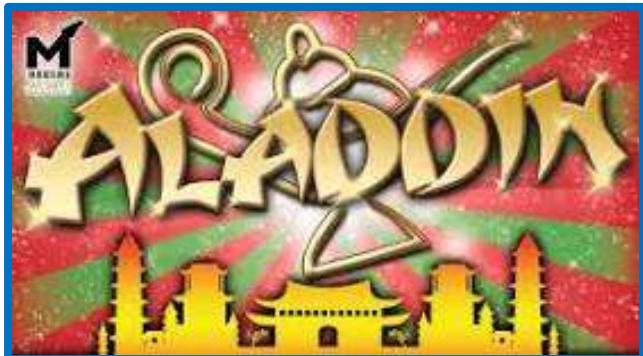




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Reception - Year 4

Thursday 14th December

On **Thursday 14th December**, we will be taking all of our children from Reception to Year 4 to the Exchange Theatre in North Shields to watch the pantomime **Aladdin!** If you have not yet given consent for your child to attend and to pay a contribution, please do so via ParentPay. Children who are not attending will remain at school.



Rainbow Wraparound

We are recruiting! Please check out the vacancy section on the school website, or on northeastjobs.org.uk. If you have any questions about the role – catch me on the gate for a chat!
Mrs Lamb

Christmas Holiday

We break up for Christmas on **Friday 22nd December**, returning on **Monday 8th January**.

Christmas Shows

Wednesday 13th December

Nursery: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Tuesday 19th December

Reception Miss Coughlan: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Tuesday 19th December

Reception Miss Parsons-Munn: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Wednesday 20th December

Green: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Wednesday 20th December

Orange: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Wednesday 20th December

Yellow: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Thursday 21st December

Blue: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Thursday 21st December

Violet: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Thursday 21st December

Indigo: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Teas/coffees and biscuits will be available at the performance and raffles tickets will be on sale. The raffle will be drawn at the end of each performance.

Only **four** guests per household will be admitted. Babies in prams/pushchairs and toddlers will be admitted but will be counted as one of the four guests.

All guests must be seated during the performance. Please queue from the bottom of the ramp so visitors and staff can still enter/exit via the main office.

Thanks



We had a lovely visit from our friends at Robertson on Monday who came to talk to us about their roles, the company, the type of jobs and work happening on our site and other sites in the building industry. They also talked to us about site safety and the use of PPE (well done to Nihal who knew what this stood for!). The children then did a great job of asking lots of questions – we could have chatted to the team all afternoon!



Huge well done and thanks to our amazing school council who toured the site this morning and took some photos to show their friends back in class. Can you find below...

- The new library?
- Mr Brown's new office?
- The lintel that has been installed to support the new doorway to the toilets?
- The temporary fire alarm on site





Christmas Jumpers and a Special Guest...

On **Wednesday 20th December**, we will be inviting all of our children to wear their Christmas jumpers and other festive clothing.



Our well-connected PTFA members have arranged a **special guest visitor** who will be making an important stop at our Gosforth Park Grotto on his way to the North Pole!

Wednesday 20th December is also Christmas Dinner day!

Santa Dash Daily Mile



Also on **Wednesday 20th December**, we will be holding a festive version of our much-loved daily mile. We invite all of our children to wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers or any other funky headgear (don't forget your trainers!)

We cannot wait to share the photos on our school twitter page! @GosforthPark1st

Miss Walsh



Healthy School

If you are looking for some free after school activities for your child, Gosforth Library have a free lego club which runs until 5pm on the third Tuesday of every month. It is suitable for children aged 4+ and they must be accompanied by a parent/carer. On the last Friday of the month, for our budding writers, there is a creative writing club running from 3.30 until 4.30 (sign up required). During term time, on Fridays after school until 4.40pm, they also have a swap club where children can go along and swap toys and books with their friends. Kenton Library has a free craft club every Saturday morning from 11 am which is a drop in session, no need to book in advance. Of course, these libraries are also a fantastic place to enjoy some quiet time sharing books together.

There are several more clubs in other parts of the city in the link below. If you are in receipt of free school meals, there are also additional clubs that your child can access for free. Find out more at:

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/activities-fyp>

Mrs Wells



Huge congratulations to Lola in Blue Class who was awarded her **GREEN** belt in Jujitsu last weekend. Well done!

DfE Attendance Survey

Dear Parents

The DfE is running a pilot communication scheme in Newcastle around attendance. A crucial piece of evaluation of this pilot is the information from the parent survey. We'd be really grateful if you could complete the survey linked here [Survey \(savanta.com\)](https://savanta.com).

1. The survey should only take 10 minutes to complete;
2. Your feedback is really valuable and will be considered as part of DfE/Local Authority thinking going forward;
3. Your responses are completely confidential, and all data is collected and processed in compliance with all data protection laws and the Market Research Society Professional Code of Conduct;
4. You don't need to know anything about communications or advertising in order to respond; and
5. If possible you should complete the survey by Friday 15th (though it will remain live for a short time afterwards).

Many thanks

Applying for Places

Please apply on time to avoid disappointment.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2024 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 12th January 2024

The closing date for applications is 15th March 2024.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 22nd March 2023.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 19th April.

Reception Applications for September 2024

Applications open: 1 September 2023

Applications close: 15 January 2024

National offer day: 17 April 2024

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

Mrs Lamb

Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT 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	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

Items are sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, 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 Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.2%** up on **96.9%** last year.

Our classes of the week are **Yellow Class** with **98.2%** and **Green Class** with **98.1%**

Well done everyone!
Mrs Lamb

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done Violet Class for being our top class this week! Lots of you have updated your rock status this week by completing a studio game! Well done Dominic and Amara for becoming Rock Stars, Louis for becoming a Headliner and Dax for becoming a Rock Legend! It is so great to see your times improving!



Our NumBots activity was down a bit this week but well done to **Violet** again for being our top class. Let's see if we can get those numbers back up this week – your robots miss you! Toby and George are still on fire as our top coin earners again this week.

Our top coin earners this week are:

Violet – Alexander Gibbins

Indigo – Toby Smith

Yellow – Max Hopkins

Orange – Finn Lynch

Green – George Kasis

Miss Pope

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 14 th December	Reception to Year 4 Aladdin at The Exchange Theatre
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd December	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 19 th December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Tuesday 19 th December	Reception Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Jumpers, dinner and special guest...
Wednesday 20 th December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 th December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 th December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 st December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day of Term
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 8 th January	School reopens
Tuesday 6 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 th February	Last day of term
February Half Term Holiday	
Monday 26 th February	School reopens
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March – Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Robinwood
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Easter Holiday	
Monday 15 th April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Daft Day
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term
May Half term Holiday	
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- Monday 3rd June 2024

Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or for any ad hoc bookings

Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter. Our school account is @GosforthPark1st

**Festive dates for your
diary, all in one place!**

PTFA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Christmas Performance Dates

13.12.23

Nursery 9:30 – 10:00

19.12.23

Reception Miss C

10:45 – 11:15

Reception Miss PM

2:30 – 3:00

20.12.23

Green 9:30 – 10:00

Orange 10:45 – 11:15

Yellow 2:30 – 3:00

21.12.23

Blue 9:30 – 10:00

Violet 10:45 – 11:15

Indigo 2:30 – 3:00

Raffle tickets, tea and
coffee, cans and mince
pies will be available to
purchase before each
Christmas Show.

Please donate
raffle prizes to
the school office
by Monday
11th December

Emergency Christmas Eve Bags

Everything you need

for family fun this Christmas Eve.



- Reindeer food
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas biscuit provided by
'Exclusively Biscuits'
- Create your own tree decoration
- Christmas activity

On sale via Parent Pay for £5 until *FRIDAY

1st December* and available to collect at
Christmas performances

We have also organised a
special festive visitor to come
into school on Wednesday
20th December...
More details on Parent Pay.

Aladdin Panto
Trip
14.12.23

Thank you so much for your
continued support and have a
Merry Christmas!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Thursday 14th December - Saturday 16th December - 9am - 5pm
Sunday 17th December - 09.30am - 4.30pm

Donations welcome - all proceeds go to The Sunshine Fund to help improve the lives of local disabled children.

For more information please contact Siobhan.Sargeant@thesunshinefund.org

