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June 19th 2026 Issue 3/7 Summer Term Two



Sports Week 2026

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June

Our annual sports week kicks off on **Monday** for an active 5 days of fun!

Children from Nursery to Year 4 are invited to **wear appropriate sportswear and trainers** all week as we take part in a variety of exciting activities, including:

- 'Sports around the World'
- Skip4Fit
- Handball with Marlen Goulty
- Football with Graeme Doyle
- Rugby Minis
- Hoopstarz

We are also welcoming our families into school for your child's **sports days**:

KS2: Monday 22nd June at 2:15 – 3:15

Nursery: Wednesday 24th June 9:15 – 10:15

Reception: Friday 26th June 9:15 – 10:15

Year 2: Friday 26th June 2:15 – 3:15

Please arrive promptly for afternoon sports days.

Gates will open at 2pm and close at 2.15pm and there will be no access via the main office.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunhat and suncream applied next week.

Many thanks!
Mr Guest

Sportswear for PTFA Prizes!

We will be celebrating the end of Sports Week in our Sports Wear and are asking for **donations for our Summer BBQ** which is arranged by our wonderful PTFA. Please check out the posters at the end of the newsletter.

We're asking for any of the below

- A bar or box of chocolates
- A raffle prize
- A bottle
- Unwanted cuddly toys
- Cake donations on the day

Please remember any cake donations on the day must be NUT FREE.

KS2

The Big Gig 2026

What a brilliant experience we had today, taking part in the **Big Gig** alongside 1200 young musicians from across schools in Newcastle and a live band! Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made this trip possible!



Mr Patterson

Nursery

Kirkley Hall Zoo

Nursery had a fabulous time at Kirkley Hall Zoo this week. The children learned about the wallabies, reptiles, monkeys, antelope, lemurs and many more! Thank you so much to all the parents that came along, you really helped our day go smoothly. Thank you also to the children in nursery who tried hard to do their best listening and looked after their grown-ups so well too!

Ms Gasper and the Nursery team



Reception

Beach Trip



What a fantastic day we had at the beach! We loved building sandcastles with our buckets and spades and playing with our friends. We could not have asked for better weather, the sun was shining, and everyone had big smiles on their faces!

A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who joined us for our trip, we really appreciated all of your help throughout the day.

Miss Coughlan and Miss Parsons-Munn



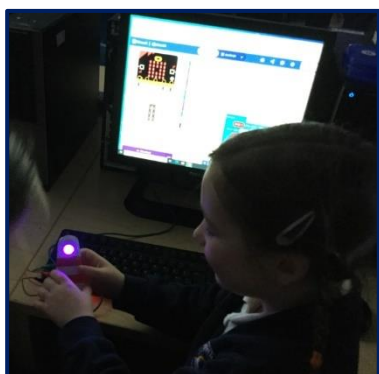
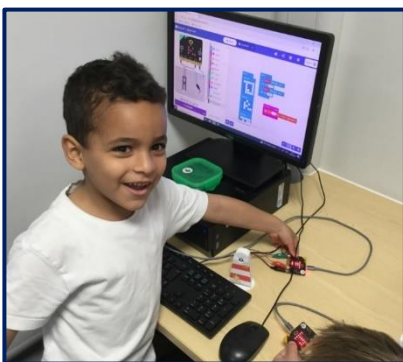
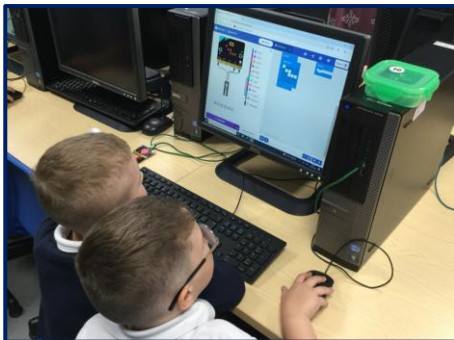
Y1

GEM Education



Year 1 had such a great time with Julian from GEM education, programming a micro bit today to create a flashing lighthouse with foghorn. They learnt so many skills and all tried so hard at debugging their own code when things went wrong.

Miss Pope and Mr Edwards



Y2

Voices in Colour

Year 2 parents,

I am delighted to let you know that we will be performing at the Civic Centre for the annual 'Voices in Colour' concert on **Monday 13th July at 11-12**. We will be going up on stage to be the lead school for the songs 'Golden' and 'We Will Rock You'.

Below is information on where and when the concert is, ticket information is here. Make sure you select the correct performance time!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/newcastlemusicsservice.

The songs are centred around the different zones of regulation.

Information and consent will be on ParentPay soon.

Thank you,
Mr Patterson

THE VOICES IN COLOUR



Monday 13 July 2026

11:00-12:00

**Banqueting Hall,
Newcastle Civic Centre**

Join children from Gosforth Park First, Central Walker CofE Primary, Welbeck Academy and South Gosforth First as they sing their way through the Zones of Regulation, linking the universal language of music with emotion to promote positive mental health in an uplifting concert celebration!



TICKETS £6 EACH



www.ticketsource.co.uk/newcastlemusicsservice



We have been looking ahead to 2026 – 2027 and have added provisional dates which have been sent out on the ParentPay newsletter (not on the website). Don't forget to add them to your diary. Any changes will be made in red.



Huge thanks to everyone who attended of PTA meeting on Monday. Please see below the list of lucky winners from the 100 Club Draw!

May

- ★ 1st *£25.20* number 61 - The Crown Family
- ★ 2nd *£12.60* number 44 - Muriel St Clair
- ★ 3rd *£6.30* number 60 - The Mays Family

June

- ★ 1st *£25.20* number 48 - The Clerey Family
- ★ 2nd *£12.60* number 21 - Lesley H
- ★ 3rd *£6.30* number 25 - Isabelle D and



Rainbow Wraparound Holiday Club

We are pleased to announce our **Rainbow Wraparound Holiday Club** themes and event days for the upcoming Summer Holiday.

Week One: **Under the Sea**

Week Two: **Princesses, Wizards & Magic**

Week Three: **Let's go Explore**

Week Four: **Discover and Do**

Week Five: **Carnival Week**

Week Six: **GPFS Bake-Off**

There is a flyer attached at the end of this week's newsletter and these are also available at the school office.

Bookings are live now and can be made using the school cloud link below:

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

Booking windows for the academic year 2026 - 2027 have also been added below.

Price increases from September 1st 2026 are at the end of the newsletter.

If you have any queries, please contact us via the Wraparound email address

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

Many thanks
Mrs Lucas



Robinwood has been booked for our **current Year 3** children from **10th to 12th March 2027**. Keep an eye out on Parent Pay for more information regarding costs and payment plans.

We know your time is valuable, so we have arranged a short information session from **1:30–2:00pm on Monday 22nd June**. This will take place in the Wraparound Hall just before KS2 Sports Day, allowing you easy access to the field for the afternoon's events.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Reception Intake 2027

For our **Reception 2027** intake, parents are invited to visit the school on any of the following dates:

Please phone the school office to book a place.

- Tuesday 6th October 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday 13th October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 20th October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 21st October 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 4th November 9:30 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 10th November 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 11th November 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Wednesday 18th November 5:00 – 6:00pm



This week in OPAL we have been loving the beautiful weather, enjoying all the equipment, and using our den building things to create a bit more shade!

Our OPAL cadets have chosen **Mr Guest's** class this week to win our Golden Welly, they are always good at working as a team when playing and tidying – well done Year 3 and 4's!

Ms Gasper



Healthy Schools
Newcastle



At the end of May, VegPower launched their new healthy eating campaign linked to healthy breakfasts. Called "Breakfast in Colour", the initiative aims to increase fruit, veg and bean consumption at one of our children's main meals of the day; 'banishing the beige' of a meal which is often dominated by packaged foods. In this first year, they are focusing on weekend breakfasts and have started their campaign on social media. Just search for @vegpowruk to get involved on Instagram, Tik Tok or LinkedIn to take part from the start.

Mrs Wells

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Miss Tate's class is our most active class this week! Great job Year 2! It is great to see some Year 2s and Year 3s earn their first status this week, getting closer to Rock Stars each week. Our top coin earners are **Violet C**, **Alice W** and **Freddie W**.



Well done to **Mr Patterson's class** who are top of the leaderboard this week with a brilliant 82%! Mr Tate's class you were just a couple percent behind. It's so important to keep practicing our number fluency skills in KS2 so we can recall these facts quickly in our work.

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Coughlan – **Sol R**

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Alyssa K**

Miss Pope – **Max C**

Mr Edwards – **Will W**

Miss Tate – **Nour I**

Mr Patterson – **Amelia C-B**

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

Mr Guest – **Brooke H**

Miss Bell – **Gerard C**

Great work everyone, Miss Pope

Attendance

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

Our classes of the week this week are **Y2 Miss Tate AND Mr Patterson** with **99.7%**

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.



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).

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Mrs Carrick

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2026 – 2027!

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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
Summer Holiday	June 10 th	July 2 nd
September bookings	June 28 th	July 9 th

Wraparound will close at 5pm on Friday 18th December, Thursday 25th March and Friday 16th July.

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Mrs Carrick

GPFS PTFA
Presents

Gosforth Park Summer Festival

FREE
ENTRY
FOR
EVERYONE

MONDAY 13TH JULY

BRING YOUR
PICNIC
BLANKETS AND
GARDEN GAMES

3.30 - 5.30PM
GPFS FIELD

Food

BURGER £4
SAUSAGE £3
VEGGIE SAUSAGE £3
PIZZA SLICE £1

AS WELL AS
ICE CREAM,
HOT DOGS AND
CAKE!

Activities

GLITTER TATTOOS £1
COLOURED HAIR EXTENSIONS £1
RAINBOW FACEPAINT £1 FOR 2!
RAFFLE £1 A TICKET
TOMBOLAS: BOTTLE AND CHOCOLATE £1 FOR 5
TICKETS AND TEDDY £1 FOR 1 TICKET A PRIZE
EVERY TIME!

CARD MACHINE TO
PURCHASE FOR
FESTIVAL TOKENS
AVAILABLE WITH
GEMMA AT THE
BBQ STALL!

GPFS PTFA

We need your help with the Summer Festival

Chocolate Tombola

Please donate a bar or box of chocolates on Fri 26th June (last day of sports week).

Bottle Tombola

Please bring in a bottle in a bottle bag on Fri 26th June (last day of sports week).

This can be any bottle: alcohol, bubble bath, ketchup etc...

Teddy Tombola

Please donate any unwanted cuddly toys by 6th July. They can be put into the donated uniform bin in the main reception.

Raffle Prizes

Can you donate anything as a raffle prize? Please get in touch. Raffle tickets can be bought before and after school the week before the festival.

Cake Sale

Please donate cakes on the morning of 13th July

Finally!

Sign up for a 30 minute slot on one of our stalls...

Many hands make light work! A link to our sign up sheet will be sent around soon.

All donations to be brought to the main school reception, and left in the community room.





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.

**Gosforth
Civic
Theatre**

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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!

**Gosforth
Civic
Theatre**

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BRING A FRIEND TO HANDBALL

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

3-5PM

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

BENFIELD SPORTS CENTRE

NE6 4NU

AGES 4-15



FREE ENTRY



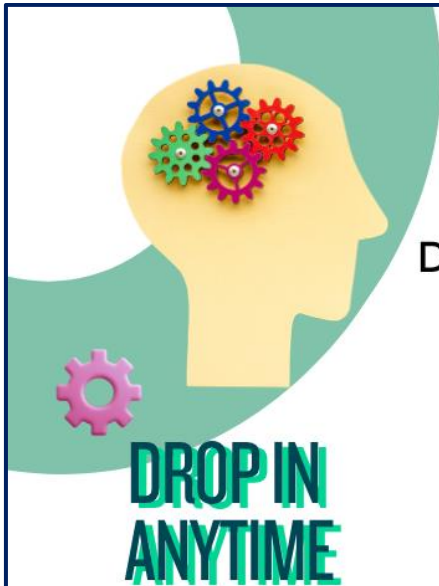
TO BOOK A PLACE

EMAIL:

NEWCASTLEVIKINGS@GMAIL.COM



Hay & Kilner



Neurodiversity Welcome Events

Drop in to find out about;

- autism & ADHD assessments,
- support for parents and carers,
- mental health support,
- activities and groups,
- and more

15th May, 9.30am - 11.30am, Galafield Family Hub

18th June, 5pm - 7pm, St Martin's Centre

10th July, 10am - 12pm, Cowgate Centre

21st August, 10am - 12pm, The Haven



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children, though a June 2026 update has improved things greatly.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.



RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.



IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.



MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. As of June 2026, Roblox defaults to only showing games from trusted developers to under 15s, following tests with older players to filter out riskier content. But these automated systems are not infallible, and younger players may encounter content you deem unsuitable.



COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In a June 2026 update, Roblox changed its default settings to prevent under 8s from chatting entirely, with gradual relaxation of restrictions between the ages of 9 and 15. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to enforce these rules.



Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.



PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its largely self-rating nature.



CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox has introduced tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely to avoid the risk of stranger danger. This is the default for under 8s, but can be applied for any account up to the age of 16. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other platforms, such as Discord.



ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



See full reference list on our website



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7:45AM – start of school day – £5.85

End of school day – 5:00PM – £7.60

End of school day – 6:00PM – £12.25

Holiday Full day 8:00AM – 6:00PM £26.00

Holiday Half day (until or from 1:00PM) £13.00

Phone: 07926 946 565

Email: wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

**Please note the following late fees apply for after-school club.
This is because of staffing and overtime incurred:**

- £5 for every 15 minutes late after 5 o'clock**
- £10 for every 15 minutes late after 6 o'clock**

**Pricing and fees will be reviewed at least annually by the Staffing and Finance Committee
Prices from September 1st 2026**

2026

Week 1: 20th – 24th July

Week 2: 27th – 31st July

Week 3: 3rd – 7th August

Week 4: 10th – 14th August

Week 5: 17th – 21st August

Week 6: 24th – 31st August

Half Day £11.95

Full Day £23.90

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis.

Summer Holiday

RAINBOW WRAPAROUND
@gosforthparkfirstschool

If you need to contact Wraparound during the holidays please use the number below as emails **WILL NOT** be monitored regularly
0792 694 6565

Breakfast, morning snack and afternoon snack provided.

Please send your child with a packed lunch (nut free) and dressed for any weather!

Week 1

Under the Sea

A week of exploring our glorious seaside with marine inspired activities as we investigate different sea habitats.

Wednesday – Handball with Marlen!

Week 3

Let's Go Explore

A week full of minibeast hunts, gardening and nature themed activities.

Wednesday AM – visit from ZooLab!

Week 5

Summer Festival

Think Summer Festival vibes – a week of chilling out, friendship bracelets, hair braids, face paints, lunches on the field, chill out tents, music and garden games.

Week 2

Princesses, Wizards and all things Magical

A magical week of dress up and creative fun as we become Princesses, Wizards and all things magical.

Wednesday PM – Football from StarStrike Soccer!

Week 4

Discover and Do

Experiments galore with exploding volcanoes and ice meteors with a mix of arts and crafts!

Week 6

GPFS does Bake Off!

Put your culinary skills to the test with our week of foodie fun!