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Transition Morning

Next Thursday morning children will be getting to know their new teachers and becoming familiar with their new classrooms while taking part in some fun transition activities!

We will also be sending out **Transition Passports** on Thursday so that children can talk to you about their new classes over the Summer Holiday.

Mrs Lamb

Robinwood Presentation Afternoon

We would like to invite all parents of Y4 pupils who attended Robinwood this year to a special presentation afternoon at school..

Children will receive a certificate presented to them by their group leader and you will hear about their Robinwood achievements.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb

Staffing News

After three years of incredibly hard work and dedication in Early Years, Miss Parsons-Munn will be leaving us to start an exciting new career at the civil service in the field of social research. We will miss her very much and wish her all the very best in this exciting new chapter.



We are excited to be welcoming some new and familiar faces to the team!

Miss Walsh is returning from maternity leave in September to work part time and will be working alongside **Miss Anderson** who is already well known to our school community and has worked with lots of our children.

We are also welcoming **Miss Proudfoot** who many of you will have met on our New Reception Parents evening as she will be our new Reception Class teacher.

We're thrilled to be adding both Miss Anderson and Miss Proudfoot to the team.

Mrs Lamb



Y2 Alnwick Castle

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Alnwick Castle on Tuesday. We learnt about how the castle would have been invaded by Scottish armies. We role played as English and Scottish fighters. We went around the Inner Bailey to understand how tiles and armour were made. We also went to see the dungeon, which is called an oubliette, which means 'to forget' in French! The children particularly loved going through the 'Dragon Quest'!

Mr Patterson and Miss Tate





Reception

Pirate Day and Rockpool School

This week Reception celebrated their current topic with an amazing Pirate Day. We had loads of fun playing games and walking the plank! We were so lucky to have a visit from Rockpool school. We learned about crabs, starfish, periwinkles, whelks and hermit crabs, then got to handle them too – all of the children were so gentle. Nursery were also able to join in with Rockpool school too- what a fabulous day! Many thanks to the PTFA for funding our Rockpool School experience!





Summer Festival

Monday 13th July

We look forward to seeing you all after school on Monday 13th July for our annual Gosforth Park First School Summer Festival! Children can be collected from their usual exit doors before joining us for a festival of fun on the school grounds.

We do have one card machine available to purchase tokens at the BBQ stall but please bring cash if possible, to avoid delays!

Please see the posters at the end of the newsletter for more information about stalls and how you can get involved.

Many thanks

PTFA

The winners of the 100 club draw for July are.....

★ 1st place £75.60 - number 46 - Gene Hunt

★ 2nd place £50.50 - number 5 - The Goulty Family

★ 3rd place £25.20 - number 55 - The Blairs

Thank you to everyone who has joined this year, we really appreciate your support! We'll start back up again in September and will share details then on how to join.



Year One

Seaside Workshops

Year 1 had a great time at their Seaside Workshop on Wednesday. First, they learnt a bit more about the Victorian Seaside, then they watched a brilliant Punch and Judy show and in the afternoon they were able to have a closer look at the puppets in the show and create some Seaside crafts as well. Thank you PTFA for a brilliant day!

Miss Pope





Hello parents,

This year's summer reading challenge will soon be upon us.

The challenge officially launches on the 20th July and this year's theme is 'Read to the Beat'.

If children visit their local library at any point during the summer holidays they will be given a summer reading challenge sheet. If they collect 7 stickers, they will be entered into a prize draw to win lots of amazing prizes such as Pantomime tickets, Disney on Ice tickets, Electric keyboard, Lego and more!

Local libraries will have lots of fun, free activities and events such as: author and illustrator visits, dance and music workshops, treasure hunts and themed crafts - from K Pop Demon Hunters to Blaydon Races.

I would love to see lots of children from Gosforth Park taking part!

Thank you,

Miss Bell

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



Rainbow Wraparound

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



This week in OPAL our cadets have voted for **Miss Bell's class**. They said the Year 4's are always helpful and are happy to let other children join in with their games. I know they're fab at tidy up time too. Well done Miss Bell's class.

Ms Gasper



Following successful trials at Durham Ladies ETC, Newcastle United ETC and Sunderland Academy, Darcy has decided to stay true to her black and white roots and is signing again with Newcastle United ETC (Emerging Talent Centre). Darcy also signs for her new club Newcastle City Juniors for the season ahead. We are so proud of her! Well done Darcy



Healthy Schools
Newcastle



We have a great incentive to get out, be active and go for a walk in and around Newcastle this summer as the Wild in Art team have linked up again with St Oswald's Hospice to launch the Peter Rabbit, Tales on the Tyne Trail. Running from the 15th July through to 14th September, the trail will lead us to fabulous Peter Rabbit sculptures, bringing colour and joy to many of our parks, streets and public spaces. You will be able to download the map or an app to navigate your way around the sculptures and unlock rewards and fun facts as you explore. Free printed versions of the trail will also be made available at locations such as Newcastle Cathedral, Tourist Information points and St Oswald's Hospice shops. Find out more at <https://talesonthetyne.co.uk/art-trail/> and keep an eye out for the map and app release coming shortly.

Have fun!

Mrs Wells

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

We've not had the most active week on TTRS this week, remember from Year 2 onwards it is important to practice the times tables you have learnt. Our most active class was **Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong's class**. Our top coin earners are **Eoin M, Gerard C, Martha H** and **Grayson W!**



Well done **Alfie R** for completing all of NumBots after so much hard work over the last few years! **Miss Coughlan's class** are at the top of the leaderboard this week. Great work Reception!

Our top coin earners were:

Miss Coughlan – **Jasmine B**

Miss Parsons-Munn – **Taha H**

Miss Pope – **Finn H**

Mr Edwards – **Will W**

Miss Tate – **Esther B**

Mr Patterson – **Alessia R**

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

Mr Guest – **Alfie R**

Great work GPFS,

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 **Y1 Mr Edwards** with **98.9%** and **Reception Miss Parsons-Munn** with **98.8%**

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 ~~2026~~ - 2027!

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
September bookings	June 26th	July 10th
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	November 30 th	December 11 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 10th	June 20 th
Summer Holiday	June 10th	July 2 nd
September bookings	June 28th	July 9th

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

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

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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 10

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 10



THE **great north** CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
 Pop-Up Hospital Event



Join Fudge at our Pop-Up Hospital Event!
at Newcastle Cathedral
 St Nicholas Square
 Newcastle upon Tyne
 NE1 1PF

Wednesday 12th August
10.30am-12.30 & 1- 2.30pm

FREE EVENT!
 Drop in event, no booking required


Enjoy interactive activities from:

- Northumbria Police
- Physiotherapy
- Healthworks
- GNCH Play Team
- Autism Liaison
- Dietetics
- Tyne & Wear Fire Brigade
- NECTAR Ambulance service
- Newcastle Hospitals Charity
- Research Arts & Crafts!
- Citizens Advice



HEATON STANNINGTON U7 PLAYERS WANTED

FOR THE 26/27 SEASON



CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 1

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JOHN ROBINSON - 07715207722

FUN & FRIENDLY | **TEAMWORK & RESPECT** | **DEVELOP SKILLS** | **FA QUALIFIED COACHES**

COME & JOIN THE STAN!

TRAINING & MATCHES | FUN | DEVELOPMENT | COMMUNITY

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY.
PLAYING A RANGE OF SPORTS INCLUDING TENNIS, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, ROUNDERS,
MINI OLYMPICS, MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVING FUN!

BOHEMIANS TENNIS & SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-15 YEARS.

£100 PER WEEK
£30 PER DAY
MON-FRI
9AM-4PM



WEEK 1: 20TH-24TH JULY
WEEK 2: 27TH - 31ST JULY
WEEK 3: 3RD-7TH AUGUST

BOHEMIANS TENNIS CLUB, SOUTH RIDGE, BRUNTON PARK, GOSFORTH, NE3 2EJ TEL: 07866891868
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT:
[HTTPS://CLUBS.PARK.LTA.ORG.UK/BENADAMSCOACHING/COACHING/CAMPS](https://clubs.park.lta.org.uk/benadamsc coaching/coaching/camps)



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

COME
& HAVE
A TRY!

GOSFORTH RFC



FREE TRAINING SESSION

FOR UNDER 6's, 7's, 8's & 9's

SUNDAY 5TH JULY - 10AM

IF YOU ARE NEW TO RUGBY WHY NOT COME
ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY.

CONTACT COACH SHAUN ON: 07505 993672 TO FIND OUT MORE

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.

Wednesday AM – visit from DanseFuse!

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!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

MANAGING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST



For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an 'ask a grown-up first' rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.

2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS



Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, bath time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.

3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT



Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.

4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN



Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider casting content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.

5 PLAN THE TRANSITION



The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.

6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared 'phone home', such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.

7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE



Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.

8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES



Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed 'yes space', such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.

9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS



Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as, "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.

10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT



Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food, with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital 'sugar rushes'.

Meet Our Expert

Neha Agarwal is the founder of Cyber Ved Kids, an innovative educational initiative that transforms complex cybersecurity concepts into engaging, age-appropriate adventures for children aged 3-10. With her unique background leading cybersecurity services for corporates and serving as an expert panel advisor on Internet Matters, Neha brings corporate-grade cybersecurity expertise to the early years world.



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