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Year 4 Leavers Assembly 2025



Wow! We were treated to such an amazing show from our Year 4 Leavers yesterday afternoon. The children were simply brilliant (and hilarious!) We are so incredibly proud of all of our GPFS children and everything they have achieved this year.

We wish all of our children in Nursery and Year 4 who are moving on to new schools all the very best for the future. We are so honoured to have been a part of your learning journey. Your wonderful children are an absolute credit to you all.

I know you will join me in saying a huge thanks to our wonderful staff team. We also thank our parents, families and our school community for all of your support. We are feeling very proud and incredibly lucky. I hope you all have a great summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all and our new families to school in September.

Together we make a difference!

Our Final Celebration Assembly of 2024-2025

It was a bittersweet afternoon as we said goodbye to pupils and colleagues who are moving on to new adventures. It's always sad to say goodbye, however we know that they are all ready for their next adventures whether that be a new school, retirement or teacher training!

We said goodbye with our annual tradition of leaving assembly through a Year 3 arch!



Mrs Hall would like to say a huge thanks for all of your well wishes and gifts.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and kind words.

Mrs Lamb and the team



Summer Festival Thank You!

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your incredible support at the PTFA Summer BBQ on Monday. We were truly overwhelmed by the turnout and enthusiasm, despite the weather! We hope you all had a wonderful time, and we're so grateful for your generosity—whether through purchasing raffle tickets, enjoying food and drink, or taking part in the many fun stalls. It was fantastic to see so many smiles, especially from those who went home with cuddly toys—giant ones included!

This year we raised an incredible **£2184** for our PTFA and **£400** for the crossing patrol.

Your support means the world to us. Thank you again for making the event such a success.

Mrs Lamb & the PTFA

School Closed

School will be **closed to all pupils on Monday 1st September** for whole school staff training. We reopen on Tuesday 2nd September



Meet the Teacher

Please see below for the dates/times of **Meet the Teacher** parent information sessions:

Reception:

Friday 12th September
9:00 – 10:00
Enter via Wraparound

Year One:

Tuesday 16th September 3:45 – 4:15
(Mrs Lamb will look after any children/siblings in the Early Years garden)
Enter via external classroom doors

Year Two:

Tuesday 16th September 3:45 – 4:15
(Mrs Lamb will look after any children/siblings in the Early Years garden)
Enter via the double red doors under the Rainbow canopy.

KS2:

Monday 15th September 3:45 – 4:15
(Mrs Lamb will look after any siblings in the spare year 4 classroom)
Enter via the KS2 cloakroom doors

These meetings are a chance for you to get to know your child's class teacher and to ask any questions that you have about the year ahead.

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend – we will be sending out our yearly class letters with all of the most important information.

Mrs Lamb

New Topics 2025/26

Below are the topics that our children will be studying when they arrive back with us after the summer holiday:

Reception – All About Me



All About Me enables our children to build relationships, get to know their new teachers and foster new friendships. Children build on their prior knowledge of the school environment, their local area and the wider community.

Year One – Pirates



Pirates is an engaging and exciting Geography based topic which introduces children to map work, compass directions and the 4 countries that make up the UK. We love our trip to the Royal Navy Museum where we get to explore real ships!

Year Two – Gosforth is Great!

Gosforth is Great introduces our children to their local area through describing physical and human characteristics of their environment. Our map skills and fieldwork knowledge are enhanced though exploring the wider locality. This builds on our prior learning from our Year 1 experiences.



KS2 – Gosforth is Greater!

Gosforth is Greater – the geography topic that we love so much that we do it twice! This time we delve into the world of 4 figure grid references and OS maps. We plan our own fieldwork data gathering with the question, ‘How could our local high street be improved?’ before we head up the road to interview members of the public!

Please feel free to explore our school website **Geography Curriculum** page to find out more!

Mr Hindess



Staying Safe Around Water

As we look forward to the summer holidays—a time for fun, adventure, and family—we also want to remind you that this time of year can come with unexpected dangers, particularly around water.

Water safety is a key part of our curriculum, and children explore this topic in school as well as during their visits to *Safety Works!* in Years 2 and 4. However, a timely reminder from home can make all the difference.

Please take a moment to speak with your child about the potential risks associated with rivers, lakes, ponds, and even paddling pools. Understanding how to stay safe near water is essential.

For practical guidance, we’ve included a Top 10 Water Safety Tips poster at the end of this newsletter. We encourage you to read through it with your child and keep the conversation going throughout the summer. Wishing all our families a safe and enjoyable break!

Mrs Lamb





Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is launching Monday 14 July at Newcastle Libraries, and this year's theme is #StoryGarden 🌱

As always, Toon Libraries has a mega jam-packed programme of events to go along with the **#SummerReadingChallenge!**

You can check out everything that's happening, here: www.tiny.cc/SRC2025

The Summer Reading Challenge is presented by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries.

Looking forward to seeing how many Gosforth Park pupils receive their certificates this year!

Mr Patterson



Dates for your Diary

We have been working hard to compile some important dates for the next academic year to give our parents as much notice as possible. Please see the diary at the end of this newsletter for some dates for your diaries

Mrs Lamb



Summer Holiday Reading

Reception and year 1, please remember that you can use **Big Cat Collins Hub** over the summer to read all the amazing Little Wandle books that you have read this year. I have assigned them all week by week as you have read them. **Your login details are stuck in your reading records- please make a note of them!**

Thank you,
Mr Patterson



Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS/HOODIES	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50	NON – OFFICIAL POLOS
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GREY PINAFORES	£1.50	GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50	GREY BOYS SHORTS
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50	DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50	

Items are sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, with a drop off box at the front door. Please REMEMBER items must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.



Please remember that there is a pre-loved uniform drop off area in the main entrance to help us to reuse, recycle and re-love uniform for the benefit of our children and community.

Uniform Reminder

Year R – Year 4:

- White Polo Shirt - either completely plain or with school logo
- Navy round neck sweatshirt or cardigan completely plain or with school logo
- Plain grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores.
- During the Summer Term, navy gingham dresses may be worn
- Sensible fitting smart black shoes, trainers or boots. Shoes with a heel are not permitted.
- Plain grey, black or white tights or socks.

PE

To be worn on PE days

- White Polo Shirt or round neck t-shirt - either completely plain or with school logo
- Navy shorts, joggers or leggings.
- Navy jumper or hoodie completely plain or with school logo
- Trainers

Jewellery

- Small earring studs and a wrist watch may be worn (smart watches are not allowed); however these must be removed for PE. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be covered.
- Navy books bags are recommended (plain or with the school logo). We do not have space in school to store any bags larger than this, such as back packs.
- Coats can be of any type or colour. We play out in any weather. Please sure your child brings a coat every day.

◆ Help Keep Our Children Safe — Fund Our Lollipop Lady! ◆

Many parents don't realise this, but the **Parklands Crossing on Broadway East** — used daily by children from **Gosforth Park First School, St Oswald's and GEMS** — is **not funded by the council**.

For the past **8 years**, our community has raised the full cost of providing this service and we need your help to do it again. Katie is there, rain or shine, every morning and afternoon, yet we are at risk of losing this vital service.

We must raise £8,000 by December 2025 to keep **Katie**, our dedicated Lollipop Lady, in place for the 2025–2026 school year.

So far, we've raised **£800**, thanks in large part to generous donations at the GPFS Summer Fair — thank you!

👉 If **every family donated just £10–£15 a year**, we'd reach our goal.

This isn't about convenience — it's about **safety**. The bend at the Parklands Crossing is dangerous, and without Katie there, our children's journeys to and from school would be far less secure.

💖 All donations go **directly to Newcastle City Council** to fund the full cost of Katie's wages.

Let's come together again, as we always do, and make sure our children continue to cross safely.

👁️ Donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laura-greenhill-1>

Thank you for your continued support,

The Parklands Crossing Team

Northeast Autism Society Summer Activity Guide

For your information I wanted to share with you some new resources that have produced to support families during the Summer Holidays by the North East Autism Society.

The 65-page Summer Activities guide includes sports, adventure, art and craft, science, films, parties, play sessions and hundreds of other great activities going on around the North East this summer.

The Summer toolkit is packed full of useful resources for families to use over the holidays. Including a daily planner, countdown calendar, tips for going on holiday, transition back to school guidance, preparing for the first day at a new school and activity ideas.

Families can download both for free, from the NEAS website:

<https://www.ne-as.org.uk/family-development/family-resource/seasonal-resources/>



Mr Hindess

Moving Up

Below is a reminder of the new class structure and staffing for next academic year. We are excited to welcome our new staff members to the GPFS team!

Nursery Ms Gasper, Mrs Wells
Mrs Dunn, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Ivison

Rec Miss Parsons-Munn
Mrs Matthewson, Mrs Sierkova

Rec Miss Coughlan
Mrs Rivett, Mrs Dodds

Year 1 Mr Edwards

Year 1 Miss Pope

Year 1 Support Team

Mrs T Lamb, Mrs Sarder, Miss
Matson, Mrs Rivett, Mrs Sierkova

Year 2 Mr Patterson

Year 2 Miss Tate

Year 2 Support Team

Miss Bolton, Mrs Fatima, Miss Curtis

Year 3 Mr Hindess/Mrs Armstrong

Year 3/4 Mr Guest

Year 4 Miss Bell

KS2 Support Team

Miss Smith, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Dlay,
Mrs Sedgewick, Miss Watson

We will be holding our yearly **meet the teacher** sessions early in September where you will get a chance to spend time talking to your child's class teacher and asking any questions.

Mrs Lamb

September Drop off and Pick Up



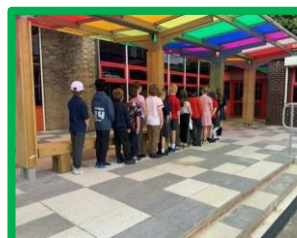
Nursery



Reception Miss Coughlan, Reception Miss Parsons-Munn



Year 1 Miss Pope, Year 1 Mr Edwards



Year 2 Miss Tate, Year 2 Mr Patterson



Year 3 Mr Hindess/Mrs Armstrong



Year 3/4 Mr Guest, Year 4 Miss Bell

New reception parents, there will be tea, coffee and biscuits in the community room after drop off.

Mrs Lamb



Rugby Minis will be starting again in the week beginning 8th September. Please use the links below to book directly.

Booking Links:

- Tuesday Club: [Gosforth Park First-Reception, Year 1&2 | Rugby Minis](#)
- Thursday Club: [Gosforth Park First-Years 1,2, 3&4 | Rugby Minis](#)



You should be able to keep using **TTRS** and **Numbots** for most of the holidays with your existing username and password so you can continue practicing your times table and number fluency.

However, when the new classes are made these will change. New usernames and passwords will be given out by your new teacher in September.

Many thanks

Miss Pope



Reception Intake 2026

We've already had lots of enquiries regarding visits for our **Reception 2026** intake.

Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates. Please phone the school office to book a place.

- Tuesday 7th October 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday 14th October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 21st October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 22nd October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 6th November 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 6th November 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday 11th November 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 12th November 5:00 – 6:00pm

Nut Free School



Please remember (including informing anyone else who may prepare food for your child) that nuts, nut butters or any other product containing nuts are not permitted in school at any time, including in packed lunches, cake sales or lunches for school trips.



A very special GPFS congratulations for **Francesca W** who has achieved a 'Young Writers' award and been selected for publication in an anthology in July. We can't wait to read it, Francesca!



Children's Cancer Run

It was a great turn out in May for the children's cancer run. In total, across all 11 schools the Gosforth Schools' Trust raised **£21,700!**

What an unbelievable achievement!
Miss Walsh

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

What a super year we've had on TTRS with 11 Rock Legends and 16 Rock Stars. Our top class this week has been **Mrs Armstrong's class**.

Congratulations to **Mila H** who became a Rock Star this week ready for Year 5! Our top coin earners this week are **Ava U**, **Matthew C**, **Joshua S** and **Brooke H**.



Thank you everyone for all your hard work upgrading your robots this year with your brilliant number skills! Keep them looking stylish over the holidays too! Our top class this week is **Miss Walsh's class**. Congratulations to **George K** who has reached 101 correct answers a minute!

Our top coin earners are:

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Finn H**

Miss Coughlan – **Daniel M**

Miss Gledhill – **Enzo H**

Miss Pope – **Ada W-B**

Miss Walsh – **Keir E**

Mr Patterson – **George K**

Mrs Easdon/Mrs Armstrong – **Olly R**

Miss Tate – **Gerard C**

Have a great summer everyone,

Miss Pope.



We hope that you have lots of happy and fun family times over the summer holidays. Whatever the weather, and whether you are staying local or travelling further afield, there are so many ways to be active and healthy. Remember sun safety and all the tips shared in our newsletter to keep safe on our roads and around water. And perhaps you could try out some of the healthy recipe ideas we've shared too and have fun in the kitchen together. On that note, here's a link to 5 healthy ice cream recipes:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/health/healthy-food-guides/5-healthy-ice-cream-recipes>

Happy holidays!

Mrs Wells



Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is a fantastic **97%** up from **96%** this time last year!

Our classes of the week this week are:

Year 2 Miss Walsh with **99.3%** and **Year**

Year 4 Miss Bell with **98.1%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb



Our Golden Welly award goes to **Mrs Armstrong's Class**

It's been great to see so many positive role models in Year 3 who are keen to help tidy up our different OPAL areas after breaktime and lunchtime.

Keep up the brilliant work in September!

Ms Gasper

Makaton

This week's sign is –

Summer Holiday!

Sign	Symbol
<p>Summer</p> <p>Summer</p>	
<p>Holiday</p>	

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A massive thank you to **Miss Coughlan** who has championed sign-of-the-week this academic year. Our children have loved learning the different Makaton signs and seeing the various symbols up around school.

Important Draft Dates 2025-26

Autumn One

Monday 1st September	Training Day
Tuesday 2nd September	School re-opens
Tuesday 2nd September	New Reception Parents/Carers Coffee morning in the community room 9:00 – 10:00
Friday 5th September	Reading meeting for Reception Parents 9:00 – 10:00 enter via Wraparound
Monday 8th September	New Nursery Parents/Carers Coffee morning in the community room 9:00 – 10:00 small hall enter via Wraparound
Thursday 11th September	Reading meeting for Year 1 Parents 9:00 – 10:00 enter via Wraparound
Friday 12th September	Reception Classes: Meet the teacher 9:00 – 10:00 enter via Wraparound
Monday 15 th September	Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4: Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4:15 enter via Year 3 and Year 4 cloakrooms
Tuesday 16 th September	Year 1: Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4:15 enter via external classroom doors
Tuesday 16 th September	Year 1: Meet the teacher 3:45 – 4:15 enter via red doors under Rainbow canopy
Friday 19 th September	Meet your Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO) 9:00 Community Room
Thursday 25 th September	Y4 Miss Bell Bikeability Level One
Thursday 5 th October	Y4 Mr Guest Bikeability Level One + any none-riders
Monday 6 th October	Y3 Geography Fieldwork – Gosforth Highstreet
Tuesday 7 th October	Y3/4 Geography Fieldwork – Gosforth Highstreet
Wednesday 8 th October	Y4 Geography Fieldwork – Gosforth Highstreet
Thursday 9 th October	Y1 trip to Royal Navy Museum
Wednesday 22 nd October	Y4 Playground Leaders Training
Friday 24 th October	Training Day

Autumn Two

Monday 3rd November	School re-opens
Wednesday 5th November	School Photos (individual and sibling)
Thursday 27 th November	Y3 + Y3/4 trip to Victoria Tunnel + Northern Print Workshops
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y4 trip to Victoria Tunnel + Northern Print Workshops
Thursday 4 th December	Y2 trip to Discovery Museum

Christmas Performances and Events

Wednesday 10 th December	Nursery - doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance
Wednesday 10 th December	Santa Dash Daily Mile
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Miss Coughlan - doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance
Friday 12 th December	Reception Miss Parsons-Munn - doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance
Monday 15 th December	Year 4 Miss Bell - doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 Miss Pope and Mr Edwards - doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3/4 Mr Guest - doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 2 Mr Patterson and Miss Tate - doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 Mr Hindess & Mrs Armstrong - doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance
Thursday 18 th December	Whole School trip to Gosforth Civic Theatre
Friday 19 th December	Reception to Year 4 Christmas Parties (wear party clothes!)

Important Draft Dates 2025-26

Spring One	
Monday 5th January	School re-opens
Spring Two	
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens
Wed 11th - Friday 13th March	Year 4 to Robinwood
Friday 3 rd April	Bank Holiday
Summer One	
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
w/b 4 th May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (PM all week)
w/b 11 th May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (PM all week)
Friday 22 nd May	'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks Workshops KS2
Summer Two	
Monday 1st June	Training Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School re-opens
Tuesday 2nd June	'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks Workshops KS2
w/b 22 nd June	Sports Week
w/b Monday 6th July	Transition Week
Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July	Year 3 Onsite Residential Sleepover
Thursday 16 th July	Year 4 Leaver's Assembly (more info TBC)
Friday 17th July	Final Day of 2025-26

A message from Karen Elliott, Chair of The Gosforth Schools' Trust Board

Dear Families and Carers,

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you, our families for your continued support and patience. Schools can not do the job they do without the support of our families. It is absolutely vital to our work with our children. This partnership between the schools and our families is something to celebrate and nurture.

I would also like to thank our wonderful leaders and staff of all our schools. It often seems that they are asked to do more with less. It is a constant juggling act. Yet they constantly offer our children innovative and exciting ways to engage them in their learning, making the experiences of school fun and memorable. They continue to provide wonderful learning environments in which our children thrive. This is very much appreciated.

Schools have been faced with tight budgets and expanding SEN needs. This presents so many difficulties for families and staff as they work together to find a path through what is an arcane and confusing system. The timescales are frustratingly slow for all concerned. I appreciate the patience and dedication of all involved in getting the right support in place.

I would like to congratulate Brunton First School, Archbishop Runcie Church of England, Archibald First School and Gosforth Park First School on their successful Ofsted's. It's a tribute to our schools' hard work and dedication.

The leaders and all staff have put wellbeing at the centre of all they do. Our children are being supported to be the best they can be. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. Happy and fulfilled children are what we all strive to have in our schools. I would like to personally thank head teachers and all our staff for their hard work this year. It is nothing short of Outstanding.

I hope that you will be able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the summer and return refreshed for the challenges that are undoubtedly ahead. We are at our strongest when we work together. All our schools are unique and exceptional, and we must celebrate this

I look forward to working with you all next year and thank you for continued support.

Karen Elliott
Chair of the GST



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

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YEARS 1, 2, 3 & 4

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THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Newcastle Libraries



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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