Reception Miss Coughlan:** 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

**Reception Mrs McClurg:** 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Green Class:** 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

**Orange Class:** 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

**Yellow Class:** 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Indigo Class:** 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

**Violet Class:** 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

**Blue Class:** 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Nursery:** 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

\*Nursery parents can only attend one of the two assemblies on the day their child usually attends. For those who attend on Monday and Fridays, please let Miss Gasper know your preferred date.

We are looking forward to our **theatre trip** on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** when children from Reception to Year 4 will be going to see Beauty and the Beast at The Exchange in North Shields. We have the whole downstairs of the theatre booked out and children will be seated in their Key Stages. If you haven't done so already, please contribute and give consent via Parent Pay. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help out on the day - we will be in touch soon to confirm arrangements.

**Christmas Dinner** day will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Children can wear Christmas jumpers, hats and headbands on this day. If your child does not usually have a hot meal, but you would like your child to have a school Christmas Dinner on this day, please order for £2.20 on Parent Pay by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November so that the cook can place orders. A vegetarian option is available.

**Santa Dash Daily Mile** will also take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** children will already be wearing their Christmas Jumpers and we also invite them to wear trainers and Santa hats for a festive-themed mile run to work up a big appetite for Christmas Dinner.

**Christmas parties** will be held during the school day for all children on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Children can come to school in party clothes (please remember appropriate footwear and outerwear for playtimes and lunchtime)

## No Voice Too Small

KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their final 'No Voice Too Small' workshops with Unfolding Theatre. This session concluded the oracy project we have been involved in with the Gosforth Schools Trust, encouraging children to find their voice and build up their confidence in public speaking. The children filmed the final version of their collaborative story and were proud to show it to the rest of the school!

Here are what some of our Year 4 pupils had to say about their experience:

"We made our own movie all about a magical world with magical creatures!"

Lauren Graham

"We worked with the Unfolding Theatre to invent a story, record our voices and draw pictures of the magical creatures."

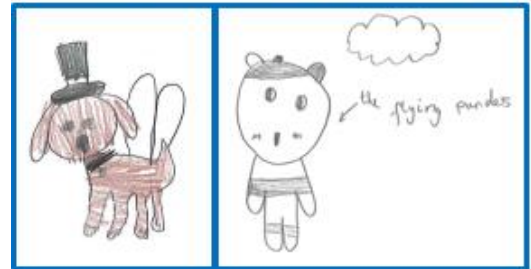
Lily Patterson

"Everyone at Gosforth Park has watched our movie! We really enjoyed the experience."

Rosie Hansford

We would like to thank the Unfolding Theatre for providing our children with this exciting and meaningful experience.

Mrs Lambert



## Gosforth Voices

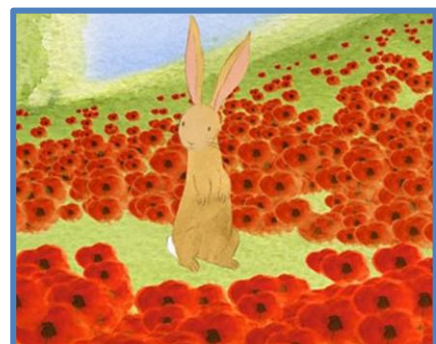
We are delighted to announce that Gosforth Voices have been asked to perform at the Tyne Bar Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th November – yes an actual performance! 😊🎵🎸🎶🎄

This annual event kicks off the festive season with a jam-packed day of entertainment outside in The Tyne Bar's sheltered beer garden under Glasshouse Bridge. There will be music from three choirs including Gosforth Voices. There will be also many stalls selling unique crafts, gifts, and food.

Gosforth Voices will be performing at 12.30pm for approximately twenty to twenty five minutes.

## Remembrance Day

We respectfully observed the 2 minutes silence and watched the beautiful animation 'Poppies'







## Healthy School

The NHS have a fantastic online resource and app which you may have seen promoted called, “every mind matters”. Their website has a wealth of advice and links to support parents, children and young people with their general mental health and well-being. Although the introduction is linked to returning to school after Covid, the information, advice and links to further support is relevant for any mental health need at any time. Find out more just for adults too on their website or go direct to the children’s mental health page on <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Mrs Wells

## School Crossing Patrol

We have been asked to circulate information about a vacancy for a School’s Crossing Patrol Officer on the Great North Road to support children and adults attending Gosforth Schools:

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School\\_Crossing\\_Patrol\\_Officer/216198](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol_Officer/216198)

## Think COVID First

Please remember not to attend school if your child had COVID symptoms or feeling unwell for any reason. Whilst the key symptoms of COVID remain a new continuous cough, or a loss of sense of taste or smell or a high temperature, these symptoms do not always present in each case, so it remains important to take a ‘Think COVID first’ approach at all times. Please follow basic infection, prevention and control practice: Do not attend the school/workplace if unwell, particularly with respiratory symptoms, even if a negative PCR test result is returned. Many respiratory conditions are infectious.

## Running Club

If your child attends Miss Walsh’s running club, please send them to school wearing trainers on that day.

## Afterschool Club Pick-ups

If your child attends a club after school, their club teacher will bring them to be collected from the main school office doors.



Orange class are this week’s amazing Mathletes, you’ve all been working so hard! Bruce Reid, Sahib Singh Dhaliwal and Nydia Taylor are top of the leaderboard this week, you’ve all earned so many points – fantastic work!



Ayla Seccombe, William Gibbins and Zoe Mokhtary have been practising so well on Times Table Rockstars – well done to you all!



## Oxford Reading Buddy

Our Oxford Reading Buddies of the week are Jessica Fagandini and Joel Whitehall!

Well done to you both! You should be very proud of your achievement.

## Attendance

Our class of the week this week with **99.3%** attendance is **Blue Class**.

Our whole school attendance is up slightly from last week to **96.5%**.

# Updated COVID Guidance

## When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Information:

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. [Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK](#)

## When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

## Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19.

You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#).

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

## How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one
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## How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.



# The Tyne Bar

## Christmas Fair

**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER**  
**FROM 12PM**

**Choirs and kids' choir**  
**Cocktail bar**  
**Unique gifts**  
**Cakes**  
**Jewellery**  
**Artisan bakery**

**Crepes**  
**Pizzas & Pastries**  
**Vintage clothes**  
**Pottery by Kiln**  
**Charity stalls**  
**Gifts for pooches**

**Tombola**  
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**Mulled wine**  
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