



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter
Date: 22/11/24

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping warm in the cold snap we are having. Thank you for sending your children to school with the appropriate warm clothing so they are still able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Please rest assured that at this time of year we always carry out dynamic risk assessments and if we feel the ground is too icy and therefore dangerous, we will keep them inside.

Snow closures - if we need to close the school for snow, I will message parents asap on Seesaw after taking advice from the site manager and staff who live in the villages. This will only ever be a last resort, and we will always aim to open as normal or announce a delayed start to enable site staff to clear paths and staff that are travelling longer distances to get in safely

Finally, we are starting to see more and more children arriving at school late which is having a negative effect on their well-being and academic progress. Please remember that doors open at 8.35am and registration is at 8.45am. There is always a morning challenge on the board from 8.35 to 8.55am so those that are consistently late are missing this learning which may then feed into lessons during the day.

If there is a reason for this, please do get in touch and we can see if there is any support school can offer.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November



KS2 Cross Country

On Wednesday 13th November, Y3-6 competed in the next XC race at a new venue - Old Salts Rugby Club in Water Orton. Y3/4 raced 1400m and Y5/6 - 1900m, covering laps of the rugby fields. For the girls in Y3/4, Tess was first girl back in a fantastic 8th position out of over 70 runners. Shortly after came Nessa in 12th and Georgia in 13th, followed by Kezia (22nd), Imogen (30th), Robyn (52nd), Georgina (53rd) and Amelia in 57th. For the Y3/4 boys, Arlo was first back for us in 7th position, in an extremely fast-paced race, next home was Rafe in 21st, Rory in 25th, Max in 44th, Oscar in 51st and Chester in 58th. In the Y5/6 girls' race, our first girl home was Evie in 18th position. There was a battle between Tamworth Athletics Clubs rising stars Arabella and Amber, with Arabella coming in 44th place and Amber 54th, and Elsie B came in between them in 47th. The final race of the day was the Y5/6 boys. Jack M made his return to the competition, finishing in 25th spot, followed by Jacob M and Lincoln in 30th and 32nd. Next back in 36th was Dougie, followed by two new-to-cross-country Y5s, Ollie (43rd) and Lucas (48th). Well done to all that took part. The final race before Christmas is being held at The Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton on Wednesday 11th December.



Equal Access Award

This award is based on the survey results which was completed in summer term 2024. 31 of the 74 schools in the area have achieved Equal Access.



Dear Colleague,

Equal Access – Girls' Football in Schools

The Football Association and our partner, Barclays, are committed to providing equal access and opportunities to girls in the curriculum and through extra-curricular provision. This is delivered through our Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships to ensure that all girls can participate in our national sport - this is only achievable through the hard work of people like yourself.

England Women continue to inspire a nation after being crowned European Champions in 2022 and lobbying their government. They ensure that all girls can dream of one day being a Lioness by having the opportunity to play at school. Thank you for making this a reality.

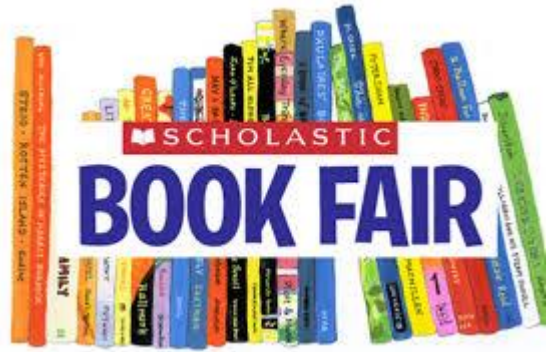
On behalf of The Football Association and Barclays, I would like to thank you for making a difference in young people's lives by providing equal access to girls' football at your school.

I am enclosing your Equal Access School plaque to mark your achievement. We would love you to celebrate your achievement on social media using the hashtag #LetGirlsPlay.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Campbell

Baroness Sue Campbell DBE
Women's Football Director



Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair. It is always lovely to see the children excited to choose a book. As always, we will be able to choose some books for the classrooms and library as the commission.



These are the winners of the colouring competition who were all given a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. Well done!!





Austrey Y3/4 Dodgeball
On Friday 8th November our Austrey Y3/4 dodgeball team went along to the final round of the competition at Kingsbury Community Centre. The team played 5 matches and worked together brilliantly. Out of 8 teams, they finished in 2nd place... missing out on the win by only 1 point to a very strong all-boys squad from Water Orton! It was fantastic to see the confidence and teamwork that the children displayed. Well done team!

Mandarin Bake
Sale and the
Great Austrey
Bake off- Friday
22nd November



Both of these events
were really
successful. More
information about the
amount raised and the
winners will follow

Colour Run at Austrey
Thank you to FACES for
organising this - the children had
great fun. The fundraising also
means that we now have enough
money to purchase a new stage
for our school productions. It has
been ordered so fingers crossed it
will come in time for the Nativity.

Mrs Young couldn't work out how
she managed to get more paint on
herself than on some of the
children!



Reverse Advent calendar

As we approach the festive season, I am excited to introduce a wonderful initiative we will be participating in this December: a **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

Traditionally, an advent calendar counts down the days until Christmas by offering a small treat each day. In contrast, our Reverse Advent Calendar encourages us to give back to our community. Instead of receiving, we will be donating items to our local food bank, helping those in need during this special time of year. This is instead of asking you to bring in items at Harvest time.

How It Works: We invite each family to bring in one non-perishable food item each week throughout December if you can. Here's the schedule:

Week 1 (November 25-29): Canned goods (e.g., vegetables, soups)

Week 2 (December 2-6): Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, handwash)

Week 3 (December 9-13): Snacks (e.g., biscuits, cakes, dried fruit)

Please send your contributions to school on the designated days, and we will collect them for the food bank. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn about generosity and the importance of helping others.

Thank you for your support and participation in this meaningful initiative. Together, we can make a difference in our community!



Newton Regis Nursery

I have been approached by a few parents about bringing their child to the nursery at Newton Regis. Just to clarify, we take children the term after they are 3. All children are entitled to 15 hours for which we offer 5 mornings. You can then apply for 30 hours if you are working which means you can add some or all afternoons.

We are currently full for this academic year and have a waiting list in case anyone leaves.

If you would like your child to start in September 2025, please get in touch with Mrs Pick at Newton (01827 830220 or office@newtonregis.bdmatt.org.uk) as soon as possible as we are already filling up. If you fill the form in now your place will be saved.

Please get in touch if you would like to come and look around.



You can view your child's attendance certificate 'live' through Arbor. If you need help logging into this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pick or Mrs Harvey.

OUR CURRENT ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR THE YEAR SO FAR ARE

Austrey
96.2%

Newton Regis
94.8%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 95.1%

Values Lanyards

Date: 22.11.24	
Ducklings: Chloe	Community
Wagtails: Daisy	Trust
Harlequin: Hazel	Forgiveness
Robins: Adelaide	Forgiveness
King Eider: Max	Justice
Owls: Chloe	Community
Mandarin: Emily R	Forgiveness
Kingfishers: Hugo	Community

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Pupils of the week



Date:	22.11.24
Ducklings	Ava
Wagtails	Pheonix
Harlequin	Indiana
Robins	Tommy
King Eider	Sybill
Owls	Felix
Mandarin	Stefan
Kingfishers	Lincoln



Collective Worship

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for creating each of us unique and special.

Help us to show kindness and respect to everyone we meet, valuing their differences as much as we value our own.

Teach us to follow the example of Jesus by loving one another and choosing respect in all we do.

Amen

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been learning about Remembrance as well as the Christian value of Forgiveness. We have also been visited by the All Souls assembly team who have brought a bible story to life. In Picture News we have been discussing the questions

- What impact can bullying have on a community?
 - What is discovery important?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Learning about the people, who lived in the past and live across the world today, can help us understand and celebrate how different we all are!



Our music appreciation has classical music specifically “Waltz from The Sleeping Beauty” by Pyotr Tchaikovsky and “Minute Waltz by Frederic Chopin”

For if you forgive other people for their offences, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **Matthew 6:14**



Dates for your diaries

- Friday 29th November Christmas Lights switch in Austrey PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL
- Saturday 30th November Christmas Lights switch in Newton Regis
- Friday 6th December Travelling theatre in school
- Tuesday 10th December Nativity at NEWTON 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th December Nativity at AUSTREY 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December AUSTREY FACES Christmas film nights 3.30pm - 5pm
- Carol Services in Church - Thursday 19th December all parents and carers welcome NEWTON REGIS 9am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 20th December Break Up for Christmas

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 2nd September
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Term starts	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Inset Day	Monday 4th November
Term ends	Friday 20th December
<u>SPRING TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 6th January
Term starts	Tuesday 7th January
Half Term	Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Term ends	Thursday 10th April
Inset Day	Friday 11th April
<u>SUMMER TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 28th April
Term starts	Tuesday 29th April
Half Term	Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Term ends	Friday 18th July
Inset Day	Monday 21st July