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May 15th 2026 Issue 4/5 Summer Term One



Good luck to everyone taking part in the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on **Sunday 17th May 2026**.

Please arrive at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park by **11:20am** ready for our **11:40am start**.

Our designated **car park is A**. Meet at the school meeting point.

Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you,

Mr Guest

Sports Day Dates!

Unfortunately, we have had to rearrange our **Year 1** Sports Day. Please check out the updated dates at the end of the newsletter for updated **Sports Day dates/times**.

Many thanks

Mr Guest

Remember

We break up on **Friday 22nd July** for May Half term and return on **Tuesday 2nd June**.



Year 4

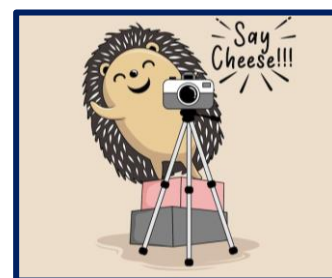
Swimmers

Huge well done and thanks to our year 4 swimmers, parent volunteers and staff who have walked up to and back from the pool over the past two weeks. They have weathered rain, hail and sunshine!

Volunteers – we couldn't do it without you – thanks again!

Mrs Lamb

School Photographs Wednesday 20th May



Our **school photographer** will be in school on **Wednesday 20th May** to take this year's **class photos**.

Please send your child to school in their full school uniform, even if it is their PE day!

Many thanks

Mrs Carrick



Year One

Washington Wetlands

Year 1 had a brilliant time exploring the Washington Wetlands this week. We went pond dipping and created our own nature palette. It was a great day comparing the Wetland habitat with our school habitat and seeing the adorable otters! Miss Pope





We have certainly had some very dramatic weather this week, but the children have still done their best to enjoy our school grounds and play areas.

Well done to **Mr Edwards** class this week, you have been voted for by our cadets to win the Golden Welly. How fantastic to see our Year 1's playing so nicely!

Ms Gasper



Healthy Schools Newcastle

For many of us, busy schedules, work commitments, school runs, and after-school activities can make it difficult to always prioritise healthy eating. When time is limited, it can feel easier to rely on quick convenience foods or takeaways. Batch cooking, which has made a resurgence in the media recently, can be a simple and practical way to support healthier choices, even during hectic weeks.

Preparing larger portions of meals in advance and freezing extra servings can save time, reduce stress around mealtimes, and ensure nutritious options are readily available for the whole family.

There is some great advice available online including on the VegPower website. Find out more at [Batch Cooking - Simply Veg](#)

Mrs Wells

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The Big Gig 2026

Friday 19th June

I'm really pleased to be able to share with you more information about this year's **Big Gig 2026: Magic of the Movies** which will be held at the Vertu Motors Arena on **Friday 19th June**.

Ticket Information

A limited number of tickets are available to parents priced at £7 each, available from our Ticketsource site:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/newcastlemusicservice.

Initially, the big gig are limiting numbers to one ticket per child until Friday 22 May. Parents will be asked to enter your child's name clearly when purchasing tickets. On Monday 25 May, any remaining tickets will be released for general sale. Please note that parents will not receive a seat number on their ticket until the week beginning Monday 15 June; seat numbers are allocated depending on capacity and position of school in the arena.

Please note tickets will not be available to purchase on the day of the event.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me! There is also a **poster at the end of this newsletter** with more information.

Mr Patterson

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

With just 2% between the top two classes this week, **Miss Bell's** class has topped the leaderboard again this week! Almost all of our Year 4s have been practicing on TTRS this week which is brilliant. We've had lots of new statuses again this week as well. Congratulations to **Rory G, Nydia T, Max H, Joseph M, Luke P** and **Charlie T** who all became Rock Stars this week! Our top coin earners were **Patrick B, Jesse P** and **Alanna T**.



My class (Miss Pope) are the most active class this week on NumBots, our school average this week was 345 coins!

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Coughlan – **Max S**

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Finlay F**

Miss Pope – **Ming-Wai Y**

Mr Edwards **Finn M**

Miss Tate – **Eliza T**

Mr Patterson – **Grace T**

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – **Hugo H**

Mr Guest – **Alfie R**

Miss Bell – **Alex H**

Great job everyone, **Miss Pope**.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.7%** which is getting closer to our target of 97%!

Our classes of the week this week are **Reception Miss Coughlan** with **98.1%** and **Y3 Mr Hindess & Mrs Armstrong** with **99%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

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.



Gosforth Park First School

Term and Holiday Dates School Year 2026 – 2027

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	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term
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	Bank Holiday		School Holiday
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Additional school closures due to staff training:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Monday 7th June 2027

The following Autumn Term begins Monday 6th September 2027



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



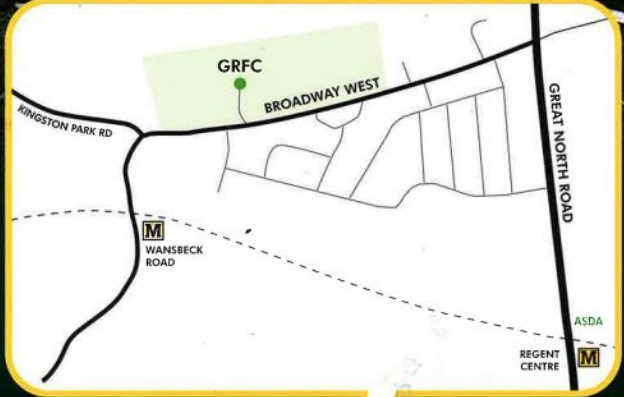

Aged 4-17?

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
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GOSFORTH RFC

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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THE BIG GIG 2026

Magic of the Movies



FRIDAY 19 JUNE
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Join us for an unforgettable celebration of Make Music Day — featuring ten iconic songs from beloved films, specially arranged for beginner instrumentalists and singers. Accompanied by a live band and starring a cast of over 1,200 young musicians, this is a red carpet event you won't want to miss!

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