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Confidence

Creativity



Sports Week 2025

Challenge



Community



Sports Week 2025

Wow what an active week we have had! The children have been taking part in lots of sporting activities this week in school. We have enjoyed American football, learning the haka, handball, Zumba, ball skills, skipping, rugby minis, tag rugby, cheerleading, basketball and class sporting activities. We also took part in a 'resilience' assembly linked to sport and applying resilience to our everyday lives.

I hope the children have enjoyed trying a new sport or activity this week! We want all of our children to be **active, happy and healthy**

A huge Gosforth Park thank you to all of the external providers who have supported us in delivering our sporting offer this week!

Miss Walsh



See the brochure attached to this week's newsletter to find out more about what's on offer!

Miss Bell



Transition Morning

Next Thursday morning children will be getting to know their new teachers and becoming familiar with their new classrooms while taking part in some fun transition activities!

We will also be sending out **Transition Passports** on Thursday so that children can talk to you about their new classes over the Summer Holiday.

There will be some reorganisation of classes throughout the school. We are continuing to work hard to finalise these class lists, carefully considering the needs of all children — including their friendship groups and learning needs.

We also have some recruitment news to share with you so keep an eye out for more information sent via ParentPay next week!
Mrs Lamb



It was so lovely to welcome our new Nursery parents on Wednesday evening! We can't wait for your children to start their Gosforth Park journey with us!

Ms Gasper and the Nursery Team

Head to your local pharmacy.

HERE
TO
HELP

Pharmacies across the North East and North Cumbria can offer advice and treatment for many common conditions.

There's no need for a GP appointment – just 'Think Pharmacy First'

Pop along to your local pharmacy and talk to a health care professional about your illness and they will offer advice and treatment if needed.

This service can be used by anyone living in the North East and North Cumbria and is offered at most pharmacies.

Our local pharmacies that offer this service are:

Asda Pharmacy

Opening times:

- 9am to 12:30pm
- 1pm to 4:30pm
- 5pm to 8pm

01912134317

[Get directions \(opens in Google Maps\)](#)

Brunton Park Pharmacy

Opening times:

- 8:45am to 5:45pm

01912362776

[Get directions \(opens in Google Maps\)](#)

Whittaker J & J (Chemists) Ltd

Opening times:

- 9am to 5:30pm

01912855576

[Get directions \(opens in Google Maps\)](#)

Boots

Opening times:

- 9am to 5:30pm

01912851141

[Get directions \(opens in Google Maps\)](#)

What health conditions are covered as part of this service?

- **Aches and pains**
 - back pain, headache, migraine, muscle ache, period pain, teething, toothache
- **Allergies**
 - bites and stings, hay fever, skin reaction
- **Colds and flu**
 - cough, congestion, sore throat, fever / temperature (including fever following immunisation)
- **Ear care**
 - earache, ear infection, ear wax
- **Eye care**
 - bacterial conjunctivitis, styes
- **Gastrointestinal care**
 - diarrhoea, constipation, indigestion, haemorrhoids (piles), reflux, threadworms, vomiting
- **Head lice**
- **Mouth care**
 - cold sores, oral thrush, ulcers
- **Skin care**
 - athlete's foot, chicken pox, contact dermatitis /atopic eczema, fungal skin infections, nappy rash, pruritis (itching), scabies, warts, verrucas
- **Vaginal thrush**

We have been told that you can register your child at the pharmacy and then you can receive free products such as headlice treatment! Please check out the poster at the end of the newsletter. There's also a QR code to request a limited emergency supply of medication that you have run out of.

Mrs Lamb



Y2 Alnwick Castle

On **Tuesday 1st July**, Year Two will be visiting **Alnwick Castle** as part of our *Kings, Queens and Castles* History Topic. Children will have a chance to explore Alnwick Castle with their class, take part in a *Castle Life* lesson and learn about defences in an exciting *Storming the Barbican* workshop.

Children will need:

- A **water bottle**
- Suitable **outdoor footwear** with **full school uniform**
- Warm, waterproof **jacket/coat** or **suncream applied** (depending on weather forecast)

If you have not already done so, please confirm your consent via ParentPay over the weekend.

Mr Hindess



Y4 Leaver's Video

Julian was in school this week to film our Y4 Leaver's Video but due to poor weather he is coming back to school on **Wednesday 9th July** to capture some extra footage.

Many thanks
Miss Bell



A huge well done to Lily who was awarded **orange belt** in her martial arts class this week!



Florence, Lucy and Violet from Year 2 are looking very proud to have made their brownie promise last night.
Well done girls!

Wonderful Wetland Winners

Congratulations to Mrs Armstrong's and my class for winning the Eversheds Sutherland Wildly Wonderful Wetland Animal Competition which we entered in Science week! They were impressed with all the entries from both classes and specially mentioned the children below. They sent us an amazing bundle of prizes for the school to help us learn more about wetland animals with lots of binoculars and bird hides to help us spot more birds in our school grounds.

Well done Year 1 and Year 4!

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.



Makaton

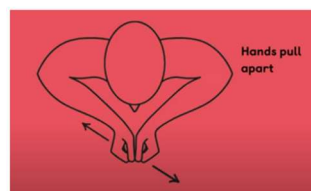
This week's sign is –

Sign of the Week

Sport

Sign

Symbol





Healthy School



The children have had lots of fun during this sports week, and we really do have some talented and budding young athletes. During lockdown, England Athletics created some fun athletics activities which can be done at home and are still available to download. Most relevant for both Key Stage 1 and 2 children are their “Funetics fun family activity cards” which can be found by scrolling down the linked page, below the home/school pack download. There is also a link at the bottom of the page which takes you to several useful videos demonstrating how to do several of the activities. Find out more at <https://www.englandathletics.org/funetics/athletics-activities-at-home/>

Mrs Wells

Reminder

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



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 arrange staffing and supplies in advance of our summer break.

Mrs Carrick



Huge well done to Miss Walsh's class who have been great models in the bike and scooter area this week

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done **Miss Tate's class** for keeping up your times tables practice and being our most active class this week! Congratulations to Joshua M who became a Rock Star this week in Year 3! Our top coin earners are James C, Emilia E and Joshua M.



Miss Gledhill's class are our most active class this week!

Our top coin earners this week are:

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Toby B**

Miss Coughlan – **Elliot B**

Miss Gledhill – **Enzo H**

Miss Pope – **Maya B**

Miss Walsh – **Keir E**

Mr Patterson – **Oscar C**

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

Miss Tate – **Joshua S**

Keep working hard everyone, Miss Pope.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **96.9%** up from **96.6%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are:

Year 1 Miss Pope with **99.2%** and **Year 2**

Miss Walsh with **99.3%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

The Voices in Colour

Year 2 had a wonderful time at the SEMH Voices in Colour concert at Northern Stage.

They showed their amazing confidence to stand on stage and lead the performances of 'This is Me' and 'Firework'.

They did the school proud and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Thank you to the parent helpers and all of the other parents who bought tickets to attend the show!

Mr Patterson



Important Dates 2024-2025

Summer 2	
WB 30th June	In school transition week
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 2 Trip to Alnwick Castle
Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th July	Year 4 Transition to GEMS
Wednesday 2nd July	Nursery Sports Day 10:30
Thursday 3 rd July	Whole school transition morning (children meet new teachers)
Thursday 3 rd /Friday 4 th July	Year 3 On site residential with Mr H
Thursday 3 rd July	Author Visit (Guy Bass)
Monday 7th July	Nursery Trip to Kirkley Hall
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

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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
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			Filming Leaver's Video x2		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>Useful Contact Information Mrs Wilson (Year 5 Lead) anna.wilson@gosfortheast.newcastle.sch.uk 0191 2855445 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 3 rd	December 17 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

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY.
PLAYING A RANGE OF SPORTS INCLUDING TENNIS, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, ROUNDEES,
MINI OLYMPICS, MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVING FUN!

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-15 YEARS.

£100 PER WEEK
£30 PER DAY
MON-FRI
9AM-4PM



WEEK 1: 21ST-25TH JULY
WEEK 2: 28TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST
WEEK 3: 4TH-8TH AUGUST

BOHEMIANS TENNIS CLUB, SOUTH RIDGE, BRUNTON PARK, GOSFORTH, NE3 2EJ TEL: 07866891868
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT:
[HTTPS://CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/BENADAMSCOACHING/COACHING/CAMPS](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/benadamsc coaching/coaching/camps)



111 online - Emergency Prescriptions

This QR code facilitates access to NHS 111 online, the portal at which patients can request a Pharmacy First service for a limited emergency supply of a medicine they have run out, advise them to order via the QR code below. The pharmacy will then receive an electronic referral.



<https://111.nhs.uk/emergency-prescription>

Got an itch? Tummy trouble? Tickly cough?

NHS

Head to your local pharmacy.

Did you know? Pharmacists across the North East and North Cumbria can offer advice and FREE treatment for a wide range of common conditions* – just like having a prescription from your GP!

Please ask your pharmacy team for more details and eligibility.

Hay fever 1 year+
Stings & Rashes 1 year+
Infected insect bites 1 year+
Headlice 1 year+
Earache 1 to 17 years
Impetigo 1 year+
UTI's non pregnant women 16-64 years

Additional conditions can be treated, without the need to visit a GP. Ask a member of your pharmacy team about the minor ailments scheme.

Step 1

Go to your local community pharmacy (chemist) about your illness and they will offer advice.

Step 2

If needed, you will be offered treatment and if you qualify, this will be given free of charge.

Step 3

A suitable medicine may be offered to you.*

*You qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for your prescriptions.



Find further information at:
www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health

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GPFS PTFA

Summer Festival Raffle Prizes

MONDAY 14TH JULY

DRAWN AT 5PM
GPFS FIELD

TICKETS
AVAILABLE TO
BUY FROM 7TH
JULY AFTER
SCHOOL!

Family Fun

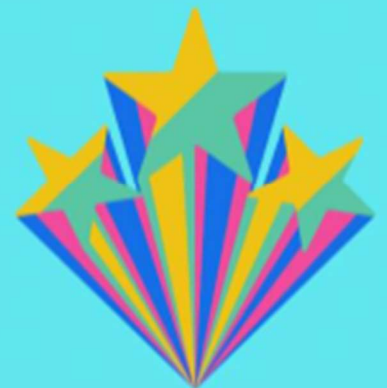
- Life Science Centre family passes
- New Adventureland's party passes
- £10 Hopscotch cafe voucher
- ...and many more!

Food

- £30 Tremelo Lounge voucher
- £15 Brunton Deli
- £30 Pizza Dough voucher
- £15 Koru
- ...and many more!

Wow!

- Signed England legends rugby shirt
- Estée Lauder goodie bag
- MAC makeover in Fenwicks



GPFS PTFA

We need your help with the Summer Festival

Chocolate Tombola

Please donate a bar or box of chocolates on 23rd June (first day of sports week).

Bottle Tombola

Please bring in a bottle in a bottle bag on 23rd June (first day of sports week).

This can be any bottle: alcohol, bubble bath, ketchup etc...

Teddy Tombola

Please donate any unwanted cuddly toys by 7th July.

Raffle Prizes

Can you donate anything as a raffle prize? Please get in touch

Cake Sale

Please donate cakes on the morning of 14th July

Finally!

Sign up for a 30 minute slot on one of our stalls...

Link to our sign up sheet will be sent around soon.

All donations to be brought to the main school reception, and left in the community room.



GPFS PTFA
Presents

Gosforth Park Summer Festival

FREE
ENTRY
FOR
EVERYONE

MONDAY 14TH JULY

BRING YOUR
PICNIC
BLANKETS AND
GARDEN GAMES

3.30 - 5.30PM
GPFS FIELD

Food

BURGER £3.50
SAUSAGE £3.50
VEGGIE SAUSAGE £2.50
PIZZA SLICE £1

AS WELL AS
ICE CREAM,
HOT DOGS AND
CAKE!

Activities

GLITTER TATTOOS £1
COLOURED HAIR EXTENSIONS £1
RAINBOW FACEPAINT 50P
RAFFLE £1 A TICKET
TOMBOLAS: BOTTLE, CHOCOLATE AND TEDDY £1
AND LOTS MORE

PLEASE
BRING
CASH!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of 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 understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Newcastle Libraries!

Read books, take part in our free activities and collect your stickers. Earn 5 stickers to receive your certificate and 7 to enter our exciting prize draw!



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

