



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 13/3/26

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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

A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a blue school sweater over a white collared shirt and dark trousers, is smiling and holding a large, clear, circular award trophy. He is standing outdoors in a grassy area with a background of tall, dry reeds or grasses under a cloudy sky. The image is framed by a blue geometric graphic on the right side.

Young Charity Fundraiser 2026 Spirit of Tamworth Awards - "Winner"

Congratulations to Dougie M in Y6 who has been awarded with "Young Charity Fundraiser" for 2026 at the Spirit of Tamworth Award ceremony. Dougie decided he wanted to raise money for Changes Tamworth and did so before Christmas by selling hot chocolate cones, reindeer food and by doing a raffle.

This is a brilliant achievement!

Well done Dougie.



Congratulations Nessa!

Congratulations to Nessa in Y5 who placed 2nd Y5/6 Girl in the XC season.

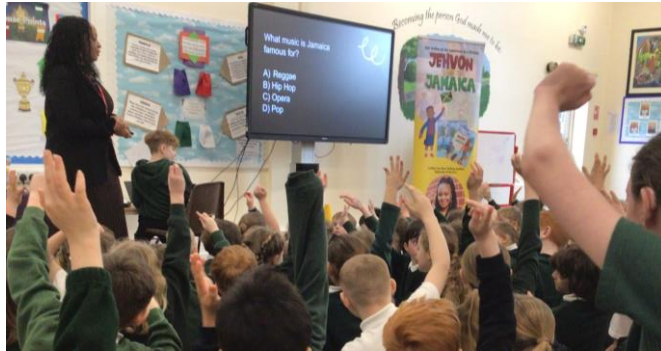
Nessa ran all five races, finishing 4th three times and 3rd twice. Her consistency meant that she came second place overall.

This is a brilliant achievement!

Well done Nessa - we look forward to seeing you run again as a Y6 in September.

Visiting author at Austrey

On Monday 2nd March, we were delighted to welcome author Natasha Brown to our school. She spoke to the children about her book *Jehvon Goes to Jamaica*, sharing what inspired her story and how she creates her characters and ideas. The pupils really enjoyed listening, asking questions, and learning more about what it's like to be an author. It was a wonderful visit that encouraged everyone to keep reading and writing!



World Book Day

We had a fantastic day dressing up as book characters and being immersed in book based activities. Hopefully, this day will inspire children to 'go all in' this year and read more of the things they enjoy whether it is a comic, a recipe, a gamers guide or song lyrics, everything counts.



World Book Day

Well done to the winners of the book cover competition, chosen by school council.



Y5/6 Dodgeball Final

On Friday 6th March, our two teams who progressed to the Dodgeball finals went back to Kingsbury Community Centre to compete. The other schools involved were: Shustoke, Coleshill, Water Orton and Wood End.

Both teams played brilliantly in what was a very fast-paced competition.

The final results were very close again, with Newton finishing in 5th place and Austrey 3rd. Well done all.



Warwickshire National Cross Country Finals



On Saturday 7th March, four girls from our schools represented North Warwickshire in the Warwickshire Cross Country finals at Pingles Stadium. The final results were: Lilly 12th in the Y3 race, followed by Adelaide in 17th. Georgia came 24th in the Y4 girls' race and Nessa finished in 18th in the Y5 girls' race. Their contributions helped our area win the district trophies. Brilliant performances girls! We are very proud of you.

Y6 Enrichment Day

Strong Girls Can - I am me and I am good enough

Strong Girls Can is an interactive, motivating and inspiring workshop packed with fun and empowering activities aimed at increasing awareness of self, pumping up confidence and self-esteem, learning how to cope with friends and peer groups, raising aspirations and improving body image. Led by strong female role models from all walks of life, Strong Girls Can will let young women start to look at themselves and explain why they should spend less time trying to be the person society tells them to be - and more time allowing their own personality to shine through.

The children really enjoyed learning about the power of giving compliments and how their kind words can brighten another girl's day. They explored fun scenarios and discovered how using positive self-affirmations can help them feel confident, proud, and ready to take on new challenges.

Kimberly' I feel like I now understand how to give compliments and have given out 47 just this morning!



Y6 Enrichment Day

Boys: Bravado, Banter and Bravery

Our Y6s from both schools took part in this enrichment day at Newton Regis. The session focused on three main aims:

- Discussing the challenges for the modern young boy (particularly during transition to high school)
- Exploring tolerance and respect to all
- Enhancing self-esteem and understanding how to make things happen for themselves.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the session.



Taste Testing session with The School Council



The School Council have taste tested the new lunch menu! They gave it great reviews and are excited for when it starts after Easter. The lemon cake was a firm favourite 🍰



Wagtails' Mother's Day Assembly

This morning Wagtails performed a Mother's Day Assembly for their grownups! We wrote rhyming poems, made family trees and made cards. We had a lovely time singing some songs too! Thank you to all our grownups for coming to watch us.

Thankyou to FACES for organising the Mother's Day shop. The children really enjoyed choosing the presents. We hope you like them!!



Ducklings' Reception Mother's Day Assembly

Reception children enjoyed singing songs, reciting poems, and presenting their mums with cards and gifts to celebrate Mother's Day.



Thankyou to the FPTA for organising the Mother's Day Wrap. The children really enjoyed choosing the presents. We hope you like them!!



Date: 6.3.26	
Wagtails	Nevaeh - Community
Ducklings:	Erika- Community
Harlequini:	Tom- Community
Robins:	Oscar - Community
King Eider:	Beth- Community
Owls:	Cody - Trust
Mandarin:	Stefan- Community
Kingfishers	Lilly - Community

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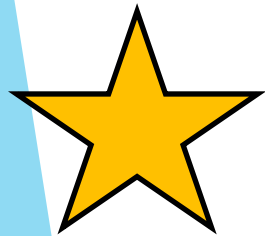
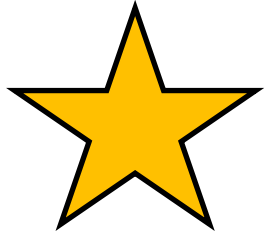
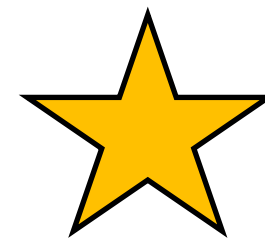
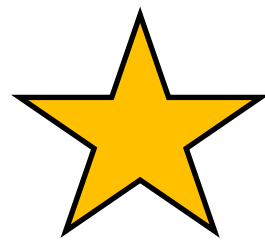
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Pupils of the week



Date:	6.3.26
Wagtails	Oliver W
Ducklings	Noah W
Harlequin	Dylan
Robins	Jimmy-James
King Eider	Daphne
Owls	Lara
Mandarin	William
Kingfishers	Oliver

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
94.9%

Newton Regis
96%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.6%

Dates for your diaries

- FPTA Chocolate Tombola after school on the playground at Newton - Tuesday 17th March
- Comic Relief - Non-Uniform - Friday 20th March - Austrey - wear something bright and colourful, Newton - wear something that makes you happy!
- 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
- Y6 parents meeting for SATs and residential at Newton Regis - Monday 23rd March 3.30pm at Newton Regis
- 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

Dates for your diaries

- School closes for pupils - Thursday 26th March
- School reopens for pupils - Monday 13th April
- Friday 10th July sports day at Austrey 9.30 to 11.30am
- Friday 10th July sports day at Newton 1.15 to 3.15pm

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day	Monday 5th January
Term starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 18th 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