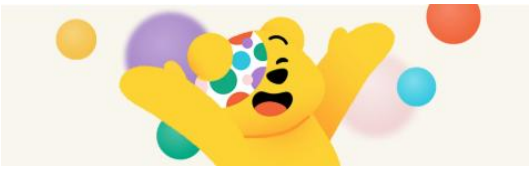


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BBC Children in Need Appeal Day is back on **Friday 13th November 2026**, and we're looking forward to joining schools across the country to raise money for this fantastic cause! This year's campaign focuses on being **'By the Side of Every Child'**, helping to ensure that children and young people across the UK have someone to listen, support and believe in them when they need it most.

At Gosforth Park First School, we'll be getting involved with some fun activities:

🟡 **Dress in Spots!** – Children are invited to wear their best spotty outfits, Pudsey accessories or anything bright and colourful for the day!

🎨 **Colouring Competition** – Every class will take part in a Children in Need colouring competition, with prizes awarded in our celebration assembly.

🐻 **A Surprise Guest!** – We may even have a special visitor joining us on the day… watch this space!

We are asking families for a suggested **donation of £2 via ParentPay**, with all money raised going to BBC Children in Need to help make a difference to young lives across the UK.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We can't wait to see everyone looking spot-tacular! Mrs Lamb



Our wonderful teachers have volunteered to give up part of their lunch hour to run clubs for **starting next week**. All children who signed up for a club have been offered their first choice. A letter will be coming home with confirmation of your child's club. If you did not sign up this time round, there will be an opportunity in the Spring term.

Mrs Lamb

Remembrance Day 2026



On **Wed 11th November at 11am** we will hold a 2 minute silence across GPFS.

We will talk about Remembrance Day in an age appropriate way with our children. The CBeebies Animated Short, titled 'Poppies', is a brilliant way to introduce younger children to the concept of remembrance:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies

Mrs Lamb

Staying Safe as the Nights Draw In!

Now that the clocks have gone back and the darker mornings and evenings are here, we'd like to share a few friendly reminders to help keep everyone safe on their journeys to and from school.

Be Bright, Be Seen! – Please encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing, particularly when walking or cycling to school. Reflective strips on coats, bags and shoes can make a big difference to visibility.

Road Safety – Darker mornings and afternoons can make it harder for drivers to spot pedestrians. Please remind children to use safe crossing points, stop, look and listen carefully, and always hold an adult's hand when crossing busy roads.

Parking and Driving Around School – Please take extra care when driving near school, particularly at drop-off and collection times. Slow down, watch out for children stepping out between parked cars and avoid parking on yellow lines, across driveways or anywhere that could obstruct visibility. Keeping our school entrances clear helps everyone stay safe.

Scooters and Bikes – If your child cycles or scoots to school, please ensure they wear a properly fitted helmet and have suitable lights and reflectors when travelling in the dark. We also ask that children dismount before entering the school grounds.

Wrap Up Warm! – As temperatures drop, please make sure children come to school with a warm, named coat every day. Hats and gloves are also a good idea as we head towards winter. We aim to get outside for fresh air and play whenever possible, even on chilly days!

Winter Bugs – Coughs, colds and other seasonal illnesses are beginning to circulate. Regular handwashing and good hygiene help us keep everyone healthy. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please remember they must stay off school until **48 hours after their last episode**.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community **safe, happy and healthy** throughout the autumn and winter months. A little extra care from all of us makes a big difference!

Mrs Lamb

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

Parking Reminder – Please Be Considerate

We have recently received a number of emails and complaints from local residents regarding parking around school.

We understand that mornings and afternoons can be busy, but we ask all parents and carers to **park safely, legally and considerately**, showing respect for our neighbours and helping to keep our children safe.

A few important reminders:

Park considerately – Please avoid blocking driveways, entrances or access for local residents.

Keep double yellow lines clear – Parking restrictions are there for everyone's safety, particularly where visibility is limited.

Respect disabled parking bays – These must be kept available for those with a valid Blue Badge.

Switch off your engine – Please avoid leaving engines idling while waiting. This helps reduce pollution around school and keeps the air cleaner for our children.

Think about children's safety – Please avoid parking where children may be difficult for approaching drivers to see.

With the darker mornings and afternoons now upon us, **safe and considerate parking is more important than ever**.

We are fortunate to be part of a lovely local community, and we want to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you to the many families who already park thoughtfully and for everyone's cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Mrs Lamb

KS2 Beamish Trips

BEAMISH
THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

This 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

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.

- Tuesday 10th November 9:30 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 11th November 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Wednesday 18th November 5:00 – 6:00pm

Mrs Lamb

PTA Success!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our recent PTA event! We raised an amazing **£576**.

All money raised will go towards supporting our children and providing extra opportunities and resources across school.

We would also like to say a special **thank you to Morrisons Great Park, Tesco Kingston Park and Asda Gosforth** for their generous donations of snacks, which helped make the evening even more enjoyable.

A big thank you to our wonderful **PTA volunteers** for organising the event, to all the families who supported it and to the school staff. We couldn't do it without you! ❤️

The 100 Club Prize Winners for November are...

⭐ 1st *£28.40* number 8 - The Hopkins family

⭐ 2nd *£14.20* number 12 - Joyce

⭐ 3rd *£7.10* number 26 - The Mays family

Congratulations!





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

Vegpower have relaunched their "Bang in some Beans" campaign and the important link to getting enough fibre.

With plenty of advice, tips and recipes on how to include more fibre in our diets, including how to add more fibre to the foods we currently enjoy, the website is a fantastic resource supporting all of us to boost a much needed, but often lacking nutrient.

Children need 20g of fibre per day and adults need 30g. It is important to build up the amount of fibre consumed slowly to avoid bloating or discomfort and there is a downloadable chart on the website, listing common foods and the amount of fibre they contain per portion, to help with that.

There is also a competition to win up to £500 shopping vouchers on the website. Find out more at Fibre - Simply Veg and don't forget to follow the "Bang in some Beans" campaign on social media.

Mrs Wells

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

This week our Golden Welly award goes to **Miss Walsh and Miss Anderson's** class for always having lots of imaginative ideas when playing in the mud kitchen and digging area.

Ms Gasper

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.8%**!

Our classes of the week are **Year 1 Mrs Pennington** with **98.6%** followed by **Year 3 Mr Guest** with **98.3%**

Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

There's been a drop in activity over the last couple of weeks whilst everyone has enjoyed their week off. Our most active class was **Miss Bell's**! Our top coin earners were **Elara, Liam and Oscar.**

My class are top of the NumBots leaderboard again this week! Great work Year 1! I wonder if any class can knock us off the top spot next week.

Our top coin earners were:

Mrs Pennington – Archie

Mr Edwards – Sophia

Miss Anderson and Miss Walsh – Jasper

Mr Patterson – Edward

Miss Tate – Eliza

Mr Guest – Erin

Miss Bell – Imogen

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – Teddy

Great work everyone,

Mrs Pennington

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 Wrapaound

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 10th	September 20th
November bookings	October 10th	October 20th
December booking	November 10th	November 20th
January bookings	November 30th	December 11th
February bookings	January 10th	January 20th
March bookings	February 10th	February 20th
April bookings	March 10th	March 20th
May bookings	April 10th	April 20th
June bookings	May 10th	May 20th
July bookings	June 10th	June 20th
Summer Holiday	June 10th	July 2nd
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

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

Join us for
Birty's 5th Charity Quiz Night

Friday 27th November
7.00pm arrival
(Quiz starts at 7.30pm)

Northern Football Club
McCracken Park, Gosforth,
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 2DT

£10 per brain

max. 6 per team

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Text or phone Philip (Birty's Dad) on 07854324963 or buy on the door

Find us on Instagram: @birtys_brigade

RAFFLE

Please bring some cash for our raffle - LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

In memory of Ian 'Birty' Birtwistle
Event arranged by "Birty's Brigade"



In support of:

Children's Cancer North

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Registered charity no. 1189748

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Christmas Fayre

Little Elves' Workshop

Join us for our Christmas Fayre with festive stalls, family activities and our Little Elves' Workshop!

Santa's Post Office

Write your letter to Santa

Mrs Claus' Baking Team

Help Mrs Claus decorate her Christmas treats

Elves' Crafts Station

Get creative with a range of festive crafts

Bauble Creation Station

Design and make your own bauble

Hot Chocolates and Treats Available

Festive Stalls

Including Squishies • Fidget Toys • Toys • Gifts and much more!

Saturday 12th December

12.00pm - 3.00pm

St Francis Church, Newcastle NE7 7QH

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Christmas FAYRE



Little Elves' Workshop

Crafts and activities for children



Saturday 12th December
• 12.00pm - 3.00pm

St Francis Church, Newcastle NE7 7QH

Free Entry

Jewellery | Honey | Ceramics | Squishies | Fidget Toys
and many more!

Refreshments Available



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