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June 5th 2026 Issue 1/7 Summer Term Two



Welcome back – we hope you all had a great half term holiday!

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the final half term. Please continue to check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for any updates.

Mrs Lamb



EYFS & Year 1

Balance Bikes!

Children from Nursery to Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed our balance bike sessions this week. We practiced balancing and manoeuvring through a range of obstacles to improve our confidence and safety.



Miss Parsons-Munn

Y4 Multiplication Check

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who have completed their multiplication check at school today. Thank you for working hard and practicing lots! We will let you know your scores when these have been published.

Miss Bell & Mr Guest



PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will now take place on **Monday 15th June at 6.15pm** in the community room.

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

We look forward to seeing you then!

PTFA



Newcastle Vikings are running a handball fun session for children from reception up to year 10.

Date: Sunday 28th June

Time: 3-5pm

Venue: Benfield Sports Centre, NE6 4NU

Free entry!

To sign up, please

contact newcastlevikings@gmail.com

or fill in your details on this online form:

<https://forms.gle/denP3Yafj8U4Y9JBA>

New Topics

Reception – Under the Sea



Under the Sea consolidates a year of learning through a range of new and familiar experiences. Children are playing and exploring independently while beginning to crave the additional concentration and challenge that teacher-led activities bring. Key texts become more complex and stretch children's comprehension and understanding of the world around them.

Y1 – Seaside



Our final topic in Y1 this year is **Seaside**. This history-based topic will be used to improve our children's understanding of change beyond living memory by comparing Victorian seaside holidays to our modern experiences. We will also be looking closely at postcards from the past to begin to understand the concept of historical evidence.

Y2 - Kings, Queens and Castles

Kings, Queens and Castles extends our understanding of time, change and chronology to periods beyond our living memory. Children will enjoy learning about different types of castles, investigate the best places to build castles and identify the different castles in the North East. We are also looking forward to our school trip to Alnwick Castle!

KS2 – Ancient Greeks












Our final topic in KS2 is Ancient Greece. This history-based topic will be used to improve understanding of using historical evidence. Our children will begin to understand the origins of the Olympic Games, the importance of democracy and be introduced to the exciting world of Ancient Greek Myths and Heroes.

Many thanks

Mr Hindess

Year 4 Transition Information

As we look forward to our final half term, below is a useful guide to all the transition events that will be happening to prepare our Year 4s for moving up to middle school:

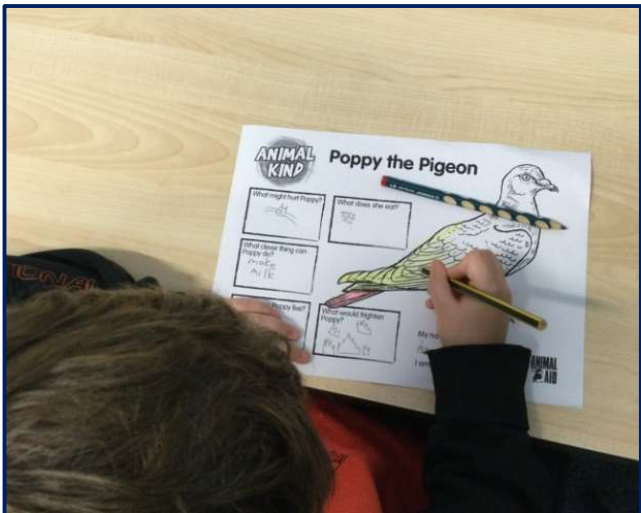
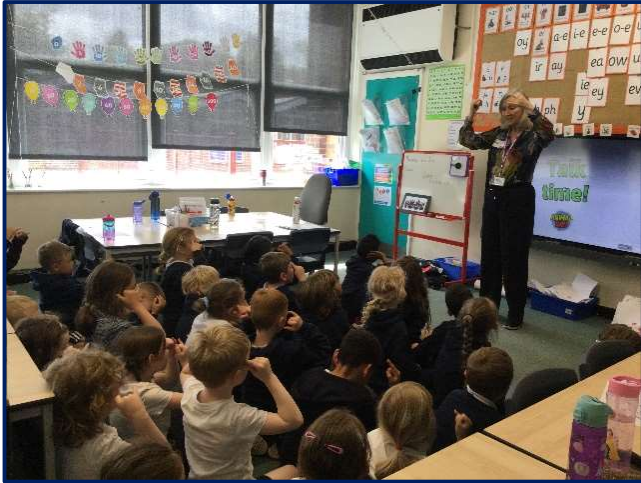
Transition Information 2025-26			
	<p>GEMS Teachers Visit <i>Tuesday 16th June</i></p> <p>Before we head across to our new school, some of the Year 5 teachers will come to visit us! This will give our children a chance to get to know the staff and to ask them questions.</p>		<p>Buddy Letters <i>Tuesday 16th June</i></p> <p>A lovely way to learn a bit more about their new school! Our old friends (ex-GPFS pupils) write to our Year 4 cohort to tell them all about Year 5 and to buddy them up if they ever feel a bit lost.</p>
	<p>Transition Days <i>8th, 9th, 10th July</i></p> <p>Year 4 children will have 3 full days at their Middle School. They will find out who their teacher and classmates will be for Year 5. A member of the GPFS team will stay at GEMS all day on Wednesday in case our children need a familiar face.</p>		<p>Leaver's Video <i>Monday 6th July - filming</i></p> <p>Children will have the opportunity to take part in our leaver's video to give them a lasting memory of their time at Gosforth Park to share with their family and keep forever.</p>
	<p>SEMH Transition Preparation <i>Weekly sessions for 4 weeks</i></p> <p>Helen and Amanda from Newcastle SEMH team will be working with a small group of pupils who require additional preparation for their transition to Middle School.</p>		<p>Parents Meeting at GEMS <i>Wednesday 8th July at 6pm</i></p> <p>This meeting will give you a chance to find out more about Gosforth East. Mr Adcock, Miss Wilson and Mrs Armstrong will talk about life at GEMS and class teachers will also be attending.</p>
	<p>Leaver's Assembly <i>Thursday 16th July 2pm</i></p> <p>Our annual leaver's assembly is our way of giving your children the GPFS ending they deserve! We invite our Year 4 families to join us for your child's performance and presentations.</p>		<p>Shirt Signing <i>Friday 17th July</i></p> <p>Everyone's favourite rite of passage! Children are encouraged to bring in an old GPFS t-shirt for their teachers and friends to sign.</p>
	<p>Useful Contact Information</p> <p>Mrs Wilson (Year 5 Lead) anna.wilson@gosfortheast.newcastle.sch.uk 0191 2855445</p> <p>Mrs Armstrong (SENCO) emma.armstrong@gosfortheast.newcastle.sch.uk 0191 2855445</p>		

Please also keep an eye out for any communication with GEMS about additional events or information.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hindess, Miss Bell or Mr Guest

Animal Aid

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Debbie from Animal Aid. She spoke to us all about taking care of all animals and we learnt about some overlooked animals and their importance like pigeons. We also learnt to sign some animal words.



Miss Pope



Our OPAL cadets have voted for **Mrs Armstrong/Mr Hindess' class** this week to win our Golden Welly.

Well done to you all for your fantastic teamwork and tidying!

Ms Gasper



**Healthy Schools
Newcastle**



After such lovely weather over half term, it is a good time to remember about sun safety and remaining hydrated.

Our children are very active at playtimes and during PE so it is essential that they remember their named water bottles each day.

Please also remember to apply sunscreen and bring a sun hat or cap on warm days, and don't forget the raincoat if showers are forecast!

Mrs Wells

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

With the Year 4 MTC this week I'm glad so many Year 4s were continuing their practice over half-term. The top class was **Miss Bell's class**. Thank you for all your hard work over the last few months to improve your automaticity! Our top coin earners were **Anna Si, Josh S and Laurie G-R**.



Thank you to everyone who kept practicing their number fluency skills over half-term. Our top class this week was Miss Parsons-Munn's class!

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Coughlan – **Felicity C**

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Taha H**

Miss Pope – **Isabel K**

Mr Edwards – **Rupert C**

Miss Tate – **Maya B**

Mr Patterson – **Martha H**

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

Mr Guest – **Alfie R**

Keep practicing, Miss Pope

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.6%** Lets try and make it to our target of 97% before the end of the academic year!

Our classes of the week this week are **Y2 Mr Patterson** with **100%** and **Y3 Mr Hindess & Mrs Armstrong** with **100%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

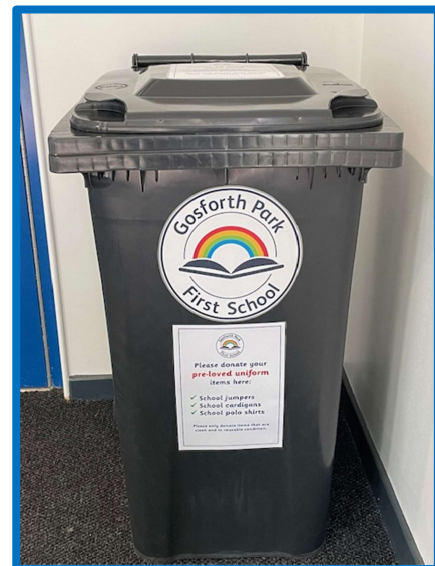
Pre-Loved Uniform

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



Get Creative Dance
**Summer
School**

**Dance summer
school for young
people aged 7-16**



Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st August,

9.30am-3pm

£130 per place early bird until 1 June,
£140 thereafter.

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Timetable

Tuesday Street Dance day

Wednesday Musical Theatre day

Thursday Pop Inspired day

Friday Get Creative day

EVERY DAY Bring the Energy.

GET GAMING

Summer Slam!



Thu 6 Aug, 10am-3pm, 6-11 years

Fri 7 Aug, 10am-3pm, 12-18 years

£30 per day early bird (until 1 June), £35 thereafter

Our ever-popular Gaming Social (every Tuesday night during term time - check it out!) is taking a break from its summer holidays for two packed days of console gaming, exhilarating games and loads of fun.

Play old favourites, enjoy new ones, take part in competitions and make friends!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.



WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.



TWO DOSES:
0.15 mg or 0.3 mg

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY

Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.



BREATHING

Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.



CIRCULATION

Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.



In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS:

(However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)



NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:



LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more



AllergyWise®



EpiPen



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ADRENALINE AND AADs

Meet Our Expert

Anaphylaxis UK is the only UK-wide charity operating solely for the growing numbers of people at risk of serious allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. While there's no treatment or cure for anaphylaxis, we believe that by providing information, training and support, there's a brighter future for people living with serious allergies.



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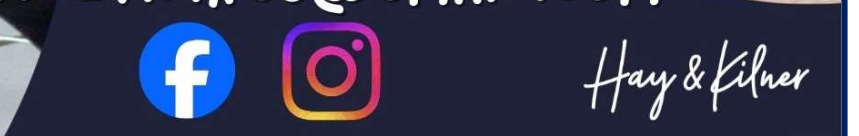
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BRING A FRIEND TO HANDBALL

Newcastle Vikings Handball invites new players to come and play some matches and fun games

AGES 4-15

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

3-5PM

BENFIELD SPORTS CENTRE

NE6 4NU

FREE ENTRY



TO BOOK A PLACE

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NEWCASTLEVIKINGS@GMAIL.COM



Hay & Kilner