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HAPPY Mother's DAY

Nursery Mother's Day Assembly

Well done to all our fabulous nursery stars for singing and saying their words so well this week. We are so proud of you all. Hopefully you will all remember to spoil your Mum's this Sunday – perhaps you could sing them one of the songs we learned too!

Ms Gasper



HAPPY EID Eid Mubarak



Eid Mubarak!

As the month of fasting is now coming to an end, we would like to wish a Happy Eid to our friends and families at Gosforth Park First School! We wish you a delightful day filled with delicious food, endless laughter and lots of love. We can't wait to hear about it from those celebrating!

If your child is going to be off on Monday, please leave a message on the school absence line so we don't interrupt your celebrations.

Mrs Lamb

Parent Consultations

We look forward to welcoming you in for parent's evening next week. This will work the same as in Autumn term. Please see attached with a reminder of where to enter/exit for each class.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb

Robinwood 2026



Our Year 4 children had an amazing time at Robinwood last week. Staff had so much fun they are already volunteering for next year's trip!

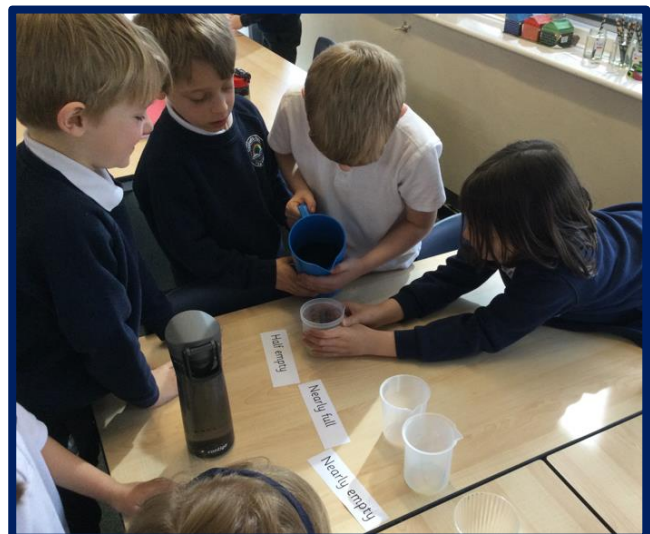
Next Year's dates are penciled in for 11th – 13th March 2026. The cost will be £289 per child. To secure the booking we need expressions of interest by Friday 11th April and a £50 deposit by Friday 2nd May. There will be an information evening for parents at 6:15pm on Thursday 1st May.
Mrs Lamb

Red Nose Day 2025

Thank you so much for your kind donations – we raised **£249!**
Mrs Lamb

Marvellous Maths!

Year 1 have had such fun comparing mass and volume this week during Maths.
Miss Pope





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](#)



It's lovely to see the children enjoying the grounds now that the weather is improving. Please make sure children are supervised closely before and after school. The children know that we do not play on the hill as there is still some work to be completed. Please also remind children not to climb/swing on the bike racks or railings.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb



Next week we are introducing our Golden Welly Award for OPAL play at lunchtime.

Our play team and the children will be looking for great teamwork, imaginative play, strong playground friendship skills and great communication and collaboration. An individual or small group will be chosen to display the Golden Welly for the week.

We're all looking forward to celebrating the play skills of our amazing children!

Ms Gasper





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,

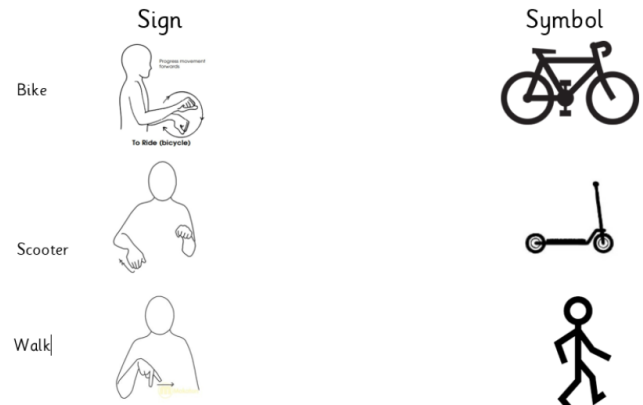
Miss Walsh

Makaton

This week's sign is –

Sign of the Week

Bike, Scooter and Walk



Congratulations to Elia who has successfully passed her Level 9 gymnastics award!
Mrs Lamb

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Congratulations to Mrs Easdon's and Mrs Armstrong's class who are our most active class this week with over 90% logging on this week. Our top coin earners this week are **Ava U, Patrick B** and **Anna Sp**. Remember you only need to spend 5 minutes on TTRS a day to really help your fluency!



Our most active class this week is my class! Our reception classes are doing great so far this year with **Toby Blair** already on Kevlar. Remember you don't need to spend more than 10 minutes on Numbots each week to improve your skills.

Our top coin earners this week are:

- ★ Miss Parsons-Munn – **Finn H**
- ★ Miss Coughlan – **Ada R**
- ★ Miss Gledhill – **Nour I**
- ★ Miss Pope – **Sofia W**
- ★ Miss Walsh – **Austin B**
- ★ Mr Patterson – **Rowan G**
- ★ Mrs Easdon and Mrs Armstrong – **Alfie R**
- ★ Miss Tate – **Aroosha S**
- ★ Miss Bell – **Ayyub K**

Well done everyone!
Miss Pope



Healthy School



Well done to everyone who has taken part so far in the Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel by leaving the car at home. It has been lovely to see a busy bike and scooter area and to hear about our walkers too. Even if you can't manage to come to school every day by active means, one day a week still makes a difference. And don't forget, this continues next week so there is plenty of time to take part and create good, healthy active habits in the process too.

Mrs Wells

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

Dear Parents and Carers

HEAD LICE HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN SCHOOL

Please check your child's hair tonight.

To help prevent your child catching headlice and to ensure prompt detection we advise you to look particularly closely at your child's hair each week. Brushing and combing hair thoroughly every day can be effective preventative measures. Headlice can infest anyone, regardless of length of hair or standard of personal hygiene.

The eggs of the louse are often more easily detected than the insect itself. They look like shiny, grey/white oval specks stuck to the hair close to the scalp and cannot be easily brushed off like dandruff. They tend to be laid at the nape of the neck, behind the ears or on top of the head. It is advisable that all members of the family are inspected and that friends and the school are informed if head lice are found.

If lice or eggs (nits) are found they can be treated in two ways: you can either buy a preparation from the chemist; or wash the hair and apply conditioner and comb through thoroughly – this must be repeated every 3-4 days for two weeks.

A parent has recommended a youtube video to assist in detecting lice and eggs in the hair – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S1lrliT9w0>

Yours sincerely

Mrs Carrick

Important Dates 2024-2025

Spring 2	
WB Monday 24th March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week
Wednesday 26th March	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly 9.30 am
WB 31 st March	Parent Consultations
Monday 31 st March	Inclusion Quality Framework
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
Summer 1	
Monday 28th April	First Day Back at school
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 15th May	Safety Works Visit for Year 2 and Year 4
Friday 23rd May	Last Day of Term
Summer 2	
Monday 2nd June	GST Training Day
Tuesday 3rd June	First Day Back at School
Wednesday 18th June	Year 1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 23rd June	Sports Week
WB 30th June	In school transition week
Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th July	Year 4 Transition to GEMS
Thursday 3rd/Friday 4th July	Year 3 On site residential with Mr H

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.

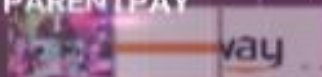
ANY CHILDREN WITH A WRAPAROUND BOOKING CAN BE
TAKEN THROUGH TO THE DISCO BY SCHOOL STAFF AT
4.30 IF THEY HAVE A DISCO TICKET.

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.



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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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.



LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.



ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.



KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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The National College

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