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Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone, we hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely half term break.

We have had a great first week back at school and have been making the most of the (slightly) warmer weather. Long may it last..! Your children have lots of exciting events to look forward to over the next few weeks.

Please make sure you check out the important dates for your diaries at the end of the newsletter.

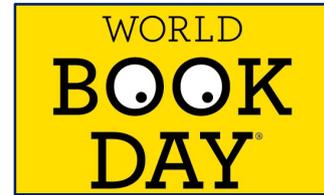
Many thanks
Mr Hindess



Bake Sale

A very big thank you to everyone who donated to or participated in our bake sale before half term.

We raised a fantastic **£169.24**
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World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day will soon be upon us! Children are welcome to come to school **dressed in their pyjamas, non-uniform** or **as one of their favourite book characters!**

Our favourite local author **Naomi Barley** is coming into school to share her new book, 'The Zorkk Games' with everyone from Nursery to Year 4.

Naomi will be available after school in our community room with her signed books for sale. Check out her posters at the end of the Newsletter.

Children will be bringing home their **World Book Day £1 vouchers** – there is a brilliant selection of £1 books on offer for 2026. Take a look at the link below:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Miss Bell



New Topics

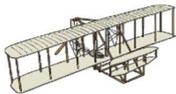
Our topics for this half term:



EYFS – Traditional Tales

Traditional Tales brings an endless range of opportunities to the classroom during the Spring term. These timeless stories are constantly rehearsed, repeated and remembered by the children, giving them the foundations they need to become future storywriters and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Year 1 – Fantastic Firsts



Children in Year 1 are introduced to the concept of **historical significance** by learning about some significant *firsts*. This inspiring topic broadens our understanding of past human achievements and also enables us to compare aspects of life in different periods of time.

Year 2 – Wonder Women



Children in Year 2 build on their knowledge of **historical significance** by learning about some of the amazing achievements of women throughout history. This is definitely one of our favourite topics!

KS2 – Romans

Key Stage Two are transported back in time to Roman Britain to learn about this significant empire and its global impact. Children will be **interpreting historical evidence**, learning about the reliability of sources and also visiting Vindolanda Roman Fort!



Children in KS1 and KS2 are invited to produce a **holiday homework** project to present and share with their peers. We celebrate every piece of homework!

Check out the **Curriculum Pages** on our school website for more information about each subject.

Mr Hindess

Parent Consultations

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon March (**Nursery and Reception Thursday**) and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of Tuesday and Thursday.

Appointment bookings will open on via School Cloud at 4pm on Monday 2nd March and will close at 4pm on Monday 9th March

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Mr Hindess



Whitehouse Farm

Reception

Reception will be heading to **Whitehouse Farm** as part of their traditional tales topic! Keep an eye out for more information via ParentPay!



Skydive!

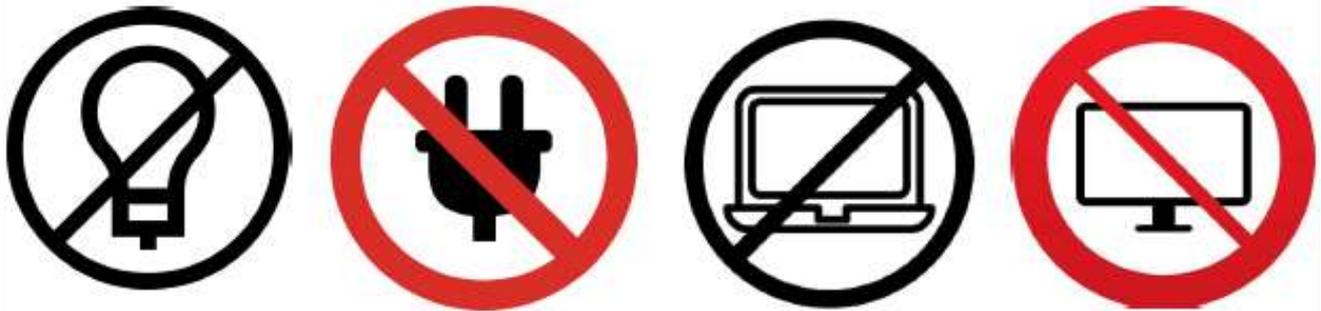
On Saturday 7th March, our lovely lunchtime server Kerry will be taking part in a skydive to raise money for our local charity, Daft as a Brush.

Kerry will be out and about with her DAAB bucket over the next few days and would be over the moon with any donations from our school community.

Good luck Kerry!

Switch Off Day

Thursday 12th March



Gosforth Park First School will be completing a Switch Off Day during Science Week. This means the school will be electricity free for a day to help raise awareness for energy wastage and reducing our carbon footprint. This links to our Science Week question '**How do our actions affect the planet?**'

However the other important question will be: who will struggle the most without electricity – the teachers or the pupils?



How do our actions
affect the planet?



VINDOLANDA

KS2 Vindolanda Trips

Y4
Y3

As part of our history topic about Roman Britain, pupils in KS2 will be visiting Vindolanda fort and Roman Army Museum. Keep an eye out, as more information will be sent via ParentPay soon!

Many thanks
Mr Hindess



The organisation [Place2Be](#), which organised Children's Mental Health week last term have a fabulous resource for parents on their website. Full of advice from child mental health experts, they have a huge selection of articles and videos to help you navigate situations that you may feel unsure about how to handle, or would just like some additional ideas to support you and your child. From sleep issues to friendship worries, mobile phone requests and behaviour struggles, the articles really are wide ranging and worth checking out. Find out more at [Place2Be: Parenting Smart - Articles](#)

Mrs Wells



Today I took nursery outside to use the trim trail and we noticed lots of toys and construction that had been left outside, there was also lots of equipment that had rolled down to the green fence. Lots of our water toys had been moved around the playground too. **Nursery** were all fabulous and helped me have a good tidy, so I hope you agree that they have earned the Golden Welly this week!

Ms Gasper

Congratulations!



We are so proud of **Darcy** as she has been moved up to the u10s team and won **Girls Player Of The Camp Award** for the Newcastle United Foundation during half term.

A future footballing superstar!



Easter Disco & Crafts

Spring Term we will be holding an **Easter Disco & Crafts event** after school.

This will also be a **non-uniform day** at school so that children can wear their disco outfits.

The disco will be held in one hall while quieter Easter-craft activities will be set up in the other.

£3.50 per ticket

Snack and drink included

Children will be collected from their usual classroom pick-up points at 4:45pm

Many thanks

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Easter Raffle

During the day on Thursday 2nd April, we will also be holding an **Easter-egg raffle**. We will be asking for donations of £1 via ParentPay to take part! Good luck everyone!

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have **updated** our pre-loved uniform requirements slightly due to low-demand for older or grey items:

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL (please donate)		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS/HOODIES	£2.50	OLD LOGO OR NON-BRANDED ITEMS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50	TROUSERS/SHORTS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50	PINAFORES/SKIRTS
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50	SHOES
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50	DAMAGED, MARKED OR STAINED CLOTHING

Items are sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, with a drop off box in front of the garage. 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

There was not much activity over half-term on TTRS. Year 4 especially it is so important to keep practicing each week to help you complete your Multiplication Check in June and prepare you for Year 5. Well done to **Patrick B** and **Joseph B** who earned over 2,000 coins each during the holiday!



Our activity on NumBots was slightly better but still not as high as it has been! Our top coin earners were:

Miss Pope – **Younes G**
Mr Edwards – **Rupert C**
Miss Tate – **Hugo D-H**
Mr Patterson – **Rosalyn R**
Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – **Max T**
Mr Guest – **Alfie R**
Miss Bell – **Charlie T**

Well done everyone, Miss Pope.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.5%** which is down on last year's **97.3%**.

Our classes of the week this week are **Reception Miss Parsons-Munn** with **99.2%** and **Year 3/4 Mr Guest** with **98.7%**!

Well done everyone!

Mr Hindess

Starting School in September 2026! Applying for Places

Updated

Please see below for slightly revised dates for applications and offer letters – sorry for any inconvenience

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 **27th March 2026** at noon.

Offer letters will be emailed out on Friday **1st April 2026**.

The deadline for accepting a place is **Friday 24th April**.

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



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

Children's Speech & Language Clinic

Do you know a child who could benefit from the clinic?
If so, please feel free to pass on our details.

Scan the QR code below

Newcastle University Children's
Speech & Language Clinic
Application Form



For further information/general enquiries contact:

Jan Holroyd, Children's Speech and Language Clinic Secretary

Tel: 0191 208 7385 or email: ChildSLClinic@ncl.ac.uk



GOSFORTH RFC



Aged 4-17?

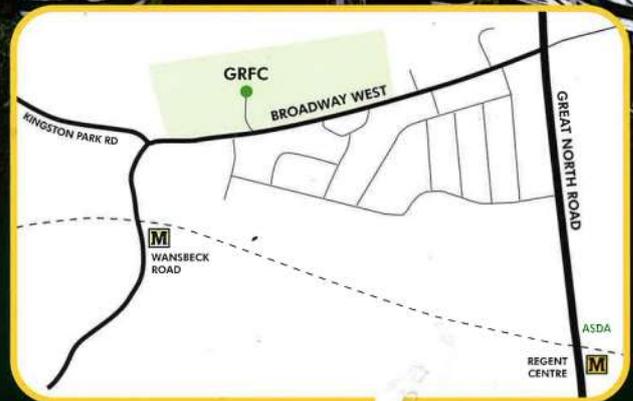
LET'S PLAY RUGBY!

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

GOSFORTH RFC



**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.

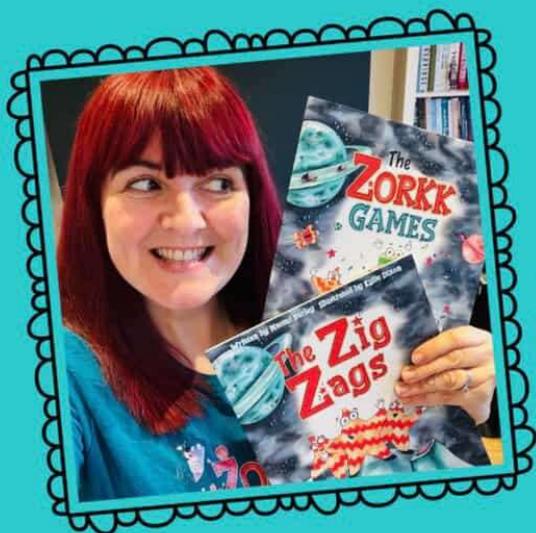
You can find out more about;

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



- 24th February, 1.30pm - 4.30pm,
Carnegie Hub, Benwell, NE4 8XS
- 20th March, 9.30am - 12.30pm,
The Haven, Kenton, NE3 3RX





Naomi Barley
 author of 'The Zig Zags'
 and 'The Zorkk Games'
 is coming to Gosforth Park
 First School on
 Thursday 5th March 2026.



Join the Spots and the Stripes on planet Zorkk as they meet new aliens, the Zig Zags, and work together to rock the universe and then go on to compete in the Zorkk Games.

Rhyming picture books full of fun, music, acceptance, diversity and new challenges.



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Naomi Barley and the Zig Zags





I'm excited be able to stay behind after school to meet families , sign books and share some of my alien merchandise !



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