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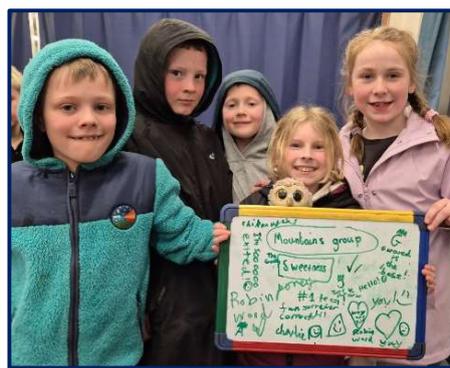
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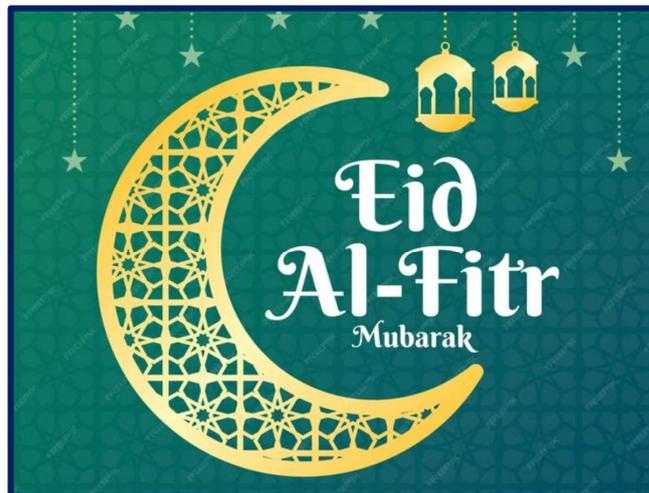
What a fantastic, muddy, exciting, wet, exhilarating, confidence-building, fun, exhausting and unforgettable experience! Year 4 have had the most incredible time on their residential visit to Robinwood this week. I would like to extend a massive Gosforth Park **thank you** to Ms Gasper, Mr Patterson, Miss Bolton, Mrs Dodds, Mr Edwards and Miss Watson for giving up your time to ensure our children had an experience that they will never forget.

We cannot wait to invite parents to school to celebrate your child's individual achievements at our famous Robinwood Presentation Evening (details TBC)

Mr Hindess



Robinwood 2026



As the holy month of Ramadan comes to an end next week, we wish our school community a very happy and prosperous Eid. We hope you enjoy a wonderful, peaceful and joyous celebration.

The GPFS team

PARENTS'
EVENING

Parent Consultations

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week to talk to you about your child's progress!

KS1 + Early Years – Please enter under the rainbow canopy and walk along the corridor to your child's classroom

KS2 – Please enter via the Year 3 cloakroom

Please arrive with plenty of time, as to not miss any of your appointment.

Your child's books will be available to view after your meeting.

Many thanks
Mr Hindess

Science Week 2026

We had a great time this week trying to answer our question: 'How do our actions affect the planet?'

Thank you to all our visitors who spoke to us about how their jobs affect our planet. It was so great to hear from science professionals to inspire our students and show them how many jobs science relates to.

We had great fun on Switch Off Day despite the stormy weather! Our electricity police did a great job reporting any electricity usage they saw. Hopefully we will be able to find out how much energy we saved on that day to see how our actions can affect the planet. We had some brilliant posters created too to raise awareness about the effects of Global Warming and what we can do to prevent it. Well done to the winners from each class!



Miss Pope



Please be reminded that wraparound booking for April close on **Friday 20th March**. Please book your sessions in time as we organise staffing in advance.

Wraparound bookings can only be made through the school cloud

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

or by emailing

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

Many thanks for your understanding
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

RED NOSE DAY

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



PTFA Meeting

Our rearranged PTFA meeting will now take place in the community room.

We will be organising the Easter Disco and talking about other fundraising opportunities for school.

These meetings are open to all parents, and it would be lovely to welcome anyone who has time to contribute to the school.

We look forward to seeing you then!

PTFA

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Nursery Mother's Day Assembly

Well done to all our fabulous Nursery stars for singing and saying their words so well this week. We are so proud of you all. Hopefully you will all remember to spoil your Mum's this Sunday – perhaps you could sing them one of the songs we learned too!

Happy Mother's Day from everyone at Gosforth Park!

Ms Gasper



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](#)



Don't forget, from Monday we will be taking part in the **Big Walk and Wheel**. Bike, scoot, walk; anything but the car, as many times as you can. Get a boost of fresh air and exercise and our children will arrive to school full of energy and ready to learn. Help keep our streets free of congestion, to be a safer place to walk and lose the stress of having to find a parking space every morning. The children have already been learning about saving energy and environmental issues during science week, so what better way to put their learning into action by reducing fuel use and pollution.
Mrs Wells

Bikes and Scooters Reminder

We are excited to welcome more bikes and scooters onto the playground next week. Please make sure that your children **dismount before you enter the school site** to keep everyone safe.

Many thanks for your help

Mr Hindess

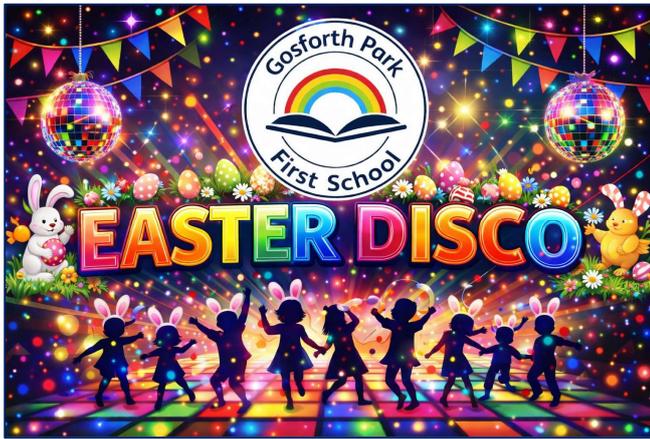
Congratulations!



A big well done to Lewis who has worked really hard and achieved his level 4 swimming badge this week!



Freddie has had a brilliant week. He donated an easter egg to the Salvation Army's appeal as well as achieving his purple belt at martial arts. Well done Freddie- we are so proud of you!



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

Thursday 2nd April

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.



Miss Bell's class have managed to stay at the top of the leader board this week. Lots of you have increased your studio speed this week. We need to get it below 6 seconds to match the multiplication test in June. Our top coin earners are **Josh S, Alex H** and **Rory G**



Mr Edward's class have topped the activity leader board this week! Our activity was down compared to last week, well done to everyone who practiced this week.

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Pope – **Isabel K**

Mr Edwards – **Aaima H**

Miss Tate – **Emilia W**

Mr Patterson – **Finn O-G**

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

Mr Guest – **Alfie R**

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 **97.3%**.

Our classes of the week this week are **Y4 Miss Bell** with **99.7%** and **Year 3/4 Mr Guest** with **98.4%**

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?

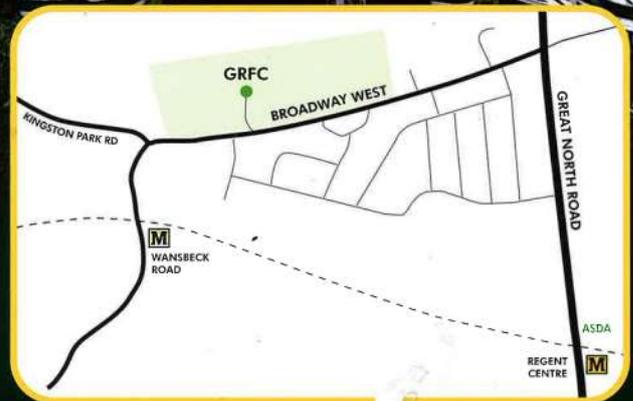
LET'S PLAY RUGBY!

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



**Mothing Sunday Family Service
St Aidan's Church - 15th March at 9.30am**

**GOD
BLESS**
Mothers



**Join us for a very special day in our church calendar.
Our family services are fun and interactive, with uplifting
songs, and children's crafts.**

**Come and join us to celebrate mothers
and all who offer mothing love.**

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms – that means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minda Mead designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualification. They also provide training and support to education professionals and local authority staff – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday