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Robinwood 2025

What a fantastic, muddy, exciting, wet, exhilarating, confidence-building, fun, exhausting and unforgettable experience! Year 4 have had the most incredible time on their residential visit to Robinwood this week. I would like to extend a massive Gosforth Park **thank you** to Ms Gasper, Miss Bell, Miss Bolton and Mrs Dodds for giving up your time to ensure our children had an experience that they will never forget.

We cannot wait to invite parents to school to celebrate your child's individual achievements at our famous **Robinwood Presentation Evening** (details TBA)

Mrs Lamb



Robinwood 2025



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day 2025

Our whole school had a lovely laughter-filled day on Friday to raise money for the 40th anniversary of **Red Nose Day**. Children were invited to dress up in any style from the 80s onwards. Lots of children also stood up in front of the whole school assembly to tell their funniest joke!

We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter!

Mrs Lamb



Staff News

Mr Brown Jnr will be leaving us next Friday as he has been accepted into the Army to become a dog handler! This has been his dream job since he was first school age! We are very proud and wish him all the very best.

Mrs Lamb



Nursery Places

Nursery places for our September 2025 start-date have been emailed out today.

Please remember to respond and accept your place by **Friday 18th April**.



GEMS Production

On Monday, our KS2 pupils were invited to attend Gosforth East Middle School's performance of **Moana**

We really enjoyed watching some of our ex-GPFS pupils perform so confidently. I am sure that the experience will have inspired some of our Year 4s to follow in their footsteps next year!

A big thank you to the staff at GEMS who made this possible!

KS2 Team



Nursery

Mother's Day Assembly

Wednesday 26th March

Next Wednesday we will be inviting our Nursery parents to attend Ms Gasper's famous Mother's Day Assembly.

Please head around to the wraparound entrance after drop-off for a 9.30am start time.



Congratulations to the 100 club March winners 🍀

★ 1st *£27.20* number 14 - Natalie Thompson

★ 2nd *£13.60* number 13 - The Turnbulls

★ 3rd *£6.80* number 27 - The Bilcloughs

Parent Consultations

We will be holding our parent consultation meetings from Nursery to Year 4 during the week beginning 31st March. **Bookings are now open** and are to be made via School Cloud **by Wednesday 26th March at 4pm.**

Please visit

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

to book your appointment.

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1st April/ Wednesday 2nd April** and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday 1st April and Thursday 3rd April.** **Ms Gasper** and **Miss Walsh** will also have appointments on **Tuesday 8th April.**

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Winners!

What an incredible achievement. Newcastle United carabao cup winners 2025. We are only just recovering from the excitement of Sunday night. A huge GPFS congratulations to Eddie Howe's black and white army.

Year 1 PSHE

Year 1 thought carefully about saving and spending this week in PSHE. They each had £120 and had to choose what to spend it on and what to save for!



Miss Pope



Inclusion Quality Framework

We are incredibly honoured to be working towards 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 31st March** we will be assessed by the local authority. As part of that process, they will be looking at views from all stakeholders, including parents. At Gosforth Park we are always working hard to improve our school for all of our families and we would be grateful if you could complete a short survey to help us to achieve our award.

Please scan the QR code or follow the link below to **complete the IQF survey**. Thank you for your support!

Mr Hindess



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQNn0q0YsEpSx4bRyBluEdDyntBjPHexbsmpQ1UME80NUJQT1FZMVZaVzVORTFEODIxS1cyUy4u&origin=QRCode>

Year 2

Pants are Private

On Monday, Year 2 were joined by the school nurse who spoke to us about Pants are Private – an age appropriate way to explain to our pupils about their privacy and consent. We enjoyed our practical and engaging session and designing our own pants to remind us that ‘What’s in your pants belongs only to you!’



Miss Walsh and Mr Patterson



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

Snack

Sign



Symbol



We are hoping to open a new wheeled toys zone as part of OPAL play. We will be purchasing some new scooters and bikes, but were hoping that parents may have scooters, go-karts or ride-alongs that children have outgrown that could be donated. If you have any of these that are in good working order the children would be very very grateful! We have been donated lots and lots of wellies, but could do with a few more in bigger sizes (over a children's size 12 if possible). If you do happen to have any that you no longer use, please could you leave them at the school office.

Thank you, Miss Gasper



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Miss Tate's Class is still our top class this week! Keep it up Year 3 and 4! Well done to our Year 2s: **Finn L, Teddy G** and **Benjamin M** who already have already got their first status on TTRS. Our top coin earners are **Rowan G, Alexander N, Patrick B** and **Marlee D**.



Congratulations **Mr Patterson's class** who are our most active class this week! Our top coin earners this week are:

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Maisie P**
Miss Coughlan – **Ada R**
Miss Gledhill – **Nour I**
Miss Pope – **Caspar C**
Miss Walsh – **Austin B**
Mr Patterson – **Liam D**
Mrs Easdon and Mrs Armstrong – **Alfie R**
Miss Tate – **Sean G**
Well done everyone, Miss Pope.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **97%** up from **96.2%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are: **Year 2 Mr Patterson** and **Year 1 Miss Pope** both with **99%**

Well done everyone!
Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

Don't forget! From **Monday** we will be taking part in the **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel**.

Bike, scoot, walk; anything but the car, as many times as you can.

Any walk or wheel can boost our brains, energy and well-being! Help keep our streets free of congestion, to be a safer place to walk and also lose the stress of having to find a parking space every morning.

It's a great way to save money on fuel and there are the obvious pollution reducing benefits to the local environment and our children's health. So let's make a collective effort and experience the joys of a spring morning, whatever the weather!

Mrs Wells



We were one of the top schools in Newcastle last year for the big walk and wheel – let's try and break our own personal best!

Mrs Lamb

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.

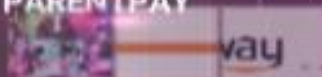
ANY CHILDREN WITH A WRAPAROUND BOOKING CAN BE
TAKEN THROUGH TO THE DISCO BY SCHOOL STAFF AT
4.30 IF THEY HAVE A DISCO TICKET.

UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT IS ONLY OPEN TO
CURRENT GPFS PUPILS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

£5

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TICKET
HOT DOG
INCLUDED



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 3yrs - 11yrs

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Week 2 - Tue 22nd April - Fri 25th April

Single Day Bookings
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2 Incredible Venues

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SKILLS TO LAST A LIFETIME

AGES 4-16 YEARS

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Better Swim School

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Scan the QR code or search **Swimming Lessons with Better** to join and find out more.

Terms and conditions apply. The offer is to receive 25% off Better Swimming Lessons when booked online at <https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/lessons-and-courses/swimming>. The offer is only available at East End Pool & Gosforth LC. Offer ends on 31/03/2025. To claim the offer, promotional code NEW25 must be applied at the point of making the booking. 16+ only. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. We reserve the right to amend the terms and conditions at any time without prior notice. Full terms and conditions at [better.org.uk/offer/terms](https://www.better.org.uk/offer/terms). Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefits & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 277938. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. X843398.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Bumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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