



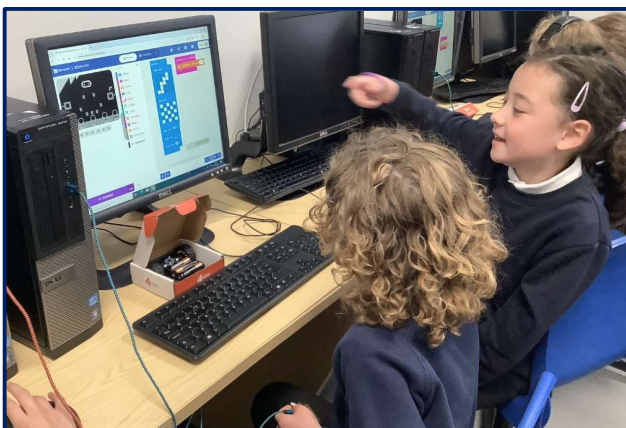
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## GEM Education

### Computing Workshops

On Tuesday, our KS2 pupils had a brilliant time with Julian from GEM Education. We kicked off our new topic, 'Go Green' by using Microbits to design code and programme our own electric vehicles!



Miss Coughlan

## Library Books



Dear parents,

Thank you for allowing us to take your children on a trip to the local library. Lots of children were able to take a book of their choice home with them. We hope this trip has inspired the children to continue borrowing and reading books from the library into the future.

Due to the large number of books that have been borrowed from the library, **we are offering a returns service via school.** If your child borrowed a book from the library, you can return the book to your child's class teacher and we will return the book to the library on your behalf. The library will be coming to collect the books from our school on **8th May.**

Thank you,  
Miss Bell

### A plea from teachers!

We have seen a recent influx of items being brought from home into school, including stationary, pencil toppers and small toys. These trinkets are becoming a barrier to your child's concentration within lessons and causing arguments with their friends at playtime. We would like to politely request that children do not bring items from home. Thank you for your support!

The GPFS team

# Skipping Festival


## Year 4

Gosforth Skipping Festival is taking place at Gosforth Academy. Our team of Year 4 skippers will be attending the festival and competing as a team to earn points for a wide range of events and skills. This term, I will be running Skipping Club on a Wednesday lunchtime to give the team opportunity to practise for their individual events and for the team events with the large ropes!

Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Guest


## Musician of the ½ Term




*Olivia Dean*

Olivia Dean is a British singer and songwriter who was born on March 14, 1999, in London. She grew up in a home filled with music, listening to artists like Lauryn Hill, Carole King, and Al Green, which helped inspire her love of singing from a young age. As a child, she joined a gospel choir and discovered how much she enjoyed performing. Later, she attended the famous BRIT School, where she learned even more about music and began dreaming of becoming a professional singer.

In 2023, Olivia released her first album, *Messy*, which introduced many people to her warm, soulful voice. She became even more popular with her second album and soon reached audiences around the world. In 2026, she won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist, celebrating her hard work and rising success.



Listen to her full albums:  
**Messy & The Art of Loving**



This half term's Musician is Olivia Dean! The children have been enjoying listening to her albums 'Messy' and 'The Art of Loving' and it has had a great calming impact on classes whilst they have been completing their work!

I hope you all enjoy listening to her songs at home, too!

Mr Patterson



# The Children's Cancer Run 2026

We would like you and your family to join our school team at the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

**GPFS Start Time:** 11.40am

**Car Park:** A

Please ensure that you **register online** for the event:

1. Log on to <https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2026/>
2. Complete your entry form, selecting our **school name** as the team
3. Click **proceed to payment** to complete the registration for you and your family

There is a feature that allows our school to have an online team fundraising page with a shared school total. We have been advised on the following: **Once your pupils have registered, that on their fundraising page they go to 'edit display name' and change their display name so that it does not include their full name and don't update their picture for safeguarding reasons.** For example, just first name or initials. If they do not do this then it is possible for external participants to see a child's full name and the school they go to.

**Every child must be accompanied by an adult.**

Thank you,

Mr Guest



## Healthy Schools Newcastle

One of the best ways to encourage children to eat a wide variety of healthy foods is to encourage them to help in the preparation of meals and snacks. The **Vegpower** campaign has some great advice on how to make this positive and fun and also helps address concerns about safety, time and mess. They have tips for breaking the experience down into small steps with further links to kitchen safety and family friendly recipes to get you started. They also have a Kitchen Ninja Challenge for you to download and print which has a set of 8 skills for your child to master and tick off.

Find out more at [Kids in the Kitchen - Simply Veg.](#)

Mrs Wells



Although 'Storm Dave' battered some of our school sheds over the holidays, we have still managed to enjoy a fabulous time outdoors this week. Well done to **Mr Hindess/Mrs Armstrong's class** - you have received the most Golden Welly votes from our OPAL cadets, so well done to all of you!

Ms Gasper

# Congratulations!



Wow – what a season these two are having! **Luke P** and **Josh S** playing for Wideopen Rockets have won the U9s league cup final 2026. We are so proud of the boys! Well done from everyone at GPFS



Please remember to email [wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk) for any wraparound queries. Bookings can be made using the school cloud link:

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

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done **Miss Bell's class** who are the most active class over the last three weeks! Well done for getting some practice in during the holidays. Our top coin earners were **Patrick B, Joseph B, Max H** and **Iris E**. Year 4s, please make sure you are practicing each week and focusing on Garage mode which will help you practice your target times tables.



Welcome Reception to NumBots! I hope you have had fun exploring the first few stages of the game and naming your robot. Mr Edwards' class is our most active class this week!

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Coughlan – **Ivy J**

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Isaac R**

Miss Pope – **Younes G**

Mr Edwards – **Lucy K**

Miss Tate – **Eliza T**

Mr Patterson – **Rosalyn R**

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – **Jacob A**

Mr Guest – **Alfie R**

Miss Bell – **Nydia T**

Well done everyone, Miss Pope.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.6%** which is getting closer to our target of 97%!

Our classes of the week this week are **Year 4 Miss Bell** with **99%** and **Reception Miss Parsons-Munn** with **99.7%**

Well done everyone!

Mr Hindess

## 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.



# 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.

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



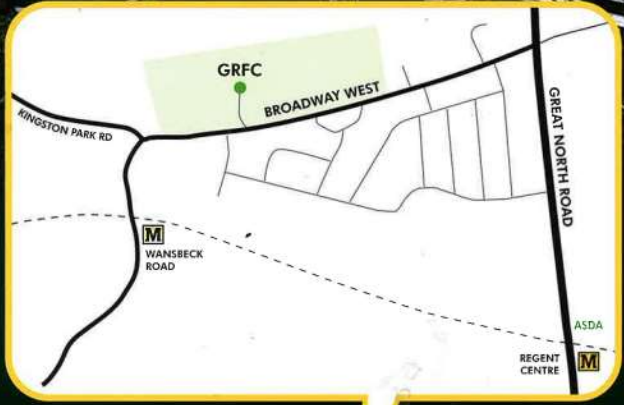

# Aged 4-17?

# 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



## HANDBALL LUNCH CLUB AT GOSFORTH PARK FIRST SCHOOL

FUN AND ACTION-PACKED SESSIONS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

**Year 1 – Year 4**

FOCUSING ON THE OLYMPIC SPORT OF HANDBALL.

BECOMING A MINI VIKING IS AN EXCITING AND DIFFERENT  
WAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICAL  
DEVELOPMENT,  
IMPROVING CO-ORDINATION,  
ESSENTIAL MOTOR SKILLS AND TEAMWORK.

**MONDAY LUNCH TIME AT GOSFORTH PARK FIRST SCHOOL**

Starting up Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**COSTS £27 (non-refundable) FOR 9 WEEKS COURSE.**

Spaces are limited and sign up will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Sign up by emailing [marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com) and  
pay by BACS only when email confirmation received.

**BANK DETAILS:**

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10348287 SORT CODE: 16-26-21

REFERENCE: Your Childs name followed by GPFS

SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE OUTDOORS/INDOORS.  
PLEASE WEAR TRAINERS AND PROVIDE A WATERPROOF COAT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 07838542601 OR  
EMAIL [marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com)

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