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Parent Consultations

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our parent consultation evenings this week. We were delighted to see such a strong turnout, across the two days.

It's always a pleasure to talk with you and celebrate the progress and achievements of our wonderful children.

Have a lovely half term holiday

The GPFS Team



We are welcoming donations for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Mr Brown will have poppies and poppy themed items on the school gate (suggested donation £1). These are available at the school office now.

Mrs Lamb

Year 1 – Food Tech

This week **Year 1** made fruit kebabs in food technology. We had to wash, peel, chop and thread the fruits to make our yummy kebabs.



Autumn 2: Topics

Here are the themes of study that your children will be learning about during next half term:

Reception – Space

Reception will be immersed in a topic of awe and wonder as they blast off into a world of possibilities. They will learn about real life astronauts, constellations and the different planets in our solar system.



Year One – Toys

Our Year 1 children will be introduced to the idea of **change over time** by looking at how our favourite toys have developed within living memory. We will be encouraging pupils to talk to their relatives about their childhood toys and reflecting upon features that have changed and things that have stayed the same.



Year Two – Fire, Fire!

Year 2 will be travelling further back beyond living memory nearly 400 years to learn about the significant event of the Great Fire of London. Children will learn about the historical concepts of **cause and consequence** by examining the various unfortunate reasons why the fire became so large. We will learn about Samuel Pepys and the importance of his diary as a historical source of information.



KS2 – Victorians

Children in KS2 will be learning about the Victorians. We will be focusing upon the concepts of **invention** and **inequality** to explore the changes in society during this important historical era. We will be consolidating our learning with an exciting trip to Beamish Museum!



Teachers in KS1 and KS2 will be sending out optional holiday homework via Seesaw – these projects are a brilliant way to bring some prior knowledge to the classroom and children love sharing their projects with their classmates!

Mr Hindess



Our school photographer will be visiting in the first week back to take individual photographs of all children, as well as sibling photographs for brothers and sisters who attend our school.

Please make sure your child comes to school looking smart in their school uniform and ready to show off their best smile!

We look forward to capturing some lovely photographs for families to treasure!

Nursery 2027

Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates in January 2027 for our Nursery 2027 intake. Please phone the school office to book a place.

- Tuesday 19th January 4:00pm
- Wednesday 20th January 4:00pm
- Thursday 21st January 9:30am
- Wednesday 27th January 4:00pm
- Thursday 28th January 9:30am

Reception 2027

We've already had lots of enquiries regarding visits for our Reception 2027 intake. Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates. Please phone the school office to book a place.

- 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

Mrs Lamb

KS2 Beamish Trips



Next half term, Key Stage Two will be visiting **Beamish Living Museum** as part of our Victorians History Topic.

Children will have a chance to explore Beamish with their class, attend a Victorian Lesson and complete a Historical Enquiry with real actors. As part of this exciting, immersive experience, we are **inviting children to dress up as Victorians for their trip.**

Please keep an eye out on ParentPay for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or call the school office.

Mr Hindess



Our wonderful teachers have volunteered to give up part of their lunch hour to run clubs for children after half term, **starting in the second week back.** These will be allocated on a **first to sign up** basis. Any children who don't get their choice of club for the Autumn term will be put on the waiting list for Spring.

The link will open at 8am on Friday 23rd October. The final deadline for signing up will be Tuesday 3rd November 9am

Mrs Lamb



🎄 Christmas Shop – A Fantastic Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who has ordered gifts and keepsakes from our Christmas Shop, featuring the children's wonderful designs! Thanks to your fantastic support, our PTA has raised an amazing **£691 in commission!**

🍰 Friday's Bake Sale – Thank You!

Another big thank you to everyone who baked, donated, bought cakes or helped out at Friday's bake sale. Together, we raised a fantastic **£169.01!**

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA and all the families who continue to support our fundraising events. Your generosity, time and enthusiasm make such a difference to our school community.

That's a wonderful £860.01 raised across these two fundraisers! Every penny will go back into school to benefit our children, helping to provide additional resources and experiences that make school life even more special!

Thank you, everyone! ❤️



Daft as a Brush
CANCER PATIENT CARE



A lovely festive event for our families!

Our friends at Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care will be switching on their Christmas Tree Lights on **Friday 13 November**.

The gates will open from **5.30pm**, with the big **Christmas lights switch-on taking place at 6.00pm.** ✨

Daft as a Brush is a wonderful local charity based on the Great North Road in Gosforth, providing **free transport for cancer patients travelling to and from hospital for chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment.**

It promises to be a lovely opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and support an organisation that does so much for people in our local community.



Friday 13 November



Gates open: 5.30pm



Christmas lights switch-on: 6.00pm



Daft as a Brush House, Great North Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2DR Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care

Wrap up warm and enjoy the start of the festive season! 🧑🏻‍🎄 ✨



Healthy School

Autumn is a fantastic time of year to get out and about and be active in the natural environment. Over half term, why not take a day to visit a forest or woodland and immerse yourselves in nature. Both the Wildlife Trust and Forestry England have organised a variety of half term activities, or you could just utilize their spaces to explore. From our local reserves here in Gosforth and close by at Northumberlandia and Plessy Woods, to Hauxley Nature reserve or the forests of Kielder and Hamsterley, there's plenty of places to explore. For ideas on what to look for during autumn or to find some organised activities, search through the links below:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/room-on-the-broom-trails>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/visit/choose-your-adventure/half-term-activities-and-days-out-kids>

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/blog/signs-autumn>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/visit/where-see-wildlife/where-to-see-autumn-wildlife>

Mrs Wells

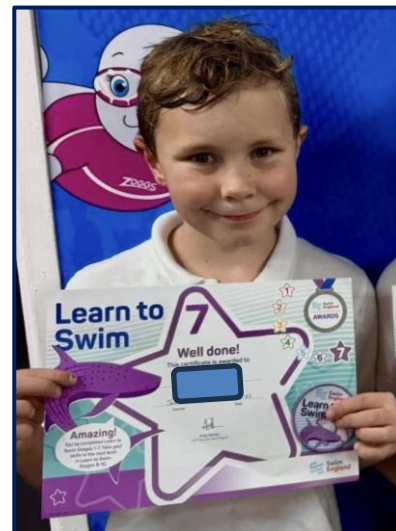
Free Breakfast at Morrison's over Half Term

Morrisons are offering a free breakfast every day including the weekend over the half term. It's a bowl of cereal and a piece of fruit. Families just need to say 'Kelloggs Breakfast' at the café counter to receive the breakfast. Adults can get it too!

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

This week our Golden Welly award goes to **Mr Guest's class**. It has been lovely to see your creativity in the den building area. You are also really good when it comes to tidy-up time, well done everyone!

Ms Gasper



A huge Gosforth Park congratulations to Noah, who achieved his Level 7 swimming badge. What a fantastic achievement – well done!



Miss Bell's class are the most active class this week! Make sure to keep practicing over the half-term to keep your speed up. Our top coin earners were **Benjamin M, Henry S and Elliot B.**



My class were top of the leaderboard this week! Keep using NumBots over the half-term to keep your number facts fresh for Autumn 2.

Our top coin earners were:

Mrs Pennington – Zaydaan

Mr Edwards – Elijah

Miss Anderson and Miss Walsh – Aaima

Mr Patterson – Rupert

Miss Tate – Rosalyn

Mr Guest – Finn O-G

Miss Bell – Imogen

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – Elara

Thank you for all your hard work this half-term, Mrs Pennington

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **98%**!

Our classes of the week are **Year 3 Miss Tate** with **98.8%** followed by **Year 2 Mr Patterson** with **98.2%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

Pre-Loved Uniform

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.

Please REMEMBER items must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.



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.

Many thanks

Natasha Davy



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	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 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.

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



GPFS PTA PRESENTS OUR

Wreath Making Workshops



**Saturday
21st
November**



**GPFS
Community
Room**

Adults Only

**Family and friends
are very welcome
to join the fun!**

**£40pp
including all
materials and a
festive treat**

Book via the following links...

2 - 5pm

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/gpfs-wreath-making-2pm>

5 - 8pm

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/gpfs-wreath-making-5pm>

Free Event!

Drop-in, no booking required

10.30am-12.30pm
& 1pm-2.30pm

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



**Pop-Up Hospital
Family Fun day**

**Tuesday 27th
October**

Join us at
Newcastle Cathedral

St Nicholas Square Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1PF

Enjoy fun interactive
activities from
departments such as.....

Dietetics



NECTAR
ambulance service



The Play
Team

Arts & Crafts

Physiotherapy



and many more!



Find out more



ST AIDAN'S CHURCH - FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 3.30PM - 5PM



SCAN HERE



FACE-PAINTING, BOUNCY CASTLE, DISCO, GAMES, LIGHT CRAFTS, STORY
HOT FOOD AND MORE... £3 FOR FIRST CHILD, £1 FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DEEPPFAKES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A deepfake is a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) trickery designed to make you believe that a person has said or done something they haven't. AI models are able to use audio, video and photos of a subject to produce misleading mimics. Initially unsophisticated and easy to spot, deepfakes are improving every day. And with the spread of user-friendly AI, it's easier than ever for children to make their own, or be the unsuspecting target of them.

A BULLYING RISK

AI has got easier to use and more widespread, making it a "gift" to bullies. Children can generate fake audio of peers saying damaging things, or pictures of them doing something embarrassing. More disturbingly, Metro recently highlighted cases where fake sexualised images of teens are spread through social media. Mainstream apps don't allow this usage, but with AI becoming widespread, easy-to-use sites without guardrails keep emerging for darker uses.

FAKE FAMILY SCAMS

With a few seconds of audio — from an Instagram reel or TikTok — scammers can clone a person's voice. They can then use this to scam relatives with phone calls asking for money or assistance. This is a widespread tactic for scammers, with the FBI reporting 22,000 such cases in 2025, defrauding victims out of \$893 million that year alone.

FAKED CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of clips for training, celebrities are a frequent target. According to McAfee, the most deep faked celebrities are Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Jenna Ortega, Sydney Sweeney and Sabrina Carpenter, and their AI dopelgangers are usually pushing scams. Even YouTuber MrBeast has been deepfaked by scammers on TikTok. It can be used for propaganda too, making politicians appear to do or say things to improve or harm their reputation.

EXTORTION RISK

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake — you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you don't have to have done anything wrong to be a target. A deepfake video showing a person in an uncompromising position could make the victim pay up, even when the content never happened.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio or video of the subject. That means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers and bullies away.

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

While deepfakes are getting harder to spot, there are still telltale signs to look out for. Deepfake creation can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. It can also look too sleek, with models often trained on professional video. Make sure the mouth shapes match the spoken words, too. As for audio, listen out for mispronounced phrases and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

Even perfect deep fakes rely on trust, so think critically. If it's someone you know claiming to need help, then ask them to prove they're who they say they are with an inside joke. For public figures, try Googling the person along with a bit of the contentious speech in quotation marks. Also question why you're seeing the video. If it's a paid promotion, then ask yourself who's paying and why. If someone is sharing the clip, do they dislike the target?

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and to not trust everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easy to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers or other adults. Ensure they're aware of the serious trouble the technology can cause, and the ethical problems of manipulating someone's image without consent.

Meet Our Expert

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