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Ofsted Inspection

This week Gosforth Park First School welcomed Ofsted for a graded inspection. The inspectors were with us on Tuesday and Wednesday to judge *Quality of Education, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development, Early Years and Leadership & Management*.

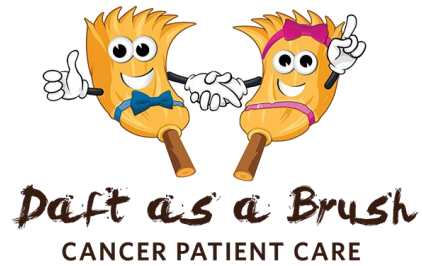
A huge **thank you to all of our children** for their polite and courteous behaviour as well as their confidence when talking to our 'special visitors' about their school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to **thank our GPFS families** for your lovely survey responses and feedback to the inspectors. We feel so privileged to serve our wonderful children and community every day. We would like to thank the three Ofsted inspectors for the way that they conducted themselves during our inspection. As expected, they quickly fell in love with our school and your amazing children.

As soon as we are able, we will share our report and outcomes with you all. It is likely that this will take about 6 weeks to be fully completed and published.

Mrs Lamb & the GPFS Team

Together we make a Difference



Daft Day!

This **Friday 23th May** we are holding our annual 'Daft Day' to raise money and awareness for our beloved local charity **Daft as a Brush**.

Children (and teachers!) are encouraged to wear their daftest outfits to school. ParentPay will be open for a suggested donation of £1

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

School Photographs

New Date Added

We are sorry that our school photographer was delayed this week. Please be advised that the photographer has been rearranged for **Wednesday 25th June**

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mrs Lamb

Safety Works

On Thursday, our Year 2 and Year 4 pupils visited **Safety Works** as part of our PSHE Curriculum offer. Children took part in a range of activities that keep them safe in our locality such as BBQ safety, road safety, water safety, dog safety and metro safety.



Mr Patterson and Miss Bell



Children's Cancer Run Essential Information

Thank you so much for joining our school team for the Children's Cancer Run on **Sunday 18th May 2025**. I am thrilled so many of you can attend!

Please arrive at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park by **11:20am** ready for our **11:40am start.**

Our designated **car park is A.** Meet at the school meeting point.

Thank you for helping our school to make a difference.

Miss Walsh

Outdoor Cinema

7-8th June

Please see below for a poster from Georgie at Gosforth Shopping Centre. The outdoor cinema is back at the park on 7th and 8th June.

All money raised will go towards the Gosforth Play park charity to improve the play area in Gosforth Central Park

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

KS1 Geography Fieldwork - Traffic Surveys



On **Monday 19th May** (Year 1) and **Tuesday 20th May** (Year 2) children in KS1 will be conducting some more Geography Fieldwork in our local area. This time we will be collecting data by conducting a traffic survey to answer the question, '**Which roads around our school are the busiest?**'

Full school uniform (or PE kit on PE days) and a waterproof coat or sun cream/sunhat depending on weather please.

Make sure to give us a wave if you spot us in our high-vis jackets!

Many thanks

Mr Hindess



A huge well done to **Miss Bell's Class** who have won the Golden Welly award for excellent cooperation and kindness outside at playtimes this week.

Ms Gasper

Mental Health Week

This week was **national mental health week**. Children watched a special assembly in their classrooms and learnt about ***Speak Out, Stay Safe*** to help them to learn about healthy age-appropriate relationships and how to speak out if they have any worries.

At GPFS we are proud of our emphasis on mental health. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Lamb (Mental Health Lead) or Mr Brown, Mr Patterson, Mrs Wells or Ms Gasper (Mental Health Ambassadors)

Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

During this week we have been doing some different movement activities linked to mental health awareness week. Simple and fun movement and exercise can not only enhance our sense of well-being, it is also linked to improving brain function, better sleep and helps with mood regulation and lowering stress. BBC Bitesize have created some fun family "Moodbooster" activities which link to some of the exercises we have been doing in school. You can join in with the different celebrities as a family whilst focussing on different aspects of improving mental health.

Find out more on [Family Moodboosters - videos to get the whole household moving and feeling good](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cd1p8gmegeet) (or here's the link to type in: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cd1p8gmegeet).

Mrs Wells

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Miss Tate's class are our most active class this week, with Miss Bell's class closely behind. We have had some new breakthrough artists this week: **Harry H** and **Lucas S**, keep climbing those statuses! Our fastest timetables in our 10x table and our slowest is our 9x table, so keep practicing those 9s everyone! Our top coin earners this week are Marlee D, Joshua Sh and Alfie R.



Mr Patterson's class are our top class this week with 80% practicing this week! Congratulations to Jacob A who has made it onto gold level this week!

Our top coin earners this week are:

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Elva O**

Miss Coughlan – **Naomi K**

Miss Gledhill – **Rosalyn R**

Miss Pope – **Henry S**

Miss Walsh – **Keir E**

Mr Patterson – **Jacob A**

Mrs Easdon and Mrs Armstrong – **Alfie R**

Miss Tate – **James H**

Keep up the great work, Miss Pope.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **96.9%** up from **96.7%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are:

Year 4 Miss Bell with **100%** and **Year 1 Miss Pope** with **98.9%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

Makaton

This week's sign is –

To Learn

Sign:



Symbol:



Important Dates 2024-2025

Summer 1	
Sunday 18 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Monday 19 th May	KS1 Local Geography Fieldwork – Traffic Surveys – Year One
Tuesday 20 th May	KS1 Local Geography Fieldwork – Traffic Surveys – Year Two
Friday 23rd May	Daft Day – Dress up daft!
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
Friday 20 th June	KS2 Big Gig 2025 'Sounds of the 70s'
Monday 23rd June	Sports Week
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 2 Trip to Northern Stage (AM) – Voices in Colour
Wednesday 25th June	School Photographer – Class Photos
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

Join us for **Birty's 2nd Charity Quiz Night**



Friday 20th June
7.00pm arrival
(Quiz starts at 7.30pm)

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Northern Football Club
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disappointment!**

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SUNDAY 8TH JUNE



10.15
Despicable
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12.30
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(12)

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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