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Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parents,

I am extremely proud to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th May.

While schools no longer receive an overall judgement, they are evaluated across five key areas. I'm delighted to share that our school received the highest rating—**Outstanding**—in all areas:

- **The quality of education:** Outstanding
- **Behaviour and attitudes:** Outstanding
- **Personal development:** Outstanding
- **Leadership and management:** Outstanding
- **Early years provision:** Outstanding

We are incredibly proud of our children, families, staff, and wider community. It is wonderful that the inspectors recognised the exceptional standards we experience every day.

All families should have received an email with a copy of the full report (attached), which is also available [here](#).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Lamb

Headteacher

Together we make a Difference



Phonics Screen and Multiplication Check

A huge **well done** to all of our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils who have completed their statutory assessments this week.

Everyone has tried their very best and we are incredibly proud of all of your hard work!

As soon as results are available, we will share these with parents and carers.

Mrs Lamb



Our Golden Welly award goes to **Miss Gledhill's class**. They showed excellent co-operation and turn-taking when using the wheeled toys. There was also some fantastic perseverance when using the heavier scooters or using bikes without stabilisers for the first time – well done all of you!

Makaton

This week's sign is –

Sign of the Week

To Help

Sign



Symbol



Healthy School



CleanAirDay

19 June 2025

Next Thursday is UK Clean Air Day where campaigners act to lobby MPs asking them to champion clean air and keep measures to reduce pollution at the forefront of government policy. In school we educate our children about caring for the environment and our own health, and learning about pollution in our area plays a part in this. Cars and vans are the biggest producers of nitrogen oxides, a harmful group of gases that can cause problems with lung function and inflammation of the airways. They can make asthma symptoms worse and increase the frequency of allergic reactions. Perhaps the most surprising finding in recent years is that being a passenger or driver in the enclosed space of a car or van can expose you to more pollution than any other way of travelling by road. Walkers, cyclists and bus users are generally exposed to lower levels of pollutants than car passengers or drivers so knowing this is a great incentive to leave the car at home on the school run! Find out more at

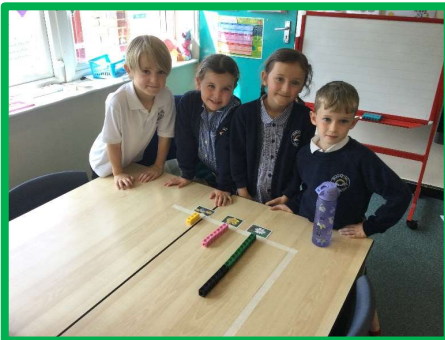
<https://www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day>

Mrs Wells

Year 1 Science

Last Friday Year 1 completed an investigation into which wildflower was most common on our school field. We collected tally chart data, converted it into a block chart and then created a pictogram on Sketchpad in ICT! They are all super scientists in the making.

Miss Pope



Pre-loved Uniform

As you'll remember, our fantastic **PTA** purchased children from Reception to Year 3 a **new branded uniform item** for last September. We'd love to make sure these are reused, recycled and re-loved!

Please bring along any pre-loved uniform to the **Summer Festival on Monday 15th July** (or sooner if not needed). There is a drop off area in the main entrance. School jumpers and cardigans do not have to be worn in the last week so we can get pre-loved uniform turned around for anyone wanting to purchase items for September.



KS2 - The Big Gig!

Next week on **Friday 20th June** all of KS2 will be taking part in **The Big Gig**. We have been practicing our songs, based on the theme of **'Sound of the 70's'** in our weekly music lessons.

We will arrive at Vertu Motors Arena at 11:00am for rehearsals and perform to a live audience at 1:00pm. We will be back at school for normal pick-up time.

Please remember that all KS2 children will need a nut-free packed lunch on Friday.

If you have not already given consent for your child to attend, please do so via ParentPay.

Many thanks
Mr Patterson

Gosforth Park Handball Stars



On Saturday 8th June, Newcastle Vikings Handball Club welcomed children from across Tyne & Wear to join in with their fun community handball games at Benfield Sports Centre.



Nine pupils from GPFS attended the event, full of energy and eager to learn new skills, which they then applied in fun and friendly matches against the Vikings team. You could see that the young GPFS handballers used the skills learned at school in the drills and throughout the matches. Their incredible fairness and teamwork skills stood out throughout the whole event. Marlen their coach is very proud of them all and are hoping more children will join in in future events.



Well done!

Mrs Lamb

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From Tuesday 24th June, for four weeks we are holding taster sessions for our afterschool club. Bring your children along straight from school for a light snack, story, games and activities.

Contact staidansfamilyworker@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

St Aidan's Church
Brunton Park



Saving our Lollipop

The time has come again (and will every year) to raise money (£8,000 per year) to pay for our very important lollipop lady who stands at the island to cross for all 3 schools at white ridge park, Granville Rd.

As you're already aware, we have secured Katie, our lollipop lady until September 2025 but we need to keep fundraising to maintain Katie for the foreseeable.

The crossing is too dangerous to be without her.

We're just a few mothers at the schools who believe this crossing is vital to our children's safety and we will keep fundraising, but we do need your help!!

We also appreciate any additional fundraising you may be able to do independently to add to the pot. This is for all our children!

How we will continue to raise money:

- Bake sales
- A stall at summer Fayre's
- Just giving link send via what's apps monthly to add a monthly donation (as big or as small as you'd like)
- Discos
- Be Bright Be Seen day

And more.....

And remember any fundraising you'd like to do independently, just add it to the just giving link or contact myself.

We're beginning the process to have our crossing fundraising as a charity which as you can imagine is a little tricky. This will however allow more opportunity for us to raise money through grants etc and sustain our Lollipop funding.

Saving our Lollipop cont ...

We continue to work with the council to ask for support towards this funding

Any further updates will be sent via your school news letters or on this just giving link.

Thank you for all your support

Warmest wishes

The Parklands Crossing team

Donations to be made to this link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laura-greenhill-1&sharePage>



Due to rising staffing costs and ongoing inflation, we will be implementing an increase in prices from **1st September 2025**. We appreciate your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

	Current	New
Breakfast	£5.25	£5.45
5pm finish	£6.85	£7.10
6pm finish	£11.30	£11.70
Half day holiday	£11.55	£11.95
Full day holiday	£23.10	£23.90

Bookings for Rainbow Wraparound sessions in **SEPTEMBER** will open at **12pm on Friday 20th June** and will close on **Friday 4th July at 12pm**. This will enable us to arranging staffing and supplies in advance of our summer break.

Mrs Carrick

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done Year 4 for completing your MTC this week I know you will have all done your best! Miss Tate's class you are our most active class this week, well done for getting in some extra practice before the MTC. Well done Grace H and Heidi H who have become Rock Stars this week and Harry H for becoming a Rock Legend! What a brilliant achievement. **Benjamin M** has also become a Rock Star which is an extraordinary achievement in Year 2! Our top coin earners are Heidi H, Christopher L and Charlie W.



Our most active class on Numbots is Mr Patterson's this week! If you're finding it tricky to earn more stars on your current level, go back and try to earn 3 stars on previous levels to help you unlock new parts for your robot. Revisiting older skills can help you with harder challenges!

Our top coin earners this week are:

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Eliza H**

Miss Coughlan – **Oonagh M**

Miss Gledhill – **Finley R**

Miss Pope – **Jess S**

Miss Walsh – **Eoin M**

Mr Patterson – **Oscar C**

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

Miss Tate – **Joshua S**

Well done everyone, Miss Pope.



Congratulations to Olly and his Cramlington United team winning the June Cup in Sunderland last weekend. Their first tournament win of U9s!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **96.8%** up from **96.5%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are:

Year 2 Mr Patterson with **98.6%** and

Reception Miss Coughlan with **98.3%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

Important Dates 2024-2025

Summer 2	
Monday 2nd June	GST Training Day
Wednesday 18th June	Year 1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 18 th June	New Reception Welcome Evening 6pm
Friday 20 th June	KS2 Big Gig 2025 'Sounds of the 70s'
Monday 23rd June	Sports Week
Monday 23 rd June	KS2 Sports Day 2:15-3:15pm
Tuesday 24 th June	Year One Sports Day 2:15-3:15pm
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 2 Trip to Northern Stage (AM) – Voices in Colour
Wednesday 25 th June	School Photographer – Class Photos
Wednesday 25 th June	New Nursery Welcome Evening 6pm
Thursday 26 th June	Y4 Filming Leaver's Video
Friday 27 th June	Reception Sports Day 9:15-10:15am
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 Sports Day 2:15-3:15pm
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	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
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers Assembly + Presentations – doors open at 1.45pm for 2pm start
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term

Reminder

Our last day of Summer term is **Friday 18th July**. We return on **Tuesday 2nd September** (Monday 1st September is a training day).

Sports Days

Sports Day dates/times:

- **KS2 – Monday 23rd June – 2:15-3:15pm**
- **Year 1 – Tuesday 24th June – 2:15-3:15pm**
- **Reception – Friday 27th June – 9:15-10:15am**
- **Year 2 – Friday 27th June 2:15-3:15pm**

Year 4 Transition Information










Please see below for a useful outline of the upcoming dates for our Year 4 pupils, including dates for planned **transition activities**:

Year 4 Transition Planner 2024-25					
Half Term					
w/b	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16/06	GEMS Teachers visiting GPFS to meet Y4 children 9:30am Buddy Letters				Big Gig
23/06 <i>Sports Week</i>	Sports around the world KS2 Sports Day	Handball	Skip 4 Fit Class Photos	Filming Leaver's Video	
30/06 <i>Transition Week</i>			Transition to GEMS Drop off at <u>GPFS</u> Pick up from GEMS Parents Meeting at GEMS 6pm	Transition to GEMS Drop off and pick up from GEMS	Transition to GEMS Drop off and pick up from GEMS
07/07					End of Year Reports to Parents
14/07	Summer Fayre + BBQ			Leaver's Assembly + Presentation 2pm	Last Day of Term + Shirt Signing

Please continue reading for more information about each of the transition activities and how they will help to prepare your child for their next school.

Year 4 Transition Information Cont...

Year 4 Transition Planner 2024-25

	<p>GEMS Teachers Visit Before we head across to our new school, some of the Year 5 teachers will come to visit us! This will give our children a chance to get to know the staff and to ask them questions.</p>		<p>Buddy Letters A lovely way to learn a bit more about their new school! Our old friends (ex- GPFS pupils) write to our Year 4 cohort to tell them all about Year 5 and to buddy them up if they ever feel a bit lost.</p>
	<p>SEMH Transition Group Amanda from the Newcastle SEMH team will work with a group of Y4 pupils on some additional transition activities.</p>		<p>Additional Support Mr Hindess and the KS2 team will be facilitating some additional transition activities for children who require a bit more support.</p>
	<p>Transition Days Year 4 children will have 3 full days at their Middle School. They will find out who their teacher and classmates will be for Year 5. Our Year 4 staff will take the children to GEMS on Wednesday morning and be around to support, if required!</p>		<p>Leaver's Video Children will have the opportunity to take part in our leaver's video to give them a lasting memory of their time at Gosforth Park to share with their family and keep forever.</p>
	<p>Leaver's Assembly Our annual leaver's assembly is our way of giving your children the GPFS ending they deserve! We invite our Year 4 families to join us for your child's performance and presentations.</p>		<p>Shirt Signing Everyone's favourite rite of passage! Children are encouraged to bring in an old GPFS jumper or t-shirt for their teachers and friends to sign.</p>
	<p><u>Useful Contact Information</u> Mrs Wilson (Year 5 Lead) anna.wilson@gosfortheast.newcastle.sch.uk 0191 2855445</p> <p>Mrs Armstrong (SENCO) emma.armstrong@gosfortheast.newcastle.sch.uk 0191 2855445</p>		

Please also keep an eye out for any communication with GEMS about additional events or information.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hindess, Miss Tate or Miss Bell.



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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St Aidan's Youth Group : Friday's 5.30pm - 7pm

Is your Year 4 or
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Are you concerned
about changes to
friendships
groups?

Why not come along to Youth Group this term?

We have young people from many local schools, who are friendly and welcoming.
We enjoy indoor and outdoor games, have a short faith talk and end with a pizza supper.

Friday 6th June will be an evening of 'Getting to know you' games to welcome new members

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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