Newton Regis
C of E Primary School

Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 26/9/25



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

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

Psalm 139:14

Dear Parents and Carers

The term is now in full swing. I know it is early to discuss Christmas but for those of you who need to book time off work well in advance We have sent the dates for nativities and church services so please look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. Trips and sporting events are now starting up again so please look at Seesaw and in school bags for information about these

Cross Country - Wednesday 17th September

Year 3 and Year 4

On Wednesday 17th September, children from KS2 represented our schools in the first of five XC races. We had 10 children in Y3/4 participate and it turned out to be a rather wet event! For the girls, Lilly D was first back in a fantastic 7th place. Georgia N was 11th and Adelaide 12th. Georgia H and Sienna finished in 27th and 29th position. For the boys, Eddie Mc was our highest place athlete finishing in 9th position. Alfie W came in 17th, Felix 22nd, Hugh 27th and Coby 36th. The race measured 1400m - a long way for little legs! Well done all.





Next race:

Wednesday 22nd October - Old Salts RFC, Water Orton.

Cross Country Part 2 - Year 5/6

By the time the Y5/6 race began, the rain had stopped and it was quite warm. We had are largest representation in a long time too - with 16 runners taking part in the 1800m distance. For the girls, Nessa came in 4th place, just missing out on the bronze medal - we're hopeful she will manage this in a future race this season, especially now she's a regular at Kingsbury Water parkrun running 5k every Saturday morning. Arabella was next back in 15th, Imogen H in 21st, Darcie G (making her XC debut) in 22nd, Elsie B in 23rd and Leah in 27th.



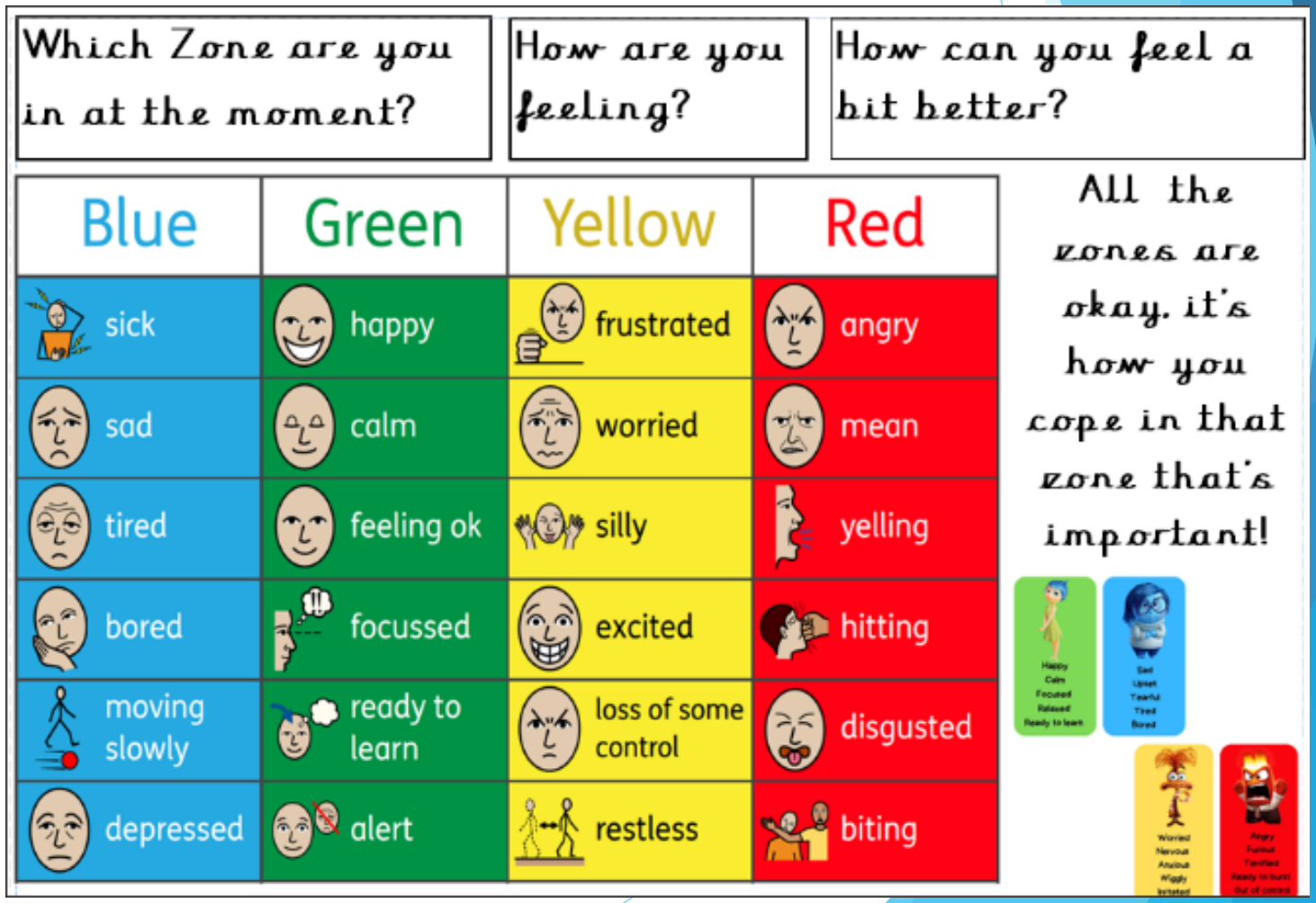


The boys' race was a really exciting event with our first ever 1st and 2nd place positioning. Freddie W and Arlo paced themselves well throughout the two-lap course and it came to down to a sprint finish to the funnel to decide on the medal order. Arlo took 1st and Freddie 2nd - I'm sure this will be an eventful season with their competitive sides battling out for the highest positions. Dougie M had his best-ever finish position of 12th, followed by Lincoln (14th), Rory (15th), Jacob (19th), Rafe (32nd), Ollie B (39th), Oliver F (41st) and Kyle (47th). What a brilliant start to the race season!



We are also teaching all of the children about their feelings and that all feelings are OK. We are doing this through the use of ‘Zones of Regulation’ which children should be able to use as it becomes more familiar to them

If you would like a copy of this, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will happily print one off for you.



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 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 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.

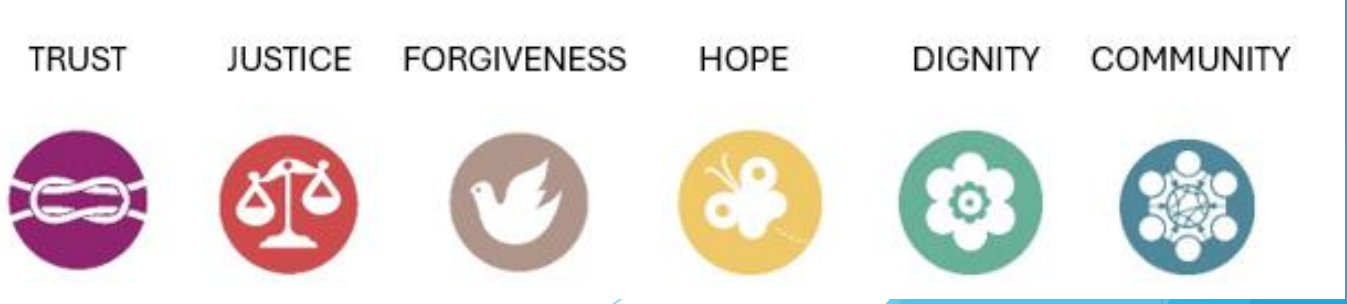
Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education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

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

Date: 19.9.25	
Ducklings:	Myles Trust
Harlequin:	Chloe Forgiveness
Robins:	Kai Trust
King Eider:	Lilly Forgiveness
Owls:	Felix Generosity
Mandarin:	Darcey L Justice
Kingfishers	Daniel Justice

Date: 26.9.25	
Ducklings:	Allyssia Dignity
Wagtails:	Billy Hope
Harlequin:	Mia Forgiveness
Robins:	Chloe Forgiveness
King Eider:	Whole of King Eider Trust
Owls:	Ollie Trust
Mandarin:	Nessa Dignity
Kingfishers	Thea Community

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Pupils of the week

Date:	19.9.25
Ducklings	Talliah
Harlequin	Jevon
Robins	Darcy
King Eider	Harrison
Owls	Rohan
Mandarin	Elsee F
Kingfishers	Ollie

Date:	26.9.25
Ducklings	Poppy
Wagtails	Robin
Harlequin	George
Robins	Olivia
King Eider	Indiana
Owls	Sienna
Mandarin	Darcey L
Kingfishers	Elsie

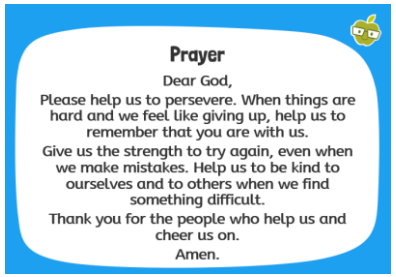
You can view your child's attendance certificate 'live' through Arbor. If you need help logging into this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pick or Mrs Harvey.

OUR CURRENT ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES FOR THE YEAR SO FAR ARE

Austrey
95%

Newton Regis
97.5%
(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 95.5%



Collective Worship

During the last few weeks in Collective Worship, we have been learning about our Christian Value of Justice by making sure we listen to both sides of the story as well as how different religions celebrate The Autumn Equinox

JUSTICE



In Picture News we have been discussing the following questions

- Why do we vote?
- Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?





Our music appreciation has been listening to pop music - 'I can't help myself (sugar pie, honey bunch) by The Fout Tops and 'I heard it through the grapevine' by Marvin Gaye

"Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!"
Psalm 106:3

Justice is....

Judging what is right

Understanding what is fair

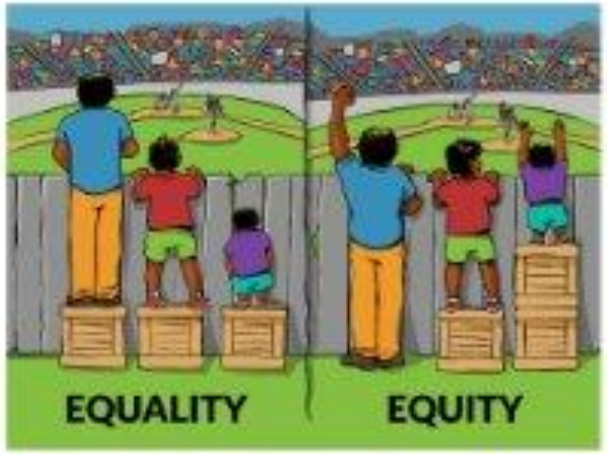
Standing up for those who need help

Trying to listen to both sides

Informed and wise decisions

Caring enough to take action

Equal opportunities for all



What is the difference between equity and equality?



Ask your children the answer to this question

Dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 7th October – Flu immunisations Reception to Y6
- Wednesday 15th October – Parents' Evening AUSTREY
- Thursday 16th October – Parents' Evening NEWTON REGIS
- Thursday 23rd October – Harvest Service in Church NEWTON 9am AUSTREY 2.15pm
- Friday 24th October – break up for half term
- Tuesday 4th November – school reopens for children
- Wednesday 10th December – AUSTREY Nativity Play 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Thursday 11th December – NEWTON Nativity Play 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Thursday 18th December – Church services ALL WELOCME TO ATTEND. NEWTON 9am AUSTREY

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. We only have a few spaces left and are already allocating places for September 2028!

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.

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**