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Inclusion Quality Framework Award

We are incredibly honoured to have achieved the **IQF award** which is a badge presented to schools across Newcastle who are providing the **very best inclusive education** for all of their pupils.

On Monday, a team of representatives from the local authority and leaders from local schools visited Gosforth Park. They observed lessons, met with staff, looked in books, talked to children and quickly fell in love with our school! Feedback highlighted our **No Outsiders** programme, approach to **pupil wellbeing** and **relationships** between staff and children as key strengths.

We are excited to receive our report and share it with our wonderfully inclusive Gosforth Park community. Thank you for all of your survey responses, which were overwhelmingly positive.

Together we make a difference!

Mrs Lamb, Mr Hindess and the GPFS team



Non-Uniform Day Friday 11th April

Next Friday, we have decided to hold a non-uniform day in school for the last day of term.

We would kindly like to request that parents also use this as an opportunity to donate any **pre-loved uniform** to our collection bin outside the main office.

Thank you!

Mrs Lamb and the PTFA

Parent Consultations

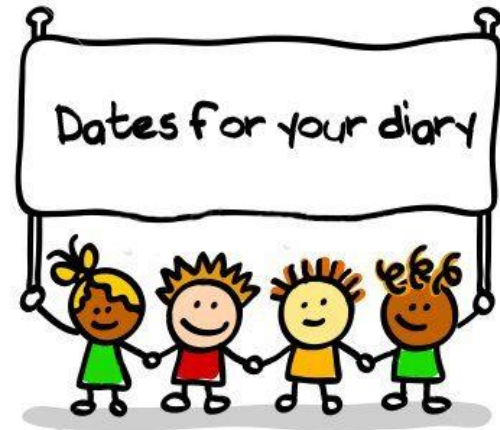
It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents evenings this week to talk about your child's progress and show off all of their hard work! Thank you for everyone who was able to attend in person or by phone call.

Robinwood Presentation Evening

We would like to invite our Year 4 parents and pupils to join us on the evening of **Thursday 8th May** to share your stories and successes from the recent residential trip to Robinwood. **Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.15pm start.**

Reception Visit to Whitehouse Farm

On Tuesday, Reception children enjoyed their trip to Whitehouse Farm. A huge thank you to all of the staff and parent helpers who made this trip such a success!



Please check out the updated **Important Dates Calendar** at the end of the newsletter for some exciting additions for Summer Term.

Mrs Lamb



Multiplication Tables Check

Wednesday 18th June 2025

On Wednesday 18th June we will be administering the statutory Multiplication Tables Check to all pupils in Year 4.

Children will complete the check on a tablet. They answer 25 questions at random from any of the times tables up to 12x12 and must be able to input each answer within the 6 seconds time frame.

In the lead up to the check, please encourage your children to practice their times tables. Times Table Rockstars is a great tool to practice little and often!

Miss Pope and the Y4 team



We are recruiting!

We're adding to our wonderful team and are looking for

- A Wraparound Deputy Lead – N4 (must hold a full and relevant Level 3 EYFS Qualification)
- A Wraparound Assistant - N2

We also have casual supply contracts available at N2.

Check out the adverts below and feel free to catch Mrs Lucas or Mrs Lamb for a chat!

[Breakfast/After School/Holiday Club Assistants - Newcastle City Council - North East Jobs](#)

[Breakfast/After School/Holiday Club Deputy Lead - Newcastle City Council - North East Jobs](#)



Congratulations to the 100 club April winners

- ★ 1st *£27.20* number 49 - Mrs L Lamb
- ★ 2nd *£13.60* number 25 - The Famelton Family
- ★ 3rd *£6.80* number 4 - The Donnelly Clan



Congratulations to Miss Popes Class who were awarded the **Golden Welly** this week for super tidying up at the end of lunch time. Well done everyone!



The Easter Story

In Year 1 we have been learning about Christianity and what Christians believe about Easter. We worked in pairs to make an Easter Garden to represent the tomb that Jesus was buried in.

Miss Pope





The Children's Cancer Run 2025

We would like you and your family to join our school team at the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on **Sunday 18th May 2025**.

Please ensure that you **register online** for the event:

1. Log on to <https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2025/>
2. Complete your entry form, selecting our **school name** as the team
3. Click **proceed to payment** to complete the registration for you and your family

There is a feature that allows our school to have an online team fundraising page with a shared school total. We have been advised on the following: **Once your pupils have registered, that on their fundraising page they go to 'edit display name' and change their display name so that it does not include their full name and don't update their picture for safeguarding reasons.** For example, just first name or initials. If they do not do this then it is possible for external participants to see a child's full name and the school they go to.

Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you,

Miss Walsh

Makaton

This week's sign is –

Fruit

Sign



Symbol



seven stories
The National Centre for Children's Books

Seven Stories are delighted to announce that they are running **free sessions** on:

- ✓ Monday 14th April
- ✓ Tuesday 15th April
- ✓ Wednesday 16th April
- ✓ Thursday 17th April
- ✓ Tuesday 22nd April
- ✓ Wednesday 23rd April
- ✓ Thursday 24th April
- ✓ Friday 25th April

From **10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm**.

Sessions will take place at Seven Stories, and are open to any pupils **aged 4-16** entitled to **means tested free school meals as places are intended for those most in need.** Children will get to take part in interactive story times, crafts, exploring our magical building and local area and will finish with a meal made in our kitchen.

Places are limited, please direct families to book via our website through: <https://sevenstories.org.uk/event/haf-best-spring-ever-2025/>

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done Miss Bell's class who are our top class this week! Very closely followed by Mrs Easdon's and Mrs Armstrong's class, it's great to see such competition between the classes. There is a new gig available this week so remember to login to try to improve your school. We have had a flurry of new Rock Stars this week, well done to Isla D, Marlee D, Reuben S, Jack G and Iona D! Congratulations as well to Francesca W who became a Rock Legend!



Well done to Max H who has complete story mode on NumBots! Our most active class this week is Miss Gledhill's.

Our top coin earners this week are:

- ✓ Miss Parsons-Munn – Hazel T
- ✓ Miss Coughlan – Abigail R
- ✓ Miss Gledhill – Eliza T
- ✓ Miss Pope – Huw F
- ✓ Miss Walsh – Keir E
- ✓ Mr Patterson – Imogen W
- ✓ Mrs Easdon and Mrs Armstrong –
Thea T
- ✓ Miss Tate – Max H
- ✓ Miss Bell – Ayyub K

It's great to see the top coin earners always changing! Thanks for all your hard work, Miss Pope.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **97%** up from **96.3%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are:

Reception Miss Parsons-Munn and **Year 4 Miss Bell** both with **99.7%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb



Daft as a Brush
CANCER PATIENT CARE

Dear parents,

Our wonderful **Kerry**, who works in the kitchen, is doing a sky dive next week to raise money for our local charity **Daft as a Brush**.

Kerry will be outside the office on Monday morning with her bucket if anyone would like to bring some spare change to donate!

Many thanks
GPFS team

Important Dates 2024-2025

Spring 2	
Wednesday 2nd – Tuesday 8th April	Book Fair
Friday 11th April (4.30-6pm)	PTFA Easter Disco – sign up via ParentPay
Friday 11th April	Last Day of Term – non uniform day
Summer 1	
Monday 28th April	First Day Back at school
Thursday 1 st May	Robinwood Information Evening for Year 3 Parents at 18:15
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Robinwood Presentation Evening for Year 4 Parents at 18:15
Tuesday 13 th May	Skipping Festival
Wednesday 14 th May	School Photographer – Class Photos
Thursday 15th May	Safety Works Visit for Year 2 and Year 4
Sunday 18 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Monday 19 th May	KS1 Local Geography Fieldwork – Traffic Surveys
Friday 23rd May	Last Day of Term
Summer 2	
Monday 2nd June	GST Training Day
Tuesday 3rd June	First Day Back at School
Thursday 12 th June	Author Visit (Alex Falase-Koya)
Wednesday 18th June	Year 1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 23rd June	Sports Week
WB 30th June	In school transition week
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 2 Trip to Alnwick Castle
Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th July	Year 4 Transition to GEMS
Thursday 3rd/Friday 4th July	Year 3 On site residential with Mr H
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 4 Author Visit (Guy Bass)
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 1 Seaside Workshops
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports
Monday 14 th July	Summer Fayre + BBQ
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term

Staff Training Days

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

- Monday 2nd June 2025

School re-opens Monday 1st September 2025



Rainbow Wraparound

Bookings must be made during the booking window which opens on the 10th of each month and closes on the 20th of each month, for the following month.

	Booking opens 12 noon	Booking closes 12 noon
October bookings	September 10 th	September 20 th
November bookings	October 10 th	October 20 th
December booking	November 10 th	November 20 th
January bookings	December 10 th	December 20 th
February bookings	January 10 th	January 20 th
March bookings	February 10 th	February 20 th
April bookings	March 10 th	March 20 th
May bookings	April 10 th	April 20 th
June bookings	May 10 th	May 20 th
July bookings	June 10 th	June 20 th

Parents must make their own bookings on the school cloud system. The only exception to this is families using vouchers. If you are emailing dates for voucher bookings, you must include

- Your child's name
- The day and date
- The sessions required (breakfast, until 5pm, until 6pm).

If you would like to, you can book sessions in advance for the entire school year.

If you do wish to book the same sessions for the entire school year, please email Mrs Carrick at wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

Block bookings can only be made via email or through school cloud (not text message).

Please email wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk for any wraparound queries, **NOT the admin inbox or Mrs Carrick directly, as this will delay any response and may result in you missing the booking window.**

Please ensure all block bookings are made/requested before the booking window closes. We cannot guarantee any block bookings after this date.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks

Mrs Carrick

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

GPFS PTFA PRESENTS

EASTER DISCO

FRIDAY 4:30
11TH -
APRIL 6PM

SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PARTY CLOTHES.

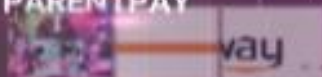
ANY CHILDREN WITH A WRAPAROUND BOOKING CAN BE
TAKEN THROUGH TO THE DISCO BY SCHOOL STAFF AT
4.30 IF THEY HAVE A DISCO TICKET.

UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT IS ONLY OPEN TO
CURRENT GPFS PUPILS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

£5

PER
TICKET
HOT DOG
INCLUDED



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FUN EASTER CAMP
3yrs - 11yrs

Week 1-Mon 14th April - Thurs 17th April
Week 2- Tues 22nd April-Fri 25th April
10:00-15:00

Newcastle School for Boys, Gosforth
NE3 4DT
07726 328498

FREE WRAP AROUND 08.00-17.30

WWW.RUGBYMINIS.CO.UK



EPIC EASTER CAMP
3yrs - 11yrs

Week 1-Mon 14th April - Thurs 17th April
Week 2-Tue 22nd April - Fri 25th April

Single Day Bookings
Week Booking Discount

2 Incredible Venues

- Gosforth Junior High Academy (ages 5-13)
- Dame Allan's Junior School (ages 3-11)

Something for everyone from rugby and yoga to baking and crafting!

Free Wrap Around
From 8am - 5.30pm
07726328498

www.EpicCamps.co.uk



TENNIS

FUN DAY

Age Group 4-8yrs



- Saturday 5th April 2025 - 9.30am - 11.30am
- Northumberland Tennis Academy (Indoor Courts)
North Jesmond Avenue, NE2 3JU
- FREE Fun Day - Games/Exercises/Movement/Lots of fun!
- Sign up via the QR Code






***** EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS *****
Michelangelo's, Ryton, 10-3pm

Wednesday 16th April, Thursday 17th April
Wednesday 23rd April, Thursday 24th April

Order a delicious Italian takeaway to be delivered to the woods! (£34 per day with own food / £39 per day with food)
Suitable for children from Reception age and upwards.

Activities can include campfire and s'mores, fire lighting, mud, sand and water play, outdoor crafts, mud kitchen, tools, hammocks, messy play, hill climbing and free time to explore.



<https://bookwhen.com/forestadventurers>
suzanne@forestadventurers.co.uk
07711461409

- Contact us for more information on: _____
- Corporate Events _____
- Parent and Preschool Groups _____
- After School Clubs _____
- Birthday Parties _____
- School Trips _____



*****SPRING FAMILY SPECIAL *****

Tuesday 22nd April, 11am-12:30pm

At our Spring Family Special we'll have lots of Spring crafts, a scavenger hunt, hammocks, mud kitchen, campfire snacks and lots more!

Family events are held at Michelangelo's, Ryton and are suitable for families with children from around 14 months to year 6 (£12 for the first child – sibling discounts available).

Snacks and drinks available for all.



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BOOK NOW

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
RECEPTION, YR 1 & YR 2
TUESDAYS 15:25-16:25
YEARS 1, 2, 3 & 4
THURSDAYS 15:25-16:25

CHALLENGES



TEAM FUN



SKILLS



GAMES

www.rugbyminis.co.uk/gosforthparkfirst

NORTH EAST DANCE
EDUCATION, FITNESS & SPORT



FREE dance and sport sessions
for children aged 5-12 years
old in Newcastle

Fawdon Community Centre
Fawdon Park Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2PL

HEALTHY LUNCH INCLUDED
Children participating must be on FREE school meals

10am-2pm
Monday 14th April
Tuesday 15th April
Thursday 24th April
Friday 25th April



To book contact
clare@northeastdance.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College