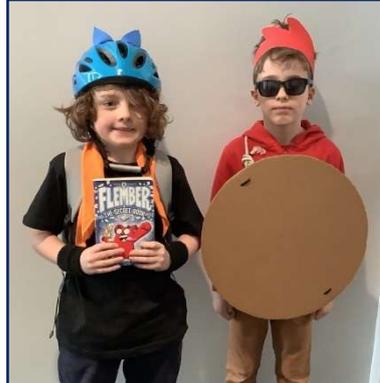




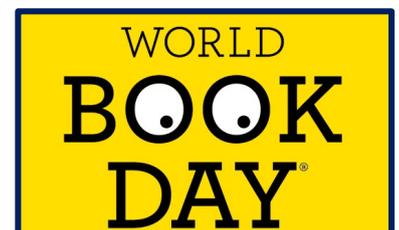
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## World Book Day 2026



What a fantastic day we had on Thursday!  
We all came to school dressed up or in our pyjamas and enjoyed a literature-filled day of fun to celebrate our love of reading. A big Gosforth Park thank you to our local author Naomi Barley who shared her new story, 'The Zorkk Games'





## Science Week 2026

Next week is British Science Week! This year we will be focusing on 'green' careers. We will be welcoming some visitors from our school community who will be talking to the children about the sustainable work that they do.

Next week we are excited to be holding our first ever, **Switch Off Day**. School will be electricity free for the day to help raise awareness about energy wastage and trying to reduce our carbon footprint. We cant wait to find out how the teachers will cope..!

Miss Pope



We will be waving goodbye to our Year 4 pupils who are off on their residential visit to Robinwood for 2 nights!

Please bring bags around to the rainbow canopy where you will be welcomed into the hall to find your child's group leader. Please remember to bring medication in a named plastic bag.

We then encourage parents to help their children to bring their bag around to the coach before waving them off!

If you have any last-minute questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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!

## VINDOLANDA

### KS2 Vindolanda Trips

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



We are looking to recruit some more Breakfast and After School assistants to work as part of our fantastic **Rainbow Wraparound** team. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to approach Mr Hindess, Mrs Lucas or contact the school office.

Application forms are available on the school website:

[Gosforth Park First School - Wraparound Vacancies](#)



**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

On Friday 20th March, it is Red Nose Day. To raise money for this brilliant charity we are asking the children to come into school dressed up as something funny and to donate a suggested £1 via Parent Pay.

**You could:** wear a piece of clothing the wrong way, stay in your pyjamas all day, wear odd socks or dress up in a funny way!

The children will also be encouraged to bring in their own joke or funny story that they can share within their classes.

Thank you!  
Miss Parsons-Munn



Today we welcomed **Gosforth Voices choir** who performed for us at the start of celebration assembly. It was really inspiring to see so many children from across different Gosforth schools perform and sing together. There is a poster at the end of the newsletter if your child would like to get involved! Year 2s are invited to join from Summer Term onwards.

Many thanks  
Mr Patterson

## Musician of the half term

**Musician Of The Half Term**

Electric Light Orchestra, also known as ELO, is a band from Birmingham, England, famous for mixing rock music with classical instruments like violins and cellos. They first became popular in the 1970s and early 1980s, and children often enjoy their bright, catchy songs.

The band was led by Jeff Lynne, a talented musician who wrote and sang most of their music. He helped the band create its special sound by blending guitars, drums, and keyboards with a small "orchestra." This gave their songs a magical, space-age feeling that made them stand out.

ELO began when Jeff Lynne and Roy Wood, who were in another band called The Move, decided to make music that sounded more like classical and rock combined. They experimented with new recording techniques and added many layers of sound to create something completely new.

Today, ELO is remembered for its colourful, joyful songs and exciting performances. Their music is still enjoyed by families and children all around the world!

1. MR. BLUE SKY
2. LIVIN' THING
3. SHOWDOWN
4. LAST TRAIN TO LONDON
5. TELEPHONE LINE
7. SHINE A LITTLE LOVE
8. SWEET TALKIN' WOMAN

Our new Musician of the half term for spring 2 is...

**ELO (Electric Light Orchestra)!**

I hope you enjoy listening to them as much as I do!

Thank you, Mr P!

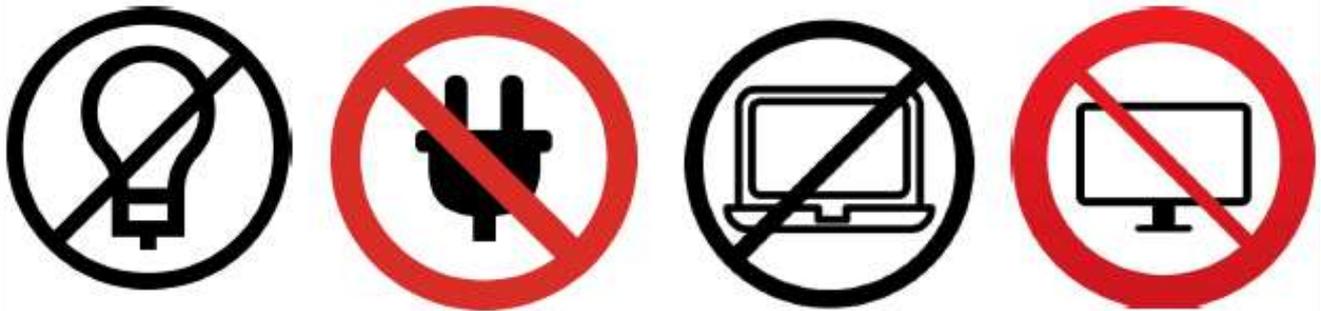


### PTFA Meeting

Our meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March has been **postponed**. We will be in touch shortly with a new date for the diary. Sorry for any inconvenience caused  
PTFA

# Switch Off Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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?





We have now entered the month of March which can only mean one thing – it's time for the **Big Walk and Wheel 2026!**

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into our children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing. This year the challenge will run from **16 - 27 March 2026.**

Let's all pull together again to make healthier, car free journeys to school when possible and be mindful of pollution and road safety in and around our local area. There are also daily prize draws, where if over 15% of our children take part, our school can be entered to win active travel prizes. We would love for as many families as possible to get involved!

Many thanks,  
Mrs Wells



During Monday's assembly I introduced our new voting system for the Golden Welly award. We talked about the qualities that classes may show outside that might help earn the Golden Welly award, such as collaboration, building friendships, imagination, and lots of others. The OPAL cadets will now be looking out for these and voting each day for the class they have noticed showing these qualities the most. This week they have chosen **Miss Bell's** year four class. Well done to all of you!

Ms Gasper

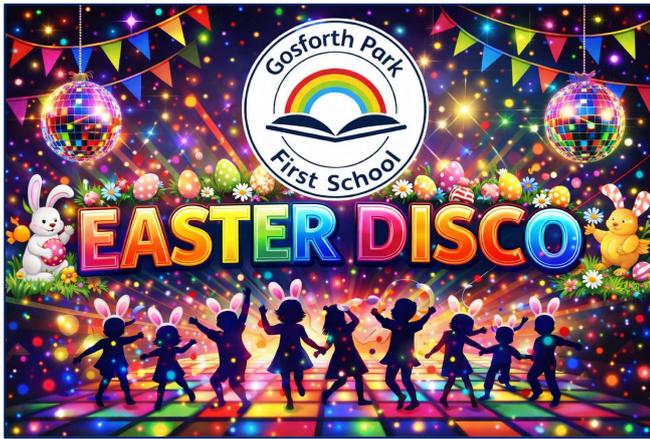


## Frozen Performance

Gosforth East Middle School have kindly invited our KS2 pupils to attend a showing of their annual school performance. This year we are very excited that it is, Frozen!

This is a brilliant opportunity for our older children to take a sneak peek at their middle school and be inspired by some of our former pupils.

A big thank you to GEMS for the invitation!  
Mr Hindess



## Easter Disco & Crafts

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

PTFA



## Easter Raffle

During the day 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<br>(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.



Great job **Miss Bell's class** who have had over 90% activity on TTRS this week! Keep up the practice Year 4! Congratulations to Josh S who has become a Rock Legend this week! Our top coin earners are **Rory G, Sofia G, Iris E** and **Sam R-G**.



We had a tight race on NumBots this week but **Mr Patterson's class** was the most active class this week! Well done to all the children in Y4 who have completed the story mode, remember to keep using challenge mode to top-up your fluency skills.

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Pope – **Oonagh M**

Mr Edwards – **Ava H**

Miss Tate – **Eliza T**

Mr Patterson – **Omar A**

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – **Zara C**

Mr Guest – **Isaac P**

Miss Bell – **Gerard C**

Keep up this great work, Miss Pope.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.6%** which is down on last year's **97.3%**.

Our classes of the week this week are **Y4 Miss Bell** with **100%** and **Year 3/4 Mr Guest** with **99.2%**!

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 **27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at noon.

Offer letters will be emailed out on Friday **1<sup>st</sup> 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 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<br/>12 noon</b> | <b>Booking closes<br/>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.

Thanks

Mrs Carrick

[wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ChildSLClinic@ncl.ac.uk)



## GOSFORTH RFC



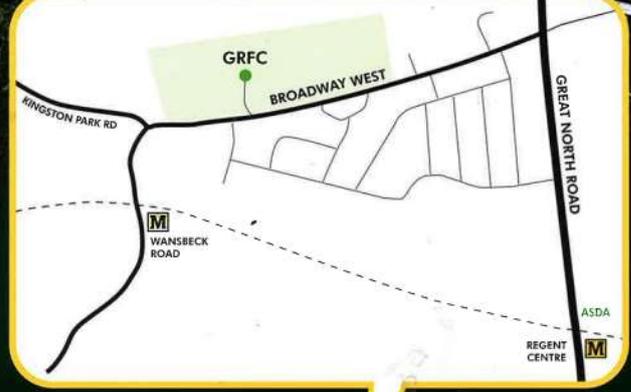
# Aged 4-17?

# 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!



- 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

## Do you enjoy singing and making music?



Our Gosforth Voices choir meet on Wednesdays after school with young people from Years 3 and 4. It's a fantastic opportunity to make music with others and meet new friends from other schools!

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)



Open to Y2 from Summer term!



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