



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 23/1/26

TRUST



JUSTICE



FORGIVENESS



HOPE



DIGNITY



COMMUNITY



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

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

Psalm 139:14

Our School Facebook Page

Dear Parents,

Our schools enjoy celebrating pupils' achievements and sharing school life with our wider community. We are in the process of setting up our own official Facebook page and from time to time, we may wish to include photographs or short videos of pupils taking part in lessons, events, trips, or activities. Please fill in this short form that Miss Griffiths sent on Seesaw by Friday 30th January to give consent for your child to be included in this. If you cannot do this, there will be a QR code to scan in the school offices

Posts will be similar to our newsletters posts e.g. teams at sporting events, school trip images.

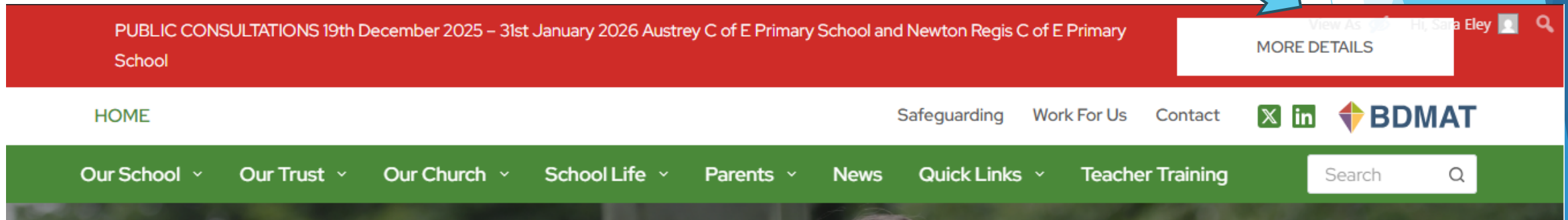
PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PAGE BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW

<https://www.facebook.com/share/188PZMCwHF/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Consultation

This is a reminder that the consultations for the proposed change of age range and proposed change to pupil admissions numbers is live until 31st January. You can have your say by visiting either of the websites, clicking **'MORE DETAILS'** in the red banner at the top of the landing page and completing the form or by emailing consultation@bdmat.org.uk



The screenshot shows the top navigation area of a website. At the top is a red banner with the text: "PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS 19th December 2025 – 31st January 2026 Austrey C of E Primary School and Newton Regis C of E Primary School". On the right side of the banner, there is a white button labeled "MORE DETAILS". A blue arrow points to this button. Below the banner is a white navigation bar with links for "HOME", "Safeguarding", "Work For Us", and "Contact". To the right of these links are social media icons for X and LinkedIn, and the BDMAT logo. Below the white bar is a green navigation bar with dropdown menus for "Our School", "Our Trust", "Our Church", "School Life", "Parents", "News", "Quick Links", and "Teacher Training". A search bar is located on the right side of the green bar.

<https://austrey.bdmat.org.uk/>

<https://newtonregis.bdmat.org.uk/>

KS2 Cross Country - Wednesday 14th January

The third XC fixture of the season took place last week at Pingles Stadium. This one is a trickier course with children having to navigate their way up and down grass banks and along muddy stretches. 38 runners took part in the girls' Y3/4 race. Lilly, Sybill and Georgia stuck together and finished in 7th, 8th and 9th position. Next back was Adelaide in 13th, who had a speedy second lap after she'd sussed out the course during her first time around it. Lissy finished in 27th and Sienna in 30th position.

For the boys, there were 39 runners in total. Alfie just missed out on a medal, finishing in 4th place, his highest finish position of the season. Felix and Eddie finished in 18th and 19th and Hugh ran superbly to finish in 21st place.



For the Y5/6 event, the warm-up started inside the warmth of the Pingles Café with a team chat and a game of pool! The first race consisted of 30 runners, including five girls from Newton Regis. Nessa, who has finished fourth in every race this season, was hungry for a medal and after lap one was in 4th again. As the second lap was drawing to an end, she made her move and gained on the runner in 3rd, with the end finish position being a tie as both girls crossed the line together. Next back was Amber in 12th, with this being her highest finish position. Arabella and Darcie came in in 16th and 17th place and Leah followed just behind in 20th. The boys' race was as speedy as ever, with a few of our children making sure they got a spot on the front line ready for the horn to sound. Arlo finished in 3rd, taking a medal for the third race in a row. Next back was Lincoln in 4th, his best position this season, and Freddie in 5th. Jacob finished in 14th place, followed by Dougie in 20th, Rory in 23rd, Ollie in 26th and Joseph in 31st. The final race for the North Warwickshire competition will be on Tuesday 10th February at Pingles. 2:00pm (Y3/4) and 3:30pm (Y5/6)



Date: 16.1.26	
Wagtails	Edie - Forgiveness
Ducklings:	Poppy - Hope
Harlequin:	George - Justice
Robins:	Ralphie Y - Community
King Eider:	Daisy-Mai - Trust
Owls:	Sienna - Forgiveness
Mandarin:	Sidney - Community
Kingfishers	Oliver - Justice

Date: 23.1.26	
Wagtails:	Billy - Hope
Ducklings	Jack - Community
Harlequin:	Kali - Community
Robins:	Sam - Community
King Eider:	Georgia - Hope
Owls:	Jacob - Generosity
Mandarin:	Dougie - Trust
Kingfishers	Archie - Trust

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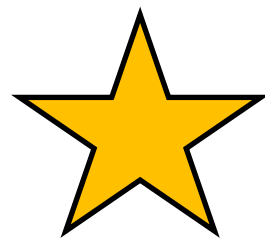
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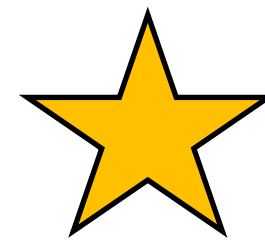
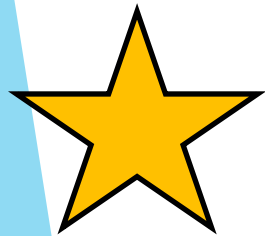
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Pupils of the week



Date:	16.1.26
Wagtails	Pippa
Ducklings	Bunny
Harlequin	Body
Robins	Elsie Wh
King Eider	Georgia
Owls	Abel
Mandarin	Georgina
Kingfishers	Jacob



Date:	23.1.26
Wagtails	Vivienne
Ducklings	Novah
Harlequin	Amara
Robins	Daisy E
King Eider	Samih
Owls	Kyan
Mandarin	Freddie
Kingfishers	Rory



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
95.9%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.6%

Dates for your diaries

- Parents Evening at Austrey - Wednesday 11th February
- Parents Evening at Newton Regis - Thursday 12th February
- Children break up for half term - Friday 13th February
- Children return to school - Monday 23rd February
- FPTA Disco at Newton Regis Yr 1-6 - 5:00-6:15pm - Thursday 26th February
- WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 5th March - TBC
- Non Uniform Day - Newton Regis - Pyjamas - Bring a Chocolate donation - Friday 6th March
- Mother's Day Wrap - FPTA Newton Regis - Monday 9th March
- FACES Mother's Day Shop - Wed 11th/Thurs 12th March
- Wagtails Mother's Day Assembly - 9am Friday 13th March
- Ducklings (Reception Only) - Mother's Day Assembly - Friday 13th March 2:30pm
- Comic Relief - Non Uniform - Friday 20th March, TBC

Dates for your diaries

- Y3/4's Easter Play, 9:15 & 2:15 at Newton Regis - Monday 16th March
- Y3/4's Easter Play, 9:15 & 2:15 at Austrey - Wednesday 18th March
- Wagtails and Robins Easter Bonnet Parade - Tuesday 24th March - 9am.
- Newton Regis Easter Church Service - 9am - Wednesday 25th March
- Austrey Easter Church Service - 2:15pm - Wednesday 25th March
- FACES Bring and Buy Sale - Thursday 26th March
- FPTA Chocolate Tombola after school on the playground at Newton - Thursday 26th March
- School closes for pupils - Thursday 26th March
- School reopens for pupils - Monday 13th April

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