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September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Issue 3 Autumn Term 1

## MEET the TEACHER

Thank you so much for attending our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. It was lovely to see you all and some of our ex-pupils from GEMS!

Don't worry if you were unable to make it, staff will be sending information home.

### Drop off and Pick Up

Please remember to keep to the left on your way in and way out at drop off and pick up and stand well back when the doors open so that other children and parents can get through.

Thank you

### Parent Consultations

Our parent consultation meetings, which are an opportunity for you to speak 1:1 with your child's class teacher, will be held in the first week after the October half term holiday. Face to face appointments will be made available on the Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. For any parents who cannot make these, telephone appointments will be available on the afternoon of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We will let you know how and when to book later in the term.

## robinwood we make a really positive DIFFERENCE developing children

Our Year 4 children have the opportunity to go to Robinwood in the Spring Term (20-22<sup>nd</sup> March).

If you haven't yet paid your deposit, please do so as soon as possible. If the spaces aren't taken by Year 4 pupils they will then be offered out to our Year 3 children.

### Robinwood

Cost: £285.00

Instalment 1: £85.00 21/07/2023

Instalment 2: £100.00 13/10/2023

Instalment 3: £100.00 19/01/2024

Many thanks

Mrs Wilson



The building team have made great strides with demolition and steel work over the past few weeks in the old BEFS building preparing for our fantastic new spaces! Check out Twitter/X for some photos!

Mrs Lamb



Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you about a new service we're using to support your child's addition and subtraction skills at Gosforth Park First School, called NumBots, from the company who provides Times Tables Rock Stars. This video outlines the benefits of NumBots and how to use it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24sqgVgwBOg>

Youtube - A Parents/Carers introduction to NumBots

### **Big Difference**

NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

### **Logging In**

The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label in their reading record. They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games. If you lose your login please let your child's class teacher know.

**Important:** please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they're stuck.

### **Little and often**

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to give them 3 minutes, two or three times a week.

### **Game Types**

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

Yours faithfully,

Daisy Pope



# Congratulations!



Well done to Cora who has achieved this amazing gymnastics award!



The start of the school year is a great time to build, or re-establish habits for the year ahead. Walking, scooting or biking to school is one such habit that has so many positive outcomes. The boost of fresh air is great for mental well-being and it's a great way to get our first bit of exercise in for the day. And then there are the obvious benefits to the environment, reducing pollutants in the air we breathe and improve air quality. Next week is National Bike to School week to encourage us to establish a more eco-friendly commute. To promote this, Bikeability is running a competition to win a Frog children's bike. All you have to do is make a pledge, and submit a form online. Follow the link here:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/> .

Mrs Wells



Wow, we had such a fun time trying out NumBots on Tuesday in school. Thank you so much already for the enthusiasm and positive comments, it is great to hear so many of you enjoying it! We already have some super statistics so thank you to everyone who already had a try at home as well.

Well done to Blue class who had the highest average minutes played with a brilliant 46 minute average!

We already have some amazing top coin earners this week:

Blue: William Craib

Green: Archie Martin

Indigo: Archie Morrison

Orange: Anna Spedding

Violet: Joshua Spedding

Yellow: Joseph Morris



Lots of you have already started using TTRS again with your new logins and I can't wait to see those times speed up! Well done to William Craib who has our fastest school time at the moment of 0.93 seconds closely followed by Alexander Tucker with 0.96 seconds. Well done to Dominic Whitehall, Lauren Saul and Zoe Mokhtary who are our top coin earners this week! Keep up the good work everyone.

Miss Pope

## 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.



If you are interested in working with us and have an appropriate qualification in play/education/childcare or equivalent, please check out the vacancy section on the school website! We are looking for a range of term time only, casual supply hours and term time/holiday fixed term contracts.

## Staff Training Days

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

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2023\_2024.



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

At Gosforth Park First School every child is equal, valued and unique. We aim to provide an environment where all pupils feel safe and can flourish. We respond to our children in ways which take into account their varied life experiences and individual needs.

We are committed to providing an education that enables all pupils to make progress so that they achieve their best, become confident individuals living fulfilling lives and make a successful transition into adulthood.

If you have any concerns about your child's social or educational progress, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a meeting.

Mr Hindess

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Telephone (School Office): 0191 2852559

Email:

james.hindess@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk



## 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
- ✓ **do not wait or park along the bridle path as emergency vehicles cannot fit through to access the golf course.**



We still have a large number of unclaimed raffle prizes from our Summer Festival/BBQ.

**Orange 74** – voucher for the Falcons Nest

**Orange 84** – voucher for Gallery108

**Orange 176** – VIP drinks at Café Nero

**Orange 229** – 5 a side pitch at Goals

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**Orange 257** – signed football boot

**Orange 263** – Family voucher Centre for Life

**Orange 271** – voucher for MA Hair Design

**White 224** – Afternoon tea for 2

Deadline for collection is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **98.6%** up on **97.8%** last year. Our class of the week with **99.4%** is **Green Class** followed closely by **Blue Class** with **98.6!** Well done everyone!

## Applying for Places

**Please apply on time to avoid disappointment. We are currently full with waiting lists in all year groups.**

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

The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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>

Visit dates will be announced next week.

### Middle School Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 31 October 2022

National Offer Day: 01 March 2023

Further information can be found at

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

Year 4 parents should have all received booklets today regarding this from the Local Authority..

Mrs Lamb

# Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Monday 2nd October	PTFA meeting 6.15pm in the school hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Reception Halloween Craft Afternoon – parents welcome 2:00 – 3:00pm</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Training Day
October Half Term	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation appointments
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation appointments
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer in school (individuals and siblings)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (Pudsey)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception to Year 4 Aladdin at The Exchange Theatre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15 (up to 4 guests per family)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00 (up to 4 guests per family)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last Day of Term
Christmas Holiday	

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	Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
	February Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
	Easter Holiday
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Daft Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
	May Half term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term



## Rainbow Wraparound

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.**



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





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# 2023 - 2024

## SOCCER CAMPS

### DETAILS

**VENUE: BLUE FLAMES, BENTON. NE12 9SF**

**GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME, AGES 4 TO 12.**  
**CAMP TIMES: 9.15AM TO 3.30PM**

**CAMP 1**

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER, TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER,  
WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

**CAMP 2**

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY,  
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY, FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY

**COST:**

1 DAY - £17.50  
2 DAYS - £35.00  
3 DAYS - £50.00  
4 DAYS - £55.00



Discount price can't be spread over more than one week.



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info@starstrikesoccer.co.uk  
www.starstrikesoccer.co.uk**

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- Girls and Boys welcome

**PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ON FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE  
TO BOOK A PLACE TEXT CHILD'S NAME TO 07887 766 460**



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# SCHOOL DISCOUNT

Access discounted tickets for our Premiership Cup fixtures vs Sale Sharks and Caldy RFC.

**SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS**







Special announcement to be made at Caldy game, along with fairground and community activities!





SALE SHARKS | 22.09.23 | 19:45 KO  
CALDY RFC | 08.10.23 | 14:15 KO

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With the Men's Rugby Union World Cup currently in full swing, and the Women's Rugby Union World Cup taking place in the UK in 2025 with fixtures being hosted in Sunderland we thought it would be an excellent opportunity to invite you to come watch some live rugby!




Our Friends at Newcastle Falcons have this great offer for £5 tickets for both adults and children for all schools within the NorthEast.

To access your offer please [click here](#), you will have to create an account in order to book and access pricing.  
Please can you share the following offer throughout the school.

If you are interested or would like to find out more about the programmes we provide within schools and would like you get involved please email [falconscommunity@newcastle-falcons.co.uk](mailto:falconscommunity@newcastle-falcons.co.uk)

Hope you can join us for a great day of rugby.

Falcons Community – Newcastle Rugby Foundation

[Unsubscribe](#)

Newcastle Falcons | Kingston Park | Brunton Road | Kinton Bank Foot | Newcastle upon Tyne | NE13 8AF



GPFS PTFA



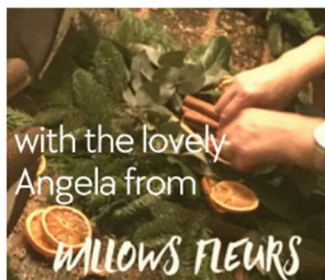
# Wreath Making

Saturday 25th November  
5-8pm  
Gosforth Park School Hall  
£40 pp including all materials  
and a festive treat.

(Limited spaces, book early to  
avoid disappointment. Family  
and friends welcome.)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gpfs-ptfa-wreath-making-workshop-tickets-691529211487>

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