



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to see an increasing number of children coming into school after 8.45am. Gates open at 8.35am for registration at 8.45am. There is always work waiting for the children as they walk in which may be consolidating from previous learning, tackling misconceptions from previous learning or pre teaching for lessons later that day. It is therefore really important that children are punctual. There are many other reasons why punctuality is important as stated in the research article on the next page

3 Days Lost	6.5 Days Lost	10 Days Lost	13 Days Lost	19 Days Lost
5 Minutes Late	10 Minutes Late	15 Minutes Late	20 Minutes Late	30 Minutes Late
(Over one academic year)				

The Importance of Being On Time for School

Introduction

Being on time for school is very important! It helps you start your day right and sets a good example for others. Let's explore why being punctual is so important.

1. Starting the Day Right

When you arrive at school on time, you have a chance to settle in and get ready for the day. You can organise your books, talk to your friends, and prepare for your first lesson. This makes you feel calm and ready to learn.

2. Not Missing Important Information

Teachers often share important information at the beginning of the day. If you are late, you might miss out on instructions for the day, announcements, or even fun activities. Being on time ensures you don't miss anything important.

3. Showing Respect

Being punctual shows that you respect your teachers and classmates. It shows that you value their time and are ready to participate in the day's activities. This helps create a positive and respectful classroom environment.

4. Building Good Habits

Arriving on time helps you develop good habits that will be useful throughout your life. Punctuality is important not just in school, but also in future jobs and other activities. Learning to be on time now will help you be successful later.

5. Feeling Confident

When you are on time, you feel more confident and less stressed. You don't have to worry about catching up or missing out. This confidence helps you focus better and enjoy your time at school.

Conclusion

Being on time for school is very important. It helps you start your day right, ensures you don't miss important information, shows respect, builds good habits, and makes you feel confident. So, let's all try our best to be on time every day!

Macmillan coffee afternoon at Austrey

Thank you for all of you who brought in cakes and/or attended this today. I am sure you agree it is a very worthy cause and close to many of our hearts.

Thank you to Mrs Barclay for organising this.

There is one at Newton on 18th too!

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KS2 Cross-country

On Wednesday 25th September, some pupils from Y3,4,5 and 6 took part in the first race of their Cross Country league for the year. For the Y3s and Y4s, the sun was shining for the 1.4km race. The girls' race set off first and our first three to finish, coming in one after the other were: Nessa (9th), Georgia (10th) and Sybill (11th). Kezia was next back in 21st, followed by Imogen (25th), Tess was 44th, Robyn 52nd, Darcie 68th and Chloe in 69th. For the boys, it was a super speedy race for Arlo Woolaston, coming in 1st overall - the hare commented on the speed at which he ran and how fast he is for his age. Let's see if he can keep it up for the rest of the races. Next back was Rafe (16th), Hugo (22nd), Oliver (65th), Samih (72nd), Chester (77th), Jack F (79th), Oliver (82nd), Felix (83rd) and Ronnie (90th). By the time Y5 and Y6 arrived, the weather had turned resulting in some very soggy runners. Their course was longer, measuring 1.8km and was quite slippery underfoot. The girls again raced first, with Evie finishing 10th, Amber 20th, Arabella 32nd and Elsie 47th. Finally were our boys, Freddie matched Evie's top ten position, finishing 10th, followed by Lincoln in 26th and Dougie in 34th. All four races had over 80 runners which was fantastic to see. Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to transport the children to the event and especially those who had to stand in the rain to watch!



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.

Unauthorised absence

Many of you will have seen that on 19th August 2024 the government brought in new rules about unauthorised absence including holidays. We now have to refer all of these to the local authority. They then decide whether a fixed penalty notice will be issued. Please note - any money received does not go to the school but to the local authority. We are just fulfilling our statutory duty. I have included the letter from the LA as previously sent on Seesaw.

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 Wright 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 i.e. 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.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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

Well done to Kingfishers
who achieved 100% last
week as a class

Austrey

97.8%

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

95.2%

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Date: 27.9.24	
Ducklings: Chloe	Community
Wagtails: James	Community
Harlequini: Mrs Bushnell	Justice
Robins: Lara	Community
King Eider: Arlo	Hope
Owls: Ollie	Trust
Mandarini: Mrs Stephenson	Dignity
Kingfishers: Kyle	Justice

Date: 4.10.24	
Ducklings: Jevon	Dignity
Wagtails: Beanie	Hope
Harlequini: Daisy-Mai	Trust
Robins: Ivie	Hope
King Eider: Freya	Justice
Owls: Holly	Hope
Mandarini: Poppy-Rose	Justice
Kingfishers: Thea	Justice

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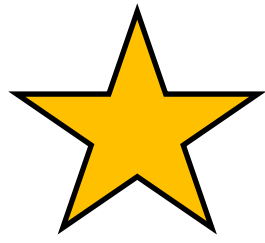
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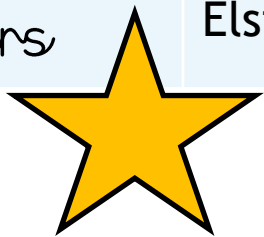
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Pupils of the week



Date:	27.9.24
Ducklings	Arabella
Wagtails	Oscar
Harlequin	Darcey
Robins	Daisy
King Eider	Beth
Owls	Lily
Mandarin	Declan
Kingfishers	Elsie S



Date:	4.10.24
Ducklings	Chloe
Wagtails	Rosie
Harlequin	Lissy
Robins	Chloe
King Eider	Max
Owls	Oliver
Mandarin	Fred
Kingfishers	Elsie W



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for all the people who
write books that help us learn,

Thank you for the joy books bring,

Thank you for the Bible that
teaches us more about you,

Amen



Collective Worship

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been continuing to about the Christian value of Justice. We have also learned about the Pagan festival of Mabon and its similarities to Harvest. In Picture News we have been discussing the questions

- Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?
- How important is it to know about the author behind the book?

Our music appreciation has been Motown music specifically “I Heard it on the Grapevine” by Marvin Gaye and “Sir Duke” by Stevie Wonder

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”

Micah 6:8



Rule of Law

The Department for Education (DfE) is the department of the UK government responsible for education. They set policies, guidance and rules about how and what we learn.



AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



FAMILY SESSION

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DIAGNOSED
WITH ASD OR AWAITING ASSESSMENT.
ALL ARE WELCOME.
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5pm – 7pm
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Exhall CV7 9GB

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- refreshments available • must be accompanied by a parent/carer •

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Admission Charges Apply



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Borrow specialist books & toys from our free resource library

- Whether your child is sensory seeking or avoiding we have equipment to suit you.
- Items can be borrowed for up to 28 days
- Contact our team for more information
- T's & C's apply

Contact us to apply



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Dates for your diaries

- Wednesday 16th October AUSTREY parents' evening
- Thursday 17th October NEWTON REGIS parents' evening
- Friday 18th October McMillan coffee afternoon Newton Regis 2.30pm – more details to follow from Mrs Barclay
- Wednesday 23rd October Austrey FACES Autumn Disco 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Wednesday 23rd October Y3,4,5 visit to Derby Faith Trail
- Thursday 24th October Harvest service in church – all parents and carers welcome, NEWTON REGIS 9.00am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 8th November Austrey FACES non uniform day and Colour Run – wear something bright and sparkly for a £1 donation
- Friday 15th November – BBC CHILDREN IN NEED
- w/b Monday 18th November Austrey FACES 'Great Austrey Bake Off'
- Friday 6th December Travelling theatre in school

Dates for your diaries cont...

- Saturday 30th November Christmas Lights switch in Newton Regis
- Friday 6th December Christmas Lights switch in Austrey
- Tuesday 10th December Nativity plays at NEWTON REGIS 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11th December Nativity plays at AUSTREY 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day
- 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

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
Term starts	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November
Term ends	Friday 20 th December
<u>SPRING TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January
Term starts	Tuesday 7 th January
Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February
Term ends	Thursday 10 th April
Inset Day	Friday 11 th April
<u>SUMMER TERM 2025</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 28 th April
Term starts	Tuesday 29 th April
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May
Term ends	Friday 18 th July
Inset Day	Monday 21 st July