

Percy Hedley School's

Family Information and FOPHS News Friday 3rd July

Summer term is in full flight, with sports day, MOVE and tonight the Prom. All highlights of the summer term and next week we have the This is Me Festival. On Wednesday there was a colour run as part of sports day for some departments. The students had a great time. The adapted surfing continued with 3 very excited students heading out yesterday, one dressed as an alien.

School closes on Friday 17th July; just 2 weeks to go.

What's coming up?

Wednesday 8th July 9.30-11.30. FoPHS Meeting

Thursday 9th July 9.45-10.45: Bookable drop in session with Family Liaison

Friday 10th July: This is Me Festival

Tuesday 14th July 14-15.00: Leavers Assembly



[Donate to GNR Team Robinson 2026 here](#)

School Calendars

[Term dates 2025-26](#)

[Term dates 2026-27](#)

[Events calendar 2025-26](#)



Free School Meals:

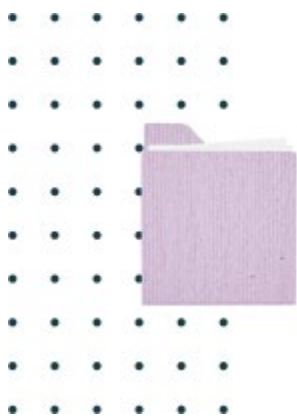
Please return application forms for 2026-27 to me as soon as possible. Evidence of eligibility will be checked annually using the applicant's (parent/carers) National Insurance number. Changes effective from September mean all children of families on Universal Credit will be eligible for a free school meal. If we do not receive an application form, checks cannot be done, and your child may not receive the free meal to which they are entitled.

Those in receipt of vouchers from North Tyneside have already received these by email for the summer holiday. Those which are paper copies will be sent home today.

Here is a copy of the letter from North Tyneside. It has been sent by email to those who are eligible. Paper copies will be sent today. Please note that these are for families eligible this year only and do not include those who will be eligible under new rules in September.

Free School Meals July Letter





Transitions:

It is defined as a change or shift from form or type to another, or the process by which this happens. This is an important part of life at school and, as a school meeting the needs of children with SEN it presents different challenges. As parents await class lists, school staff too are preparing behind the scenes to make it as smooth as possible.

Our aim, as a school is to do our best to prepare students for change. This is not an easy task; many of our students are neurodivergent and change can be especially difficult. For those students who start here in early years/key stage 1 it can be a long game. Students can remain here until Year 14 if the school can meet need and the Local Authority agrees.

We have worked hard over the last year or so on Preparation for Adulthood. Setting up the Parent Forum, including resources on the website is to ensure that parents/carers can access the information they need easily. Transition to adulthood is about far more than education. For our students it is health and social care too. There is a useful link below from The Wellchild charity specifically aimed at those with complex healthcare needs.

[Find out more about Wellchild and their resources on transitions here](#)

[Here is some useful information from Contact-for families of disabled children on making plans](#)

Whilst transition is inevitable, planning is key. You can support your child/young person through the process best if you understand the changes, know the laws and Acts which are in place to protect them and you. Two which are key are:

The Mental Capacity Act 2005:

[Find out more about it here](#)

The Care Act 2014:

[Find out more about it here](#)

[And here](#)



True Colours Theatre CIO Foundation

We have had this lovely inclusive group in school, and they will be here during the This is Me Festival.

Want to know more:

[Website:](#)

[Facebook page:](#)

[What's on:](#)

"We're excited to invite you to our Open Days for [True Colours Connect!](#)

If you're a young person aged 13–25+ with additional needs, or you're a parent, carer or professional looking to find out more about what we do, we'd love to welcome you.

At True Colours Connect, we provide a safe, inclusive and supportive space where young people can:

♥ Build life skills

♥ Grow confidence and independence

🎨 Explore creativity through fun workshops

👯 Make new friends and social connections

★ Develop leadership skills through peer support

Come along, meet our friendly team, see our fantastic facilities, and find out how you can become part of our community.

Everyone is welcome – whether you're looking for support, opportunities, or simply want to learn more about what we offer.

Please feel free to share this post with anyone who may benefit. We can't wait to meet you"! 💜🌈



True Colours CONNECT **OPEN DAYS** ♥

COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO!

True Colours Connect is a safe, inclusive and supportive community for young people and young adults aged 13–25+ with additional needs.

- LIFE SKILLS**
Practical skills for everyday life and independence
- INDEPENDENCE BUILDING**
Building confidence and preparing for the future
- CREATIVE WORKSHOPS**
Explore creativity, self-expression and new talents
- SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**
Making friends, having fun and being part of a community
- PEER SUPPORT TRAINING**
Develop leadership, support others and build confidence

FRIDAY 31ST JULY
10AM – 12PM

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
10AM – 12PM

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST
10AM – 2PM

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
10AM – 2PM

ALL WELCOME!
PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS ♥

**TRUE COLOURS THEATRE,
SHAFTO STREET,
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE,
NE28 7AL**

Novum Festival at the Civic Centre

The areas around Newcastle Civic Centre will be transformed into a giant FREE playground for one weekend only.

You can expect:

- Giant bubbles
- Giant swings
- Mud kitchens
- Den Building
- Face painting
- Theatre performances
 - Aerial performers
- Brilliantly bonkers inventions
 - Silly Games
- Walkabout Characters
 - Giant Colouring
 - Glitter
 - Chill Out Zone
- & More! All completely FREE.

 Saturday 8 August 11am–5pm & Sunday 9 August 11am–4pm

 Around Newcastle Civic Centre

 FREE – Just drop in

 No tickets or booking required

 Suitable for all ages

 Pop the dates in your diary and save the date now.

This is just a small part of the NOVUM festival - absolutely loads going on across the city. Follow [NOVUM Festival](#) for updates.



Autism friendly Screening at Dalton Park

Cineworld at Dalton Park has a Minion meet-up for photos in their cinema on the morning of their Autism Friendly Screening of Toy Story 5 🥰 this Sunday morning

Our next autism friendly screening includes a special guest...

[#ToyStory5](#) is our autism friendly screening on Sunday 5 July at 11am which coincides with our special in-cinema appearance of our own [#Minion!](#) 🥰👉

Tickets available now for this autism friendly screening for children and families alike, and tickets for [#MinionsAndMonsters](#) are also available now! Our Minion will be here from 10am - 12pm! ✨

[Find out more and get tickets](#)



Do look back over the last few weeks to see what else is on; some are school holiday ones.



I hope to have more to share after our first meeting since the AGM on **Wednesday 8th July 9.45-10.45**. Come along and share your thoughts, ideas and, as important what you could do to support us.

Recent expenditure includes the following:

Easter gifts for all students

School Metro pass

National Trust Educational pass

Additional Outdoor learning area equipment for the music wall

Resources for the MOVE events

Seating and a wheelchair accessible table for the play area

We have also committed circa £1000 to support workshops and decorations for the annual This is Me Festival.

As part of our remit, we only fund things which are accessible to all students.

GNR Team Robinson 2026

Although Niall left PHS in 2017 we, his family continue to support school via the GNR. We need the support of the school community to help us reach the target set of £750 by our fundraising team. As Niall and I have supported them at the charity village for many years I know that the costs to us of being there are high.

This year, the team has grown as my soon to be son-in-law joins the team. Please consider a small (we won't refuse a large one either) donation to their just giving page. The funds raised will directly benefit ALL students via the FoPHS. Thanks for reading and here is the link to their page:

A few photos from last year. The new addition is on the right. If you are doing the GNR Niall and I would be delighted to see you at the PHF tent where we will be supporting. Niall remains the best spotter of PHF runners yet. He also loves meeting staff and anyone associated with Percy Hedley.

[You can donate here](#)





Facebook page:

This is a closed group for family and friends of Percy Hedley School, where you can share news and updates about school life. It is not for external professionals who may be working with families. To join, you need to answer the question stating your link with school.

Please note: this group is for sharing news and updates about school life and is not intended to discuss any issues around individual students, and as such all comments are moderated. If you have a particular issue or concern, please contact school directly on 0191 216 1811. [Join here](#)



Quote of the Week

My quote to end this week is:

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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