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## Bring your favourite Book!

On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** we are inviting all our children to bring in their favourite book from home to read and share with their classmates.

In preparation for our Literature Works author event on Thursday, Miss Bell will be asking some children to talk about their favourite books.

On **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** children will take part in an event with author **Vivian French** and illustrator **Kate Leiper**.

This event will be held in memory of our governor Eric Ferguson and to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. We will be asking for a suggested £1 donation via ParentPay, which will be donated to the charity.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Lamb



## Robinwood Meeting

A meeting for all parents whose children are attending Robinwood in **March 2026** will be held in the school hall.

At this meeting you will be given all the relevant information and forms to complete. Please note – this meeting is not for children to attend. Please enter via the Wraparound entrance.

I look forward to seeing you all there.  
Mrs Lamb

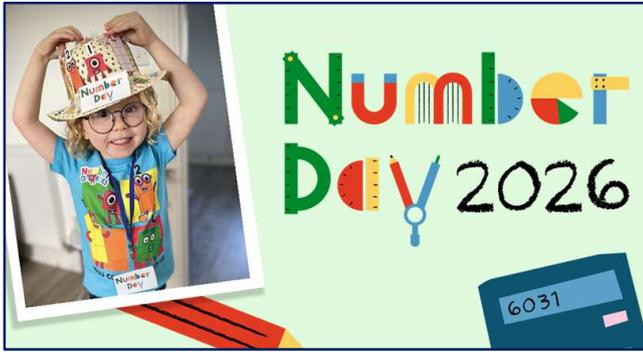


## Wraparound Reminder

Wraparound bookings for February are now **open** and will close on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Parents must make their own bookings on the school cloud system.

If you wish to book the same sessions for the entire school year, please email Mrs Carrick at [wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk)



## NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We are excited to once again be hosting a NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at GPFS. We are raising money for the NSPCC so please come dressed in your best number-related clothes! Your teachers will have some fun number activities as well.

We are asking for donations of £1 via Parent Pay. Thank you for your support.

Miss Pope

## Science Week – Careers!

For Science Week this year we would like to focus on 'green' or sustainable careers. We are seeking **members of our community who work in sustainable, environmental or green careers** who would be willing to deliver an assembly to the pupils of GPFS. We would love to inspire our pupils at GPFS by sharing real-world career pathways related to sustainability. Our Science week will take place between the **9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March**. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested with a short description of your role and what days and time would work best for you during our Science week.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Miss Pope



## Special Educational Needs Drop-Ins

Mr Hindess will be available between 9-10am to talk to parents about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. These drop-ins are a chance to catch-up, ask questions and discuss any concerns. No appointment necessary- teas and coffees will be available in the community room. If you are unable to make the time/date, please do not hesitate to contact me directly regarding all things SEND!

Mr Hindess



The **PTFA AGM** will be held in the community room. We hope you can join us!

## Applications Reminder

Nursery applications for **September 2026** are **now open** and forms are available on the school website or from the office. Closing date for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

# Musician of the Half Term



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# ELVIS

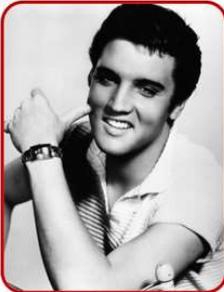
Elvis Presley was a world-famous star from the United States. He was one of the first musicians to sing and play rock music. For this he is known as The King of Rock and Roll.

Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi. His family was very poor. In the late 1940s the Presley's moved to Memphis, Tennessee. As a young man Elvis enjoyed many kinds of music, including gospel, blues, and country.

Presley became an actor in 1956. His first movie, *Love Me Tender*, was released in that year. He went on to star in more than 30 films. In 1958 Presley entered the U.S. Army. In 1960 he returned to the United States and continued recording, performing, and acting.

In 1968, after seven years away from live shows, Elvis returned to the stage. He starred in a famous TV special called *Elvis*. This led to many concerts in Las Vegas and very successful tours.

In the 1970s Presley had problems in his personal life. When not performing, he spent almost all his time at Graceland, his mansion in Memphis. Presley died on August 16, 1977.




## GREATEST HITS

Can't Help Falling in Love	Jailhouse Rock	A Little Less Conversation
Burning Love	Hound Dog	Fever
Suspicious Minds	Always On My Mind	Bridge Over Troubled Water

Our new musician of the half term is... The King! **Elvis Presley**. We will be listening to lots of his music in school. The children were very excited about Elvis being our musician of the half term when I told them in singing assembly on Tuesday! Have a listen to his music at home and have a boogie! I wonder if any of you can dance like Elvis?!

Mr P

## Gosforth Voices & Band

Gosforth Voices is aimed towards young people in Years 3 & 4 and meets at Grange First School.

Gosforth Band is for children from Years 3-8 and meets at Archibald First School. It's a great group for all, but particularly perhaps for beginner students in middle schools.

Both rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45pm (alternating weeks) and are completely free to students to take part in.

It's a lovely chance to sing and play music with others and to make new friends from different schools

To find out more please follow the link below:

<https://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles>

Mr P



## GOSFORTH VOICES & BAND

Do you enjoy singing and making music?




Our Gosforth Voices & Band groups meet on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to make music with others and meet new friends from other schools! We perform several times through the year too.

To join us, scan the QR code to find out more or visit our website:

[www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles](http://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles)



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This week the Golden Welly award goes to **Mr Guest's class**. Well done for the way you all work together - you are so good at including others in your play. I've also seen lots of imagination in the way you build and create spaces using the equipment, which is so lovely to see!

Ms Gasper



## Calling all Real-Life Superheroes!

This half term in Reception our topic is Superheroes! We are also learning about the lives of real-life superheroes and their important roles within our community. In previous years we have had visits from doctors, paramedics, police officers, firefighters and nurses.

If you would be interested in coming to talk to us about your role in the community, please let Miss Coughlan or Miss Parsons-Munn know.

## 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
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50	GREY BOYS TROUSERS
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 in front of the garage. Please only drop off items on the list that can be resold.

Please REMEMBER items must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653.



This is the 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.

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A lot of TTRS activity this week!

Well done to **Miss Bell's Class** who had the highest % of active players.

Our top coin earners are **Patrick B, Joseph B** and **Xander N**

We are starting to look towards our Year 4 Multiplications Check in Summer Term. Plenty of time for our Y4s to practice and improve their times table fluency.



It's been another battle in KS1 for the most active class this week, a huge well done to **Mr Edward's Class** who came out on top!

Our top coin earners this week are:

- ★ Miss Pope – **Finn H**
- ★ Mr Edwards – **Elliot B**
- ★ Miss Tate – **Ada W-B**
- ★ Mr Patterson – **Yusuf A**
- ★ Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – **Zara C**
- ★ Mr Guest – **Issac P**
- ★ Miss Bell – **Nydia T**

Improving our number fluency really supports our progress in daily maths lessons- well done everyone! Miss Pope

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.6%** which is down on last year's **97.2%**.

Our classes of the week this week are **Year 3 Mr Hindess/Mrs Armstrong** with **98.9%** and **Year 2 Miss Tate** with **98.9%**!

Well done everyone!  
Mrs Lamb

Starting School in September 2026!

## Applying for Places

**Nursery Application forms for places in September 2026** will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 9th January 2026.

The closing date for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at noon.

Offer letters will be emailed out on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 17th April.

### Nursery visit dates

- ★ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4:00pm
- ★ Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 4:00pm
- ★ Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9:30am
- ★ Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 4:00pm
- ★ Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 4:00pm
- ★ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am

### Reception Applications for September 2026

Applications open: 1st September 2025

Applications close: 16th January 2026

National offer day: 16th April 2026

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

### Middle School Applications for September 2026

National Offer Day: 2nd March 2026

Further information can be found at

[Applying for Transfer places | Newcastle City Council](#)

Mrs Lamb

# Important Dates 2025-26

New additions will be added in red.

Spring One	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Bring Your Favourite Book to school</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 & Y2 Healthy Active Lifestyle Event (Multi-Skills)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Literature Works Author Event
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y2 Pants are Private Session
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Robinwood Meeting 6.15pm (for parents/carers only)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Energy Workshops in-school KS1 & KS2
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Energy Workshops in-school KS1 & KS2
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Special Educational Needs Drop-Ins - Community Room 9-10
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Spring Two	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual Author Visit – Kate Pankhurst
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week – <i>Sustainable, Environmental and Green Careers</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly 9:30
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 to Robinwood
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Application Deadline (Sept 2026 start)
w/b Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Walk and Wheel week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Offer Letters (Sept 2026 start)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Trip to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Trip to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bank Holiday
Summer One	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
w/b 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (PM all week)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Healthy Active Lifestyle Event (Intro to Play)
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons (PM all week)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks Workshops KS2
Summer Two	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Training Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School re-opens
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	'That History Bloke' Ancient Greeks Workshops KS2
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>KS2 Big Gig – Music of the Movies</b>
w/b 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Week
w/b Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Onsite Residential Sleepover
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver's Assembly (more info TBC)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Day of 2025-26



# Rainbow Wraparound

Bookings must be made during the booking window which opens on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month and closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the following month.

	<b>Booking opens 12 noon</b>	<b>Booking closes 12 noon</b>
<b>October bookings</b>	September 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November bookings</b>	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>December booking</b>	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	November 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>January bookings</b>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>February bookings</b>	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March bookings</b>	February 10 <sup>th</sup>	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>April bookings</b>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>May bookings</b>	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>June bookings</b>	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>July bookings</b>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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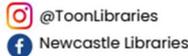
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# NEWCASTLE LIBRARIES

CHILDREN & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER  
WINTER 2025/2026

Keep up to date with all things Toon Libraries:



Event booking:  
[www.eventbrite.newcastlelibraries.com](http://www.eventbrite.newcastlelibraries.com)



## Christmas Crafts

**Monday 22 December at 11am**  
Fenham Library & Kenton Library

**Monday 22 December at 12pm**  
Blakelaw Library @ Leisure United

**Monday 22 December at 2pm**  
West End Library, Cruddas Park Library, Denton Burn Library, East End Library

**Tuesday 23 December at 11am**  
Outer West Library, Walker Library, City Library & High Heaton Library

**Wednesday 24 December at 11am**  
Newburn Library & Gosforth Library

**Wednesday 24 December at 1pm**  
Blakelaw Library @ Leisure United

Free, drop in, and suitable for the whole family!



## BOOK BINDING WORKSHOP

Saturday 14 February, 11am - 1pm

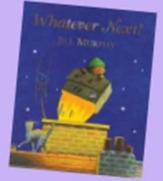
Ever wondered how books are made? In this 2 hour workshop, experts from the Society of Bookbinders North East help you make your own journal. You can even emboss your own name on the front cover!

Suitable for children aged 7+. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Free session, but booking essential. Booking via Eventbrite.

## Whatever Next!

31 January, City Library, 10.30am and 12.30pm



We're celebrating National Storytelling Week with one of our favourite stories - Whatever Next by Jill Murphy.

Baby Bear uses his box to fly into space - what story will you tell using your cardboard box and your amazing imagination?!

Book your free place via Eventbrite for this story and craft session, suitable for children aged 4-11.



## Early Words Together

Outer West Library, starts Monday 12 January, 10.30am  
High Heaton Library, starts Tuesday 13 January, 2pm

National Literacy Trust

Change your story

## First Words Together

Fenham Library Starts Friday 16 January, 10am

These sessions are a fun, free way to help parents develop their skills and confidence to support early language development in a home learning environment. First Words Together is suitable for children up to the age of two and Early Words Together focuses on children aged between 2 and 3 years old.

You will be signing up to attend 5 weekly sessions with a different focus and theme each week. You'll also get resources to take away with you. Book your free space via Eventbrite.

## SATS WORKSHOPS

Fenham Library, Tuesday 17 February, 11am  
Gosforth Library, Wednesday 18 February, 11am  
City Library, Thursday 19 February, 12pm  
West End Library, Friday 20 February, 11am



Join Explore Learning for an hour long session designed to help Year 6 children gain confidence in the run up to SATS tests. This workshop aims to improve SATs preparation, aid familiarisation with SATs papers and help develop exam techniques. Book your free place via Eventbrite.

# GAME CHANGERS



Read, play, craft and make friends at our Game Changers social clubs for 7-11 year olds (under 8s must be accompanied by a grown up)!

Whether you want to try a new board game, help create a book display, or have some company while you do your homework, you'll find plenty to keep you busy.

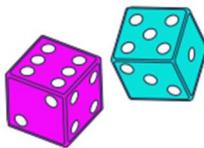
**Monday:** Fenham Library (3.30pm)

**Tuesday:** Outer West Library (3.30pm)

**Wednesday:** Newburn Library (3.30pm)

**Thursday:** High Heaton Library (3.30pm)

**Saturday:** Kenton Library (11am), Denton Burn Library (11am), West End Library (10.45am), Cruddas Park Library (11am)



# STORYTIMES

Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, explore what the library has to offer, make friends and listen to stories that will encourage young children to develop a life-long love of books.

Under 5s, term time only.

**Mondays:** Fenham Library 10:30 am, City Library 10.30am, West End Library 2pm  
**Tuesdays:** Gosforth Library, 11am  
**Wednesdays:** Blakelaw Library, 10.30am  
**Thursdays:** High Heaton Library 10.30am, Kenton Library 10.30am  
**Fridays:** Gosforth Library 10.30am, Newburn 10.30am, East End Library 11am  
**Saturdays:** Cruddas Park Library 10.30am, Walker Library 11am

# LEGO CLUBS

This is a term time weekly drop-in and we provide all the materials. The clubs are for children aged 4 and up, and children must be with a parent or carer.

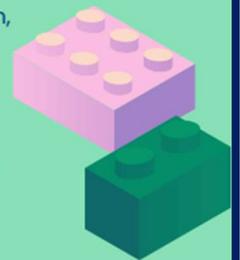
**Mondays:** Kenton Library - 3.30pm-4.30pm,  
West End Library - 4pm-5pm

**Tuesdays:** Gosforth Library - 3.30-4.30pm

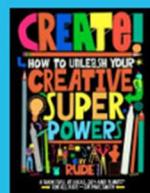
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High Heaton Library - 11am-12pm,  
Denton Burn Library - 11am-12pm, Cruddas Park Library - 11am-12.30pm,  
Outer West Library - 11am-1pm



## New Books - Available Now!



Visit [libraries.newcastle.gov.uk](http://libraries.newcastle.gov.uk) to search for books, find out where they are, make a reservation (for free!) and select which branch you want to collect your book from!





# GOSFORTH RFC

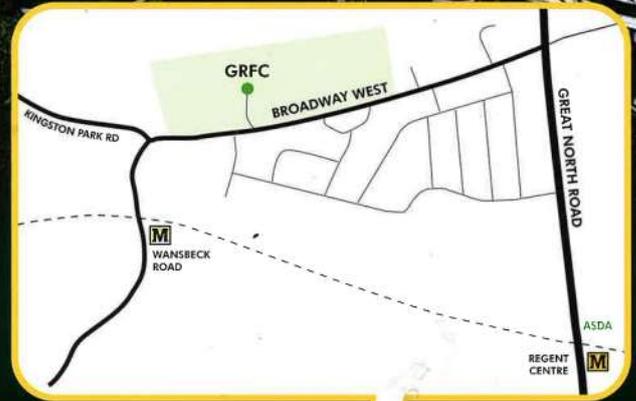


## Aged 4-17? LET'S PLAY RUGBY!

Boys & Girls - fancy giving it a try?

Mini & Junior - Come and join us at Gosforth RFC on Sunday mornings 9:30am-12:00pm

All ability - we have coaches for all ages.  
Parents - want to join our coaching team? Full training is provided



### Find us:

BROADWAY WEST, GOSFORTH  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE3 2HY

### Get in touch:

Jon Nugent - Chairman of Youth rugby  
07776 308191  
Chairman.GosforthRFC@gmail.com  
[www.gosforth-rfc.co.uk](http://www.gosforth-rfc.co.uk)

### Follow us:



### GOSFORTH RFC



## NSPCC

# Number Day 2026

IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.

Friday 6 February



Have fun and Dress up for Digits

Tag us online:

#NumberDay

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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## Do you think your child may be neurodivergent?

### Drop in and find out about support available near you.

At our drop in events, you can chat to services about the support they offer. You can find out more about;

- An autism & ADHD assessment
- Support for parents
- Activities and groups
- Mental health support
- and more!



- 19<sup>th</sup> January, 12.30pm - 3.30pm, St Martins, Byker, NE6 2RJ
- 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, Carnegie Hub, Benwell, NE4 8XS
- 20<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am - 12.30pm, The Haven, Kenton, NE3 3RX





# GOSFORTH VOICES & BAND

Do you enjoy singing and making music?



Gosforth Voices is a choir aimed towards children in Years 3 & 4, meeting at Grange First School. It's a fantastic way to make new friends from other schools, develop confidence in singing and learn new songs.

Our Gosforth Voices & Band groups meet on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to make music with others and meet new friends from other schools! We perform several times through the year too.

Gosforth Band is a mixed instrumental ensemble designed for children from Year 3 up to Year 8. We rehearse at Archibald First School. It's open to complete beginners right through to experienced players. We get together to learn new pieces and develop as musicians, gaining valuable musicianship skills and a good sense of ensemble.

To join us, scan the QR code to find out more or visit our website:

[www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles](http://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles)

For more information and to sign up, please see our website: [www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles](http://www.newcastlemusicservice.co.uk/ensembles).



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