

Newsletter Date: 10/4/25





Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Easter. I hope you all have wonderful break and the sun shines for us all.

I am sure you will have seen in the media all the debates that are currently going on about children having smart phones and access to the internet and social media apps.

Some people are advocating for an age limit of 16 to be placed on smart phones. Many parents who have been surveyed by national organisations have also said that they feel pressured to let their child have smart phones and age-inappropriate apps as all of their friends have them and their child will be left out. What I am sure we can all agree on is that being a parent in this digital age is not easy!

Please see the link below to our websites for the new BDMAT letter about smart phones in primary schools. This letter will also be sent via Seesaw

https://newtonregis.bdmat.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Social-Media-Letter-to-parents-fullversion.pdf

https://austrey.bdmat.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Social-Media-Letter-to-parents-fullversion.pdf

Mother's Day

I hope you all enjoyed your presents that the children chose for you at Austrey and for those that were able to come to the afternoon tea at Newton, I hope you enjoyed being waited on by your children!

Well done to Wagtails and reception children in Ducklings for their brilliant assemblies. I'm sure there was more than a few happy tears shed.















<u>Arlo represents Warwickshire for cross</u> <u>country</u>

From Arlo...

I kept persevering with cross country, and I didn't give up. I kept going and going. I made it into the finals and represented Warwickshire. In the finals it was really hard, but I was determined to get to the end. I really enjoyed it and I hope to do it again next year!

Well done Arlo! We are very proud of you for representing our small school and Warwickshire!



<u> 73/4 Girls Football - Austrey</u>

On Friday 4th April, Miss Griffiths took a team of Y3/4 Owls girls to represent Austrey in a girls' indoor football competition at Kingsbury Community Centre. Their opposition were Shustoke, Kingsbury and Hurley. Match I was against Kingsbury which ended in a 0-0 draw. Match 2 was against Hurley (who won their first game 7–0!) and it was an extremely tough game. Chloe, our superstar goalie, made some incredible saves and this game also resulted in a 2-2 draw. Finally, we played Shustoke but after taking the early lead, we were defeated 3-1. The team played brilliantly and got stronger every game. Well done girls!

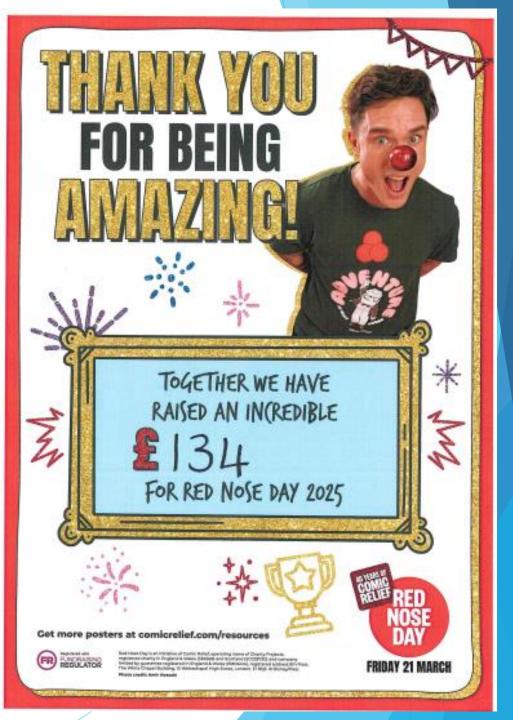


Newton Regis Comic Relief

Thank you for all the cake donations and jokes. We had a brilliant time reading through them!

The winners of the joke competition are... Reception: Chloe Year I: Brody Year 2: Hazel Year 3: James Year 4: Arlo Year 5: Elsie (Overall winner!) Year 6: Millie

Well done everyone 😳









Y5/6 trip to Polesworth Heart Dissection

To link with our 'Circulatory System' topic in Science, year 5 and 6 went to Polesworth High School and took part in a heart dissection. This was a fascinating, hands-on experience to see close-up the functions of a heart and observe how blood flows through the chambers, arteries, and veins. We were really proud of the children; they all gave it a go!

'It was fun experimenting and feeling the hearts'- Jack Mills. ' It was so strange when you had to put your fingers inside the arteries, it felt cold!'-Owen Archer.

> 'It was really fun, I felt like a mad scientist'- Elsie Woodings. 'I enjoyed feeling the texture of it'-Lucas Foster.





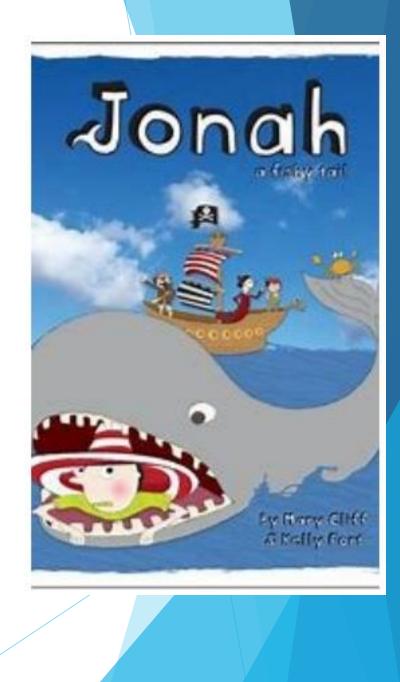


Easter Play WOW! Weren't they all amazing. We are so proud of you!





A huge thank to all of the Y3/4 staff for putting this together



Y3/4 trip to Olive School From Mrs Barclay...

Owls and King Eider spent a busy fun-filled day with Olive School in Birmingham on Wednesday 2nd April. The Year 3 children and staff from classes Ibn Saad and Ibn Ali welcomed us and we joined in with activities linked to the theme of Diversity. The children enjoyed creating a wool web of similar likes, a flower with petals of similar interests/backgrounds and designed a community space where everyone could feel welcome and gather together. Both Austrey and Newton children were praised for their behaviour and lots of new friends were made!





Amelie: "It's a once in a lifetime experience" Darcie: "We are lucky that we went there as it's the most extraordinary place I've ever been to" Chester: "I made some really good friends" Abel: "It was massive and there were lots of things to look at" Jacob "It was an amazing thing to see"











Easter

Newton

Thankyou to the FPTA for organising the Easter Egg hunt and to all of you who contributed towards the chocolate tombola





"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16





Thank you to FACES for organising the Easter Egg hunt and design an egg competition. Thank you to those who were able to come and wave to the children during the Easter Bonnet parade



Austrey





Proceeds will pay for The Sublime Science Man to come into school on 6th June to work with all classes and to buy the Easter Eggs for the Hunt.

Thank you for your support

NEWTON REGIS COLOUR RUN 2025

FUN RUN AND COLOR BLAST

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG & WATCH. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED WAIVER FORM & SEND BACK INTO SCHOOL ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD'S SPONSORSHIP FORM BY MONDAY 12TH MAY

> BOOK YOUR CHILD(REN'S) SPACE HERE







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 95.1%

Newton Regis 94.2% (not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.5%

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.

We are now full for 2025/26 academic year so if your child turns 3 in the summer of 2026 and you would like them to join our nursery in September 2026, please get in touch now to secure your place - it's never too early!

Please get in touch with Mrs Pick at Newton (01827 830220 or office@newtonregis.bdmat.org.uk)

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

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Date: 28.3.25

Ducklings:	Gabe Community
Wagtails:	Rosie Trust
Harlequin:	Kerry Hope
Robins:	Ralphie Y Trust
King Eider:	Elsee Forgiveness
Owle:	Royce Trust
Mandarin:	Miss G and Mrs G Community
Kingfishers	Albert Dignity

Date: 4.4.25 Ivy Community Ducklings: **Daisy Wood Trust** Wagtails: Lilly Community Harlequin: Lissy Dignity Robins: **Oliver Forgiveness** King Eider: Jacob Dignity Owls: **Daisy J Justice** Mandarin: Kingfishers, Phoebe Generosity

TRUST JUSTICE FORGIVENESS HOPE DIGNITY COMMUNITY

Pupils of the week



Date:	28.3.25	Date:	4.4.25	
Ducklings	All of reception	Ducklings	Olivia J	
Wagtails	Everley	Wagtails	Oscar	
Harlequin	Amara	Harlequin	Mia	
Robins	Lara	Robins	Darcie	
King Eider	Georgia	King Eider	Elsee	
Owla	Oliver F	Owla	Robyn	
Mandarin	Emily B	Mandarin	Dougie	
Kingfishers	Ollie B	Kingfishers	Kyle	

I am very excited to announce that this had now been launched and the children are enjoying learning about how their brain works and practicing 'happy breathing'. It is a programme that says, "We help schools, nurseries and families create a culture of positive mental wellbeing" and is backed by the NHS. I have attached a presentation to give you more information about this and/or you can visit their website https://myhappymind.org/ and the children have been shown the launch video and information in assembly this week. As part of the package parents are also able to download a free app and I have also attached a link to a short video to explain this in more detail. The six digit code that you will need is AUSTREY 140125 and NEWTON REGIS 140139. Here is the link to the video https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parentapp-introduction/







Democracy

It's important for big decisions, like building a new stadium, to involve local communities. By holding meetings and using surveys, everyone's voices can be heard.

Collective Worship

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been learning about our Christian Value of Community by continuing our journey through Holy Week. In Picture News we have been discussing the

following questions

- Do world leaders have a duty to help other countries?
- Should stadiums be used for more than just football?

Our music appreciation has been listening to rock music –'Smoke on the Water' by Deep Purple and 'We Will Rock You' by Queen

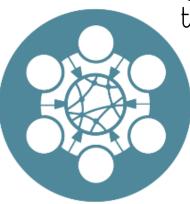
"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." <u>Matthew 28:6</u>

If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path. 50

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Buddha – founder of the religion of Buddhism





Dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 29th April schools reopen to children
- Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May Y6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May Newton Regis Colour Run 2.30pm all welcome to watch
- Thursday 5th June Class photos
- Wednesday IIth and Thursday I2th June Austrey FACES Father's Day shop
- Thursday 26th June Y6 Leavers Service at Birmingham Cathedral
- Wednesday 2nd July Warwickshire Y6/7 transition day
- Monday 7th July Y5/6 Leavers Play at Newton Regis
- Tuesday 8th July 75/6 Leavers Play at Austrey

Dates for your diaries cont ...

- Wednesday 9th July KS2 Athletics Event at Tamworth Stadium
- Monday 14th July Sports Day at Austrey 1.15pm
- Tuesday 15th July Sports Day at Newton Regis 1.15pm
- Wednesday 16th July Y6 Leavers treat (Lunch and bowling)
- Thursday 17th July 96 Leavers service in the school halls: NEWTON REGIS 9.15am and AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 18th July schools close for pupils

SUMMER TERM 20	25
Inset Day Term starts Half Term Term ends Inset Day	Monday 28 th April Tuesday 29 th April Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May Friday 18 th July Monday 21 st July

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
Inset Day	Monday 1 st September
Term starts	Tuesday 2 nd September
Half Term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31th October
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd November
Term ends	Friday 19 th December
SPRING TERM 2026	
Inset Day	Monday 5" January
Term starts	Tuesday 6 th January
Half Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
Term ends	Thursday 26 th March
Inset Day	Friday 27 th March
SUMMER TERM 2026	· •
Term starts	Monday 13 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Term ends	Friday 17 th July
Inset Day	Monday 20 th July