

Percy Hedley School's

Family Information and FOPHS News 18th September 2026

The weeks are flying past, or so it seems to me. Good weather always helps.

It was fantastic to see current and former parents, staff and apart from the obvious (Team Robinson) the best part of the day was seeing 2 former PHS students who completed the GNR. I love the atmosphere of the day, talking to the runners, their friends and family members and hearing why they support us. A huge thanks from my family for those who were kind enough to sponsor. We raised £871 which will help FoPHS. If you'd still like to support, the link is in the FoPHS section.

Photo below is James & Kate, former PHS students.



What's coming up?

Wednesday 23rd September 9.30-11. Social coffee and meet the FoPHS committee.

[See a letter for the social coffee morning here](#)



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

School Calendars

[Term dates 2026-27](#)

[Events calendar 2026-2027](#)



Online Safety Information:

The link to the Online safety information can be found on the school website under the heading "Parent and carers area", then "online safety" from the dropdown menu.

[View the online safety blogs here](#)

[And view all information about online safety at PHS here](#)



16-19 Student Bursary

There are two types of bursaries as follows:

Discretionary Student Bursary: Household income is below £40,000.

Vulnerable Student Bursary: Young person is in or recently left local authority care or is claiming Universal Credit and PIP in their own name.

Those of you who applied for free school meals using the LGFL link are already established as eligible. Those who have not but are eligible will need to provide evidence of household income. I have contacted those who needed to provide evidence last year. If I do not hear from you, I assume you are no longer eligible. If you would like to discuss, please contact me.

The bursary is used to reduce barriers to learning in Post 16 settings and can be used to support the cost of school trips, expenses associated with work experience, community visits and for some students' specific equipment. Until we have all documentation applications can't be made and there are no bursary funds available as I write.

I would just like to say that as the eligibility for free school meals has expanded, it is likely that the amount of discretionary bursary funds will be less than last year. You will be kept up to date as more information is available.

[Here is the link to information about the bursary:](#)

Access Able Conference

Join us for access able 2026 a conference celebrating inclusion and accessibility. It is free of charge, will take place at The Biscuit Factory, Shieldfield. [and tickets can be booked here:](#)

Access Able Conference

Generously funded by the Forbes Charitable Foundation



Featuring comedian, Laurence Clark,
information stalls, art exhibitions and guest speakers.

The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 1AN
Wednesday 23rd September, 10am – 2pm

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North Tyneside Renew

Please see poster below regarding good quality items for reuse including furniture, toys, bikes. The unit is located at Newcastle Quays (formerly Royal Keys) in North Shields.



The poster features a blue background with a white semi-circle at the top containing the text 'NORTH TYNESIDE' in a curved font. Below this, a yellow sun is partially visible. The word 'RENEW' is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Below the logo, the address 'Unit 30, Newcastle Quays (formerly Royal Quays), North Shields' is written in white. A green banner contains the text 'Furniture, toys, bikes and more – all at affordable prices'. Below this, a blue banner says 'Pre-loved school uniform available'. The opening hours 'Mon-Sat: 9.30am to 4.30pm, Sun: 10am to 4pm' are listed. A row of icons represents various items: a bicycle, a lamp, a teapot, a magnifying glass, a watering can, a rocking chair, a bicycle, a lamp, a teapot, a magnifying glass, a watering can, a rocking chair, and a bicycle. At the bottom, a blue banner reads 'Donate good-quality items for reuse at the shop or the local household waste recycling centre'.

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www.renewnt.co.uk

  **Renew North Tyneside**





This week; below is a list of groups which provide out of school activities.

Please contact me if you want something specific.

Thanks to Suzanne, staff member who passed this on:

SEND Club CIC

📣 IT'S OFFICIAL! 📣

💙💙 SEND UNITED 2026 💙💙

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE! 🎉

A day of inclusion, connection and community for the whole SEND family.

📍 Newcastle United Foundation

📅 Saturday 7th November 2026

🕒 12:30pm – 4:30pm

A welcoming afternoon for SEND and or additional needs children, young people and adults, alongside their families, siblings and carers with activities, sport, sensory experiences, guest speakers, meet & greets, prizes and much more!

🎫 Tickets are completely FREE.

We're a not-for-profit CIC, so if you're able to make a small donation when booking, every penny goes straight back into The SEND Club and our SEND community. 💕

👉 REGISTER NOW:

[Get your FREE tickets here](#) 📌

More than a club. Uniting the heart of the SEND community. 💙❤️

Please share and spread the word! 🗣️

The SEND Club x **NEWCASTLE UNITED FOUNDATION**

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UNITING THE HEART OF THE SEND COMMUNITY

**SATURDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER 2026
12:30-4:30PM**

TICKETS ONLINE NOW
BOOKING LINK BELOW

Bringing together SEND children with their families, siblings and carers for a welcoming afternoon of fun!

- Inclusive activities and sport
- Wellbeing and movement
- Arts and creative activities
- Sensory activities
- Quiet/sensory spaces
- SEND organisations, services and professionals
- Guest speakers
- Meet & greets
- Refreshments
- Raffles/prizes
- Lots of other surprises that we can reveal as we get closer!

Sponsored by  

Tim Lamb Centre

Based in the Rising Sun Country Park, the Tim Lamb Centre offers specialist activity and leisure facilities for disabled children/ young people and their families. To access you will require a family membership which currently costs £20 for the year. There are additional charges per child when using the centre. It is fully accessible with a “changing place” style toilet facility.

Apart from groups, there is an accessible play area, gaming room, sensory room, trampoline room, art room and café. They also have caravans which can be booked

for family holidays. These are not fully accessible caravans. See the website for full details.

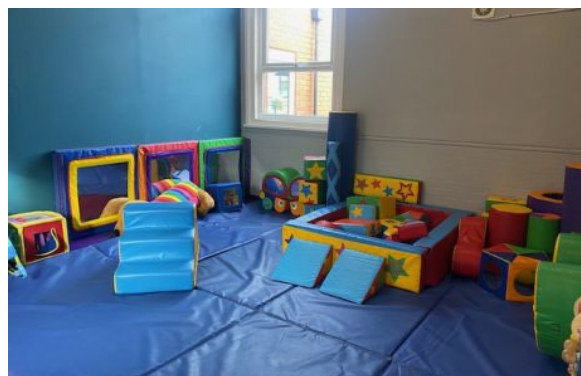
I shared information last week on imminent activities.

Here are the links:

[Website:](#)

[Membership form:](#)

[Facebook page:](#)





Alan Shearer Centre

This is based in West Denton, and membership is free of charge for families with children with disabilities. They have several activity specific spaces, including a gaming room, sensory and immersive rooms, a hydrotherapy pool, outdoor play area, woodland walk and a café. The rooms and hydro pool are bookable, and I am reliably informed that it is very difficult to get booking for the hydro pool, which is why, I suspect Alan Shearer is trying to raise funds for a second one.

Follow their Facebook group for information on activities. They tend to have weekly activities on a Saturday and additional ones during school holidays.



Here are links:

[Website:](#)

[Membership form:](#)

[Facebook group:](#)

Smile For Life:

This charity is based in Gosforth and offers support to families of disabled children on a one-to-one basis, a Tuesday social group, work experience at Café Beam (2 sites).

Visit their website for more information:

[Website:](#)

[Facebook Group:](#)

True Colours:

This is an inclusive theatre school, based in Wallsend supporting children and young people with SEND.

[Visit their website:](#)

[Here's a link to what's on:](#)

Unique Theatre

This inclusive theatre group operates from John Spence Community High School in North Shields and has just launched this month. There are classes for under and over 16's. Flyers are available from me as we had them here for the This is Me Festival in July.

[Here's the link to their website:](#)

[This is the link to the Facebook group:](#)

Durham & District leisure Group (DaDLG)

Providing sports, leisure & social opportunities for children and young people with disabilities living in Durham and the surrounding areas

They offer a range of activities, weekly groups and holiday trips which appear affordable to me.

[Visit their website:](#)

[Facebook Group link:](#)



We are looking forward to meeting parents/carers at the social coffee morning next Wednesday. Your views and involvement are important to us and we hope that, if you are able that you will join us.

Great North Run

To date Team Robinson has raised £871 which will help us to continue providing support to students and school. I've put a few photos below the link to [their fundraising page:](#)







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 the Facebook Group here](#)



Quote of the Week

"It always seems impossible until it's done"

Nelson Mandela



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