



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly in the run up to Christmas now and the children have been learning about the church season of Advent - **'a four-week season in the Church calendar dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or "advent," of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King.'**

Advent

We have lit the first candle on our Advent Wreaths this week. This is a purple candle that represents HOPE and is the PROPHECY CANDLE. In the following weeks we will be lighting the BETHLEHEM CANDLE which represents PEACE and is also purple, the SHEPHERD'S CANDLE which is pink and represents JOY. The final purple candle is the ANGEL'S CANDLE which represents LOVE. The final candle in the middle is white and is known as THE JESUS CANDLE and, in churches, is lit on Christmas Day.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



Have a Blessed Advent!



Stir Up Monday

The Sunday before Advent, which is five weeks before Christmas, is called Stir up Sunday. The name comes from a prayer that Anglicans say, which is: 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people'. This is a way of reminding Christians to get ready for the arrival of Christ at Christmas.

Mrs Bufton-McCoy and Revd Joanne came into school so that the children could help make a Christmas pudding and make a wish as they stir it.



We have been asked to make you aware that St Mary the Virgin Church in Newton Regis will be holding a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. All are welcome and they would love it if lots of children came along.



The Children's Society
No child should feel alone

Join us at our Christingle event

Celebrate and show a child they're not alone this Christmas.

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration so we can help to support vulnerable children.

Date: TUESDAY 24TH December 2024

Time: 6.15pm.

Location: St Mary's Church Newton Regis

Please contact: Shirley 01827 830504

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

Y5/6 Girls' Football Competition

On Friday 29th November, Austrey and Newton Y5/6 girls formed two teams for a football event at Kingsbury Community Sports hall. They were competing against Hurley and Birchwood in a six match first round. The girls supported each other and became stronger as a team with each game that they played. Newton Regis won two of their matches which meant they have progressed through to the finals on December 12th. Well done all for taking part. Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising and Miss Sheils for attending.



KS2 sing at Newton Regis Garden Centre



Newton KS2 did an amazing job at singing at the Garden Centre this afternoon. They really got everybody in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising it and for all of the parents and grandparents who brought the children.

Thank you also to the Garden Centre for giving us a beautiful Christmas tree in return for our beautiful singing

Olive School Linking Visit



The children had a super time with Olive School on our first Linking Day on Wednesday 4th December at both Newton and Austrey Schools. The children paired up and shared information about their names and their significance, their beliefs and celebrations they enjoyed. They also enjoyed creating a 'backpack' which showed what they were like on the outside (hair colour, gender etc) and what they were like on the inside (favourite food, hobbies etc). We look forward to being able to link up again in the Spring Term for Day 2! Well done to everyone involved and huge thanks to all staff for their support on the day.

Thank you to Mrs Barclay for organising this

The Nativity

Newton Regis

Please remember that we will be performing 'The Nativity' on Tuesday 10th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. In the past, we have not found it necessary to implement a ticket system but ask that attendance is limited to 2 adults per family per performance so will continue with this system this year. The main parts will be played by Ducklings and Harlequin and the teachers will have been in touch about costumes already. King Eider and Mandarin will be supporting them as the choir. They will just need to wear uniform as normal but can bring a festive hat, head band or some tinsel etc if they wish. Please drop off your children as normal in the morning and make your way around to the front entrance where Mrs Pick will let you in. As always, you are able to take photos of your own child but please do not share these on social media as there may be other children in the background.

Austrey

Please remember that we will be performing 'The Nativity' on Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am and 2.15pm. In the past, we have not found it necessary to implement a ticket system but ask that attendance is limited to 2 adults per family per performance so will continue with this system this year. The main parts will be played by Wagtails and Robins and the teachers will have been in touch about costumes already. Owls and Kingfishers will be supporting them as the choir. They will just need to wear uniform as normal but can bring a festive hat, head band or some tinsel etc if they wish. Please drop off your children as normal in the morning and make your way around to the bottom door of the hall. FACES will be holding a raffle so please bring some cash if you can. As always, you are able to take photos of your own child but please do not share these on social media as there may be other children in the background. o



Visiting Christmas Theatre

The children have all had the exciting opportunity of watching 'An Oliver Twist Production' today based on Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. Thank you to FACES and the FPTA for paying for this treat and for everything you do throughout the year.



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
95.9%

Newton Regis
94.9%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.9 %

Values Lanyards

Date: 29.11.24	
Ducklings: Arabella	Hope
Wagtails: Olivia	Trust
Harlequin: George	Trust
Robins: Darcie	Trust
King Eider: Jack	Trust
Owls: Ronnie	Justice
Mandarin: Rosalie	Trust
Kingfishers: Elsie	Community

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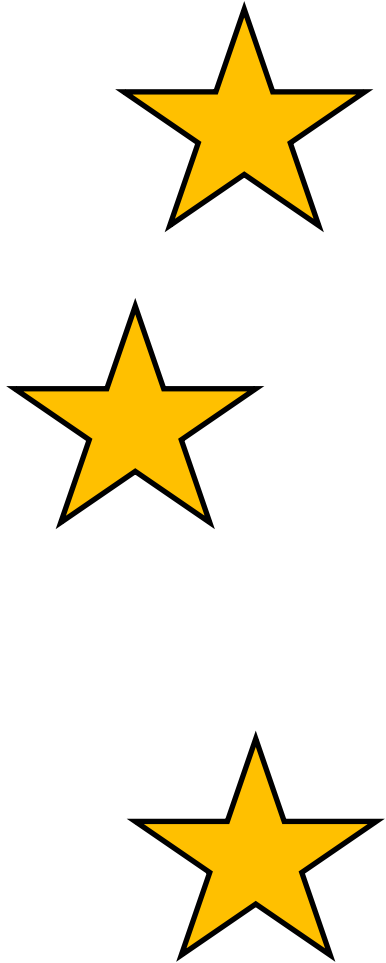
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Pupils of the week



Date:	29.11.24
Ducklings	Gabe
Wagtails	Beanie
Harlequin	Amara
Robins	Lissy
King Eider	Bertie
Owls	Abel
Mandarin	Daisy S
Kingfishers	Harriet



Collective Worship

Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you that we are all different and special,
Help us to consider others and find ways to make sure everyone is included,
Thank you for loving us all,
Amen

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been celebrating Advent and the beginning of the Christmas Story when the Angel Gabriel announces the good news to Mary. We have also been focussing on our Christian Value of Forgiveness. In Picture News we have been discussing the questions

- How can we raise awareness of important issues?
- What does it mean to feel included?

Our music appreciation has been a mixture this time: 'Hallelujah Chorus' by George Handel and 'Smoke on the Water' by Deep Purple.

**In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!"
Luke 1: 26-28**



Democracy

I can use my voice to raise awareness of issues that are important to me, like the environment. My opinions should be heard and I should listen to the opinions of others too.



Dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 10th December Nativity at NEWTON 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th December Nativity at AUSTREY 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th December FACES Santa's Grotto 4.15 to 5.45pm (clubs will be running as normal)
- Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save the Children
- 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
- Schools re open on Tuesday 7th January

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 2nd September
Inset Day	Tuesday 3rd September
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