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This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme 'Break the Silence'. We have been reminding children that everyone deserves to feel happy, safe and included. Whether something is happening to them or they notice someone else being treated unkindly, we want children to know that their voice matters. Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if anything is worrying them.

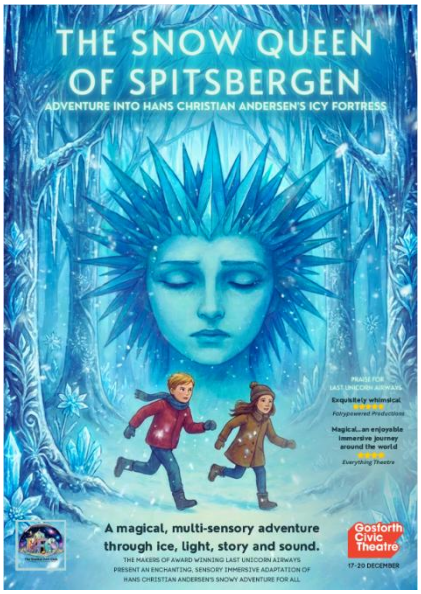
Family Conversation Starter

We would like to encourage families to take a few moments to talk together about how we can help everyone feel happy, safe and included. This week's family conversation starter is:

"What could you do if you noticed another child being left out of a game?"

Aa small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Mrs Lamb



Hello parents and carers,

This year Reception - Year 4 will be going to Gosforth Civic Theatre in December to see their production of 'The Snow Queen of Spitsbergen'.

A magical, multi-sensory adventure through ice, light, story and sound.

We will be walking to and from the theatre and we would love to take lots of parent helpers along with us. If you would like to volunteer, please let our school office staff know by responding to the parent pay message.

We are delighted that our wonderful PTFA are fully funding this visit.

Please also ensure you provide permission for your child to attend the visit.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Bell



Book Fair 2026

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

From **Thursday 26th November** to **Tuesday 1st December** our community room will be transformed into a pop-up bookshop filled with hundreds of fantastic titles. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore new stories, discover exciting non-fiction, and find books they will truly love to read.

Every book purchased at the fair earns rewards for our school, allowing us to stock our classrooms and library with brand-new learning resources for all our students.

- **When:** Thursday 26th November- Tuesday 1st December 15:30- 16:00
- **Where:** The Community Room (Entrance via main office)
- **Payment:** We are a cashless book fair. All payments will be made by card.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Thank you,
Miss Bell

KS2 Beamish Trips

We are dressing up as Victorian children but please remember a **warm winter coat and appropriate footwear**. Children will also require a packed lunch (no nuts or glass bottles please).

Many thanks!
Mr Hindess

Our popular **Christmas Eve Bags** are making a return again this year! Everything you need for family fun this Christmas. Please see attached poster at the end of the newsletter for more information!
You can order your bags from the link below:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/christmas-eve-bags-2
All money raised goes towards school.
Many thanks
PTFA

Treasurer Required!

We are on the look out for a **new treasurer** to manage our PTFA financial records. If you have the required knowledge of finances and are able to kindly give up some time to support our school, please speak to Mrs Lamb



Bring your children along to our Christmas Fair Santa's Grotto on Saturday 28th November between 10am and 12pm.

For only £10, which is payable on the day, children will be able to try their hand at games and crafts, meet Santa, receive a small gift and have a hot chocolate and sweet treat.

To avoid disappointment, it's best to let us know your coming along via Eventbrite. Details can be found on our Facebook page, using the link below or QR code.

You can come along on the day without pre-booking, but if Santa has lots of children to see, those with bookings will take presidence.

There's also a great selection of stalls for adults to enjoy too and our cafe will be open.

https://www.facebook.com/Info.St.Aidans/

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2004721472891?aff=oddtdtcreator

Healthy School

VEGPOWER

Following on from last week's article about changing the language we use around food and eating habits, Vegpower have a dedicated section on their website to help with engaging children with healthy eating.

From how to make veg more fun to shopping and cooking together, there are plenty of tips and links to recipes for all ages.

Find out more on the link below: Engaging Kids - Simply Veg

Mrs Wells

This week **Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong's** class are still top of the leaderboard with over 80% of you using TTRS this week. We haven't had a new Rock Star for a while so keep working on your speed, especially in Year 4. Our top coin earners were **Liam, Oscar and Noah**.



This week **Mr Patterson's** class is our most active class! Well done to everyone who has been using challenge mode to revisit number fluency from previous years.

Our top coin earners were:

Mrs Pennington – Charlie

Mr Edwards – Nathari

Miss Anderson and Miss Walsh – Toby

Mr Patterson – Oonagh

Miss Tate – Isaac C

Mr Guest – Alessia

Miss Bell – No coins earned

Mr Hindess and Mrs Armstrong – Elara

Great job, Mrs Pennington

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

Our OPAL team have noticed some really creative play from Mr Patterson's class this week. They have worked together really well using tyres and crates to build and create.

Well done!

Ms Gasper

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.8%**!
Our classes of the week are **Year 4 Miss Bell** with **100%** followed by **Year 3 Mr Guest and Year 3 Miss Tate** both with **99.4%**
Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb

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

Brrr… It was certainly a chilly start on the school gate this morning! With temperatures dropping and the possibility of a few wintry showers next week, Mr Brown is ready with the grit to help keep our paths and playgrounds safe. Please make sure children come to school wrapped up warmly in coats, hats and gloves – and don't forget to label everything! In more extreme weather, where it is not practical to grit the whole site, one of the following two systems will be in place.

Red Route (red dotted line on map) – this is the minimum which will be gritted in **extreme weather** (snow and ice) if school is open

- The pathway leading from the school gate down the main path into the main entrance (this will be used by Year 1 - 4)
- The pathway leading from the school gate down the main path into the wraparound entrance (this will be used by Nursery and Reception)

Staff will be at the front of school to show children where to enter school when usual doors are not accessible.

Green Route (green dotted line on map) will be gritted in addition to the red route **on typical icy days** but not in exceptional circumstances and/or extreme weather.

This will cover

- The pathway leading from the school gate down the main path, past the front entrance, round the path and through the gate onto the main playground (in approximately a 1m wide path) to the KS2, KS1, Reception and Nursery doors.
- A pathway from the car park to the main path





We will send the following messages on ParentPay to let you know which system is in operation.

Out full gritting policy can be found here:

http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/website/policies/85462

Dear Parents

School will be open today, however, due to extreme weather, please make sure you follow the gritted pathways allowing children to enter school via the main office (Year 1-4) and Wraparound entrance (Nursery and Reception). Please do not arrive early and do not let your child play on un-gritted/un-cleared areas before or after school.

Please take extreme care on your way to school and let the school office know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend today.

Many thanks

Dear Parents

Please make sure you follow the gritted pathways allowing children to enter school via their usual allocated doors this morning. Please do not arrive early and do not let your child play on un-gritted/un-cleared areas before or after school.

Please take extreme care on your way to and from school.

Many thanks

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

bright red

Fighting blood cancer for a brighter future

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

GPFS PTFA

CHRISTMAS EVE BAGS

AVAILABLE TO BUY ON
HTTPS://WWW.ZEFFY.COM/EN-GB/TICKETING/CHRISTMAS-EVE-BAGS-2
UNTIL FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR FAMILY FUN THIS CHRISTMAS!

STILL ONLY £5

REINDEER FOOD | CHRISTMAS SWEET TREAT | TREE DECORATIONS | CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY SHEET | CHRISTMAS PENCIL | CHOCOLATE LOLLY

AVAILABLE TO COLLECT AT CHRISTMAS PERTORMANCES

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DOXING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Doxing, or 'doxxing' (short for 'dropping documents'), is when someone's personal information is shared without their consent. This could include their phone number, home address, place of work or study, or sensitive information about their family, health, or other private matters. According to Ofcom, 5% of UK 13- to 17-year-olds say they've seen or experienced doxing online. It's often a malicious act and, depending on the circumstances, may be a crime.

REPEAT OR MULTIPLE ATTACKS

Doxing is rarely a one-off incident. Information may be shared across multiple sites or groups, meaning an instance of doxing can escalate quickly. Some victims experience targeted, coordinated campaigns instigated by several people at once, which can feel overwhelming. Even when the information is successfully removed from online platforms, it may reappear on different accounts or sites, making it difficult to escape repeated harassment.

CAMPAIGNS OF CONTROL

Doxing, or the threat of it, can be used to manipulate and control victims. It's a known tactic used by cybercriminals to exploit young people online and can also be used to punish or control victims of domestic abuse. Blackmail, threats, harassment, stalking, and coercive control can constitute criminal offences, so incidents may need to be reported to the police.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS

Doxing is linked to mental health risks, including stress, depression, and anxiety. Having sensitive personal information exposed online can feel violating, leaving victims feeling powerless. Doxing can also be seen as an 'invitation' for others to harass or 'pile on' to a target, making them feel increasingly vulnerable. Victims may need support and safe spaces to discuss the impact of a doxing campaign on their wellbeing.

UNEQUAL IMPACTS

Doxing can disproportionately affect those who are already marginalised, including women and girls, racially minoritised groups, LGBTQ+ people, those with disabilities or health conditions, and people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. While anyone can be a victim, research shows that women are more likely to experience image-based or sexualised harassment and online 'mobbing' alongside doxing. One study found that 10% of young women aged 16 to 24 reported being doxed.

OFFLINE RISKS

When doxing reveals someone's location or address, it can put them at risk of offline harm or harassment. Victims may face vandalism, unwanted contact from strangers, being recorded or followed, or receiving items they did not ask for. Others living with them, such as family members, may also be at risk. Limiting the personal information available online can help reduce exposure, while harassment can be reported to the police.

CRIMINAL CONSEQUENCES

There are risks for those who take part in doxing, too. Under UK law, teenagers have been prosecuted for targeting other young people online. 'Swatting', which involves making false emergency reports to trigger an armed police response, is also linked to doxing and can be a criminal offence. Hacking into others' online accounts is illegal, too. Young people need to understand what constitutes a crime online and where to seek advice.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KNOW THE LAW

Doxing sometimes overlaps with criminal offences, including hacking, harassment, stalking, threats, coercive control, exploitation, blackmail, and image-based abuse. Depending on the circumstances, some victims may also have grounds to bring legal action against the misuse of their private information. Make sure that young people understand the potential legal consequences, both as victims and perpetrators, and contact the police about any suspected criminal activity.

ACT SWIFTLY

If a child or young person has experienced doxing, take it seriously and act quickly. Keep a record of the posts and accounts involved, report the doxing content to the platform, and consider whether temporarily limiting account activity could help. Seek advice from online safety organisations such as Internet Matters or CEOP and report any criminal activity to the police. In educational settings, follow safeguarding procedures. Signpost young people to Childline or The Mix for confidential support.

EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Talk through the various digital privacy and security settings available online with young people. Show them how to make their accounts private, limit who can see their posts or contact them, and manage any location sharing settings. Encourage them to review these settings regularly, particularly when joining new platforms, to help them stay in control of their personal information and reduce the risk of being doxed.

TALK INFORMATION SECURITY

Doxing becomes easier when a person's information security is weaker. Ask young people what might be unsafe or compromise their privacy when posting content publicly online. Parents and educators should likewise be cautious about what they share and should try to model good cybersecurity habits, such as updating their passwords and using two-factor authentication.

Meet Our Expert



Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.

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Non Uniform Day

Friday 4th December



Please help us to create our colourful prize hampers by coming to school in non uniform and donating an item of food/drink/toiletries etc. in that colour.

These hampers will then be raffled off at the corresponding Christmas Performances.

We appreciate all donations, thank you!



Please note any alcohol should be taken to the main office or handed straight to a member of staff and this will be a normal day of lessons for the children so no high heels and please also be wary of sending your child in expensive designer clothing which could become marked as a result of activities and play.