

# Archibald First School

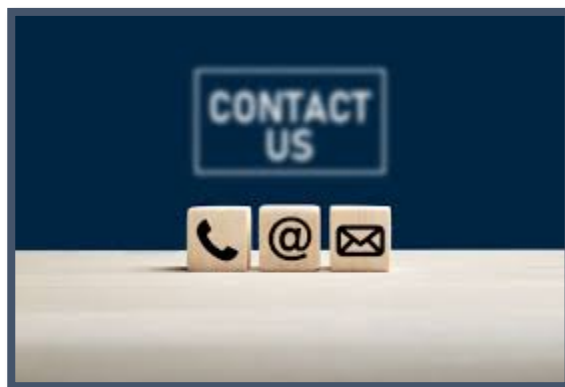
## Spring Newsletter 3 2024

### Contacting School

Strong relationships between home and school are important to us at Archibald. We value all feedback and hope that we can use it to continue to improve the school and provide the best experience for your child.

If you do have any suggestions, comments, questions or queries please do not hesitate to make contact with the staff when these arise: there is no need to wait until a parent's evening or an open afternoon.

We understand that often due to work commitments it may not always be possible for you to speak to a member of staff at the beginning or end of the school day. The staff are all very approachable and would be happy to speak to you on the telephone at these times or to make a mutually convenient appointment to meet in person.



### Points of Contact

In the majority of cases, the first point of contact would be your child's class teacher.

We also have three senior members of staff within the school who lead the different age phases. These are Mrs McNally for the Early Years Foundation Stage, Mrs Howard for Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and Mrs Graham for Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4).

Mrs Ward in her role as Special Educational Needs and Disability Leader is also a point of contact.

Mrs Mullick as Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Turner, as Head Teacher, are also available.

[AFS Complaints Procedure 2024](#)

[AFS Managing Serial and Unreasonable Complaints Procedure 2024](#)



Gosforth Schools' Trust

# Signs of Spring

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Take a picture to show signs of spring.

COMPETITION  
DEADLINE

**APRIL 26**

WINNERS  
ANNOUNCED

**MAY 03**



Email or hand in your photograph to your school along with your name and year group. A school winner will be selected for EYFS, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6 and Years 7&8.

A GST winner will be selected for each group.



Show your  
photography skills to win a prize.



**School Year 2024 to 2025**

**2024-25**

**Autumn Term**

**Staff Development Day:** School Closed on Mon 2 Sep 24

**Autumn Term 1:** Mon 2 Sep 24 – Thurs 24 Oct 24

**Staff Development Day:** School Closed on Fri 25 Oct 24

**Autumn Term 2:** Mon 4 Nov 24 – Fri 20 Dec 24

**Spring Term**

**Spring Term 1:** Mon 6 Jan 25 – Thurs 20 Feb 25

**Staff Development Day:** School Closed on Fri 21 Feb 25

**Spring Term 2:** Mon 3 Mar 25 – Fri 11 Apr 25

**Summer term**

**Summer Term 1:** Mon 28 Apr 25 – Fri 23 May 25

**Summer Term 2:** Tues 3 Jun 25 – Fri 18 July 25

**Staff Development Day:** School Closed on Mon 2 Jun 25



Let's get in training for this...

Can we start from now and walk & wheel to school everyday instead of for 'just two weeks'?

Walk, scoot, cycle or skate to school but leave the car behind to help our fitness and our environment.



We are working with a company called Feeding Families who provides prepacked boxes of food.

The boxes are intended to be given as an emergency provision and are intended to be for bridging the gaps in support while other long-term support is provided.

They supply boxes which would feed 2 people for 3-5 days. The boxes are filled with ambient food which does not require refrigeration and foods usually have a shelf life of a month minimum. E.g. 19 to 20 items such as UHT milk, canned goods, cereal...

If you and your family ever need a box or two (depending on the size of your family), all we ask is that you email [support@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:support@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk) and let us know. Or come and speak to Mrs Turner, Mrs Ward, Mrs Mullick or Mrs West.

- **No questions**
  - **No forms**
- **No proof of need**
- **No judgements**
- **All in confidence**

We will then contact Feeding Families and let you know when a box will be available to collect from school.

Please do make contact if this would help you and your children.

Our first request will go in on Thursday 29th February so please do email us on [support@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:support@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk) if this would make a difference to you :)

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## **WOODWORK WISH LIST**

**Beer bottle tops**

**Milk bottle tops**

**Ribbon**

**Washers - various sizes**

**Buttons**

**Beads (hama beads style)**

**Hardware – flat braces, dowels, hinges (the spares that come with flat pack furniture sets)**

**Thick cardboard**

**Corks**

**Cork mats/flooring tiles**

**Sandpaper**

**Wood – pine WITH NAILS REMOVED**

**Plastic lidded containers/old tupperware to store small parts**

# School Events

## February 2024

26 Welcome back to school for the second part of the spring term

26 SEND Coffee morning 9am

26-28 Year 4 at Robinwood

27 Class 3 Parent Lunch

28 Year 1 visit to the Laing Art Gallery

29 Year 2 visit to the Laing Art Gallery

29 Class 4 Parent Lunch

## March 2024

04 Battery Collection for Waste Week

04 Understanding Bereavement Workshop with St Oswald's 2-3pm

08 PTFA Bake Sale – Class 5 3.15 pm

11 Count Your Plastic Initiative

11 Egyptian Workshop from Durham University for Year 3

18 Reception to visit All Saints Church to learn about Easter

19 Parents' Evening Nursery to Year 4 3.30pm-6pm

20 PTFA Spring Disco

25/26 PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

25 Class 8 Assembly 2.45 pm

25 Class 9 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm

26 Class 7 Assembly 2.45 pm

27 Parents' Evening Nursery to Year (not Class 9) 3.30pm-6pm

28 School closes at 3.15pm for the Spring break





# HELP US PROTECT THE PLANET BY RECYCLING BATTERIES!

Recycle  Read

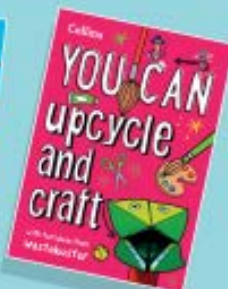


Did you know around **600 million** batteries are thrown away each year in the UK? Your school is recycling batteries to care for the environment.

**YOU CAN HELP TOO!**

**YOUR MISSION** is to collect used batteries from home and bring them into school. Every battery counts!

By collecting batteries we can also get discounted books and have a chance to win books too.



To find out more, head to: [jointhepod.org/batteries](http://jointhepod.org/batteries)

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This is printed on recycled paper.  
Please help protect the planet  
and recycle after use.

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## Competition Time...

### Archibald is challenging you to get the new Blue Peter Book badge...#AFSReads

If this wasn't exciting enough, **you can now apply for the brand-new Blue Peter Book badge!**

Did a story make you laugh out loud, whisk you away on a thrilling journey, or introduce you to unforgettable characters? By sharing your book reviews, you could earn this book-tastic badge.



#### To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for your Book badge using the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the **Privacy Notice** and **badge attraction terms and conditions**.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Attach your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- **Bring the form back into school by 7<sup>th</sup> March for school to send off as an Archibald Application Pack.** Paper forms are available from the office.
- Or apply by post yourself and send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**



# THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

**JOIN THE UK'S BIGGEST PLASTIC INVESTIGATION: 66,525 PEOPLE AND YOU!**

At home can you count your plastic for one week – 11-17 March 2024.

For one week in March, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. And we want you to join them.

Almost a quarter of a million people took part in The Big Plastic Count in 2022. Together we revealed that almost two billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away a week. This year you can help build even more evidence to convince UK ministers to lead the way at the global talks that could finally phase out plastic pollution for good.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

<https://youtu.be/aJqqZ8dDtGQ>

