



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 18/12/25

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Becoming the person God made me to be: living,
learning, loving.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

Psalm 139:14

THANKYOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say thankyou to all of our amazing parents who have supported all of the Christmas activities and events over the past few weeks. Your kind words and positive emails really mean a lot to staff.

I would also like to say a huge thankyou to all of you who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening especially at such short notice. It made me feel really humble that you are so passionate about our schools and the educational, social and emotional support we offer your children on a daily basis. On the back of this, I would like to officially say thankyou to all of the staff as schools are only ever as good as the staff that work in them.

Finally, I would like to thank our PTAs who have continued to support us by funding treats for the children to take home, a theatre visiting the school and crackers for Christmas dinner to name a few.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026

Stir Up Monday

We were joined by Revd Joanne and Mrs Bufton-McCoy for our annual 'Stir Up Monday' assembly on December 1st. The name comes from the Anglican prayer, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord," and the day is when families gather to make their Christmas pudding.



All Souls Parish Christmas card competition

A huge well done to Georgia and Amara whose designs were chosen as 'best in school'.

Amara's was also chosen as the overall winner so look out for this coming through your door if you live in any of the villages for our schools or Warton.

Their prizes were presented in assembly by Revd Joanne.



Y5/6 Girls' Football

On Friday 28th November, a team from both Y5/6 classes went to compete in the first round of girls' football at Kingsbury Community Centre against Wood End and Water Orton schools.

Each team played 3 matches and the competition was really close. The final results were Austrey and Wood End finishing joint 3rd, Newton Regis finished 2nd and Water Orton finished in 1st place.

The Newton team will play again on Friday 12th December against Water Orton and the winners/runners-up of the second competition.

Friday 12th December

Our Newton team returned on Friday 12th December to compete against Birchwood, Shustoke and Water Orton schools. The team played brilliantly and came away with joint 3rd position. Well done girls for representing our school in such a positive way.



Y3/4 Visit from Olive School

On Monday 8th December, the children from Olive School visited the children in King Eider/Owls. Everyone completed activities to get to know each other and talked about the similarities and differences between the schools. All children were polite, kind and welcoming. Well done everyone!



King Eider sing at Newton Regis Garden Centre



On Tuesday 9th December, children from Newton Regis visited Newton Regis Garden Centre and sang Christmas songs. All children sang beautifully, and everyone enjoyed the festive event. The children even got to meet Santa! Well done everyone!



Nativities

Thank you to everyone who attended our Nativity performances. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and I'm sure you will agree that all of the children were very brave. It is always a lovely start to the Christmas season!!



Christmas Jumper Day



Reverse Advent Calendar

Thankyou to everyone who were able to donate during Advent. I made a journey with the tins a few weeks ago and Miss Griffiths took the toiletries last week. I will take all of the rest tomorrow. This will go a long way in helping over the Christmas period and the charity were extremely grateful



Heart of Tamworth

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Many thanks to Austrey and. Newton Regis primary school for taking part in our 20 day of giving campaign donating much needed food to the HoT community pantry.



Staffing News

We have been lucky to appoint Miss Ashleigh Godfrey who will replace Mrs Barclay. She will be joining us on 5th January. During the interview process, we felt that she was a really good fit for our schools and were impressed by her commitment to building relationships with the children and our relational approach outlined in our behaviour policy. Please say hello if you see her on the playground at the end of the day and give her the Austrey and Newton warm welcome.

Miss Sheils at Austrey has secured a new job working in the school office of a local school. I am sure you would like to join me in saying thankyou for all that she has done over the past 5 years and wish her all the best for her next adventure. She will be back for the first week after Christmas and we are working hard on a plan to avoid any disruption to breakfast club after that.

Date: 5.12.25	
Wagtails	Esmae - Trust
Ducklings:	George - Community
Harlequin:	Kiera - Hope
Robins:	Rosie - Forgiveness
King Eider:	Alfie - Dignity
Owls:	Joey - Hope
Mandarin:	Arlo - Hope
Kingfishers	Jack Mc - Community

Date: 12.12.25	
Wagtails:	Pippa-Community
Ducklings	All Ducklings - Community
Harlequin:	Gabe - Trust
Robins:	Elsie-Hope
King Eider:	Sybill - Justice
Owls:	Lara-Community
Mandarin:	Amber - Hope
Kingfishers	Kyle-Community

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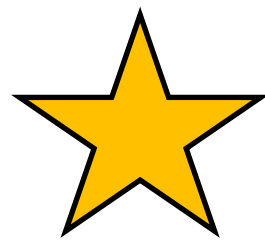
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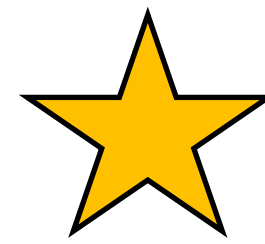
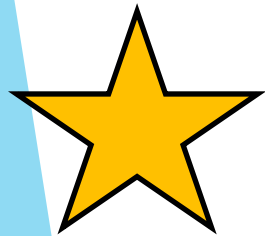
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Pupils of the week



Date:	5.12.25
Wagtails	James L
Ducklings	Bunny
Harlequin	Ivy
Robins	Bella G
King Eider	Shane
Owls	Adelaide
Mandarin	Bella
Kingfishers	Eva



Date:	12.12.25
Wagtails	Olivia
Ducklings	Freddie
Harlequin	Olivia
Robins	Sam
King Eider	Lilly
Owls	Georgia
Mandarin	Nessa
Kingfishers	Elijah



Information from Warwickshire Attendance service

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices - 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.



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
94.6%

Newton Regis
95.8%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.6%

Dates for your diaries

- Friday 19th December break up for Christmas
- Tuesday 6th January - Schools re-open

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Inset Day	Monday 1st September
Term starts	Tuesday 2nd September
Half Term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
Inset Day	Monday 3rd November
Term ends	Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day	Monday 5th January
Term starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February
Term ends	Thursday 26th March
Inset Day	Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term starts	Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Half Term	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Term ends	Friday 17th July
Inset Day	Monday 20th July