Newton Regis
C of E Primary School

Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 6/2/26

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

Parent Consultation Evenings

You should have received a letter from your class teachers about this which is on Wednesday 11th (Austrey) and Thursday 12th (Newton Regis). As usual, we are offering face to face or telephone appointments.

If you are unable to make these times, please contact the class teacher who will be able to arrange a mutually convenient time on another day.

We look forward to seeing (or speaking) to as many of you as possible.

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 as soon a possible if you have not already done this. 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=wwXIfr

World Thinking Day

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to celebrate the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement speak out on issues that affect young women and fundraise for 11.2 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 153 countries.



If your child would like to come to school in their Rainbows, Brownies or Guides uniform, they are welcome to do this on Monday 23rd February. Although this is marketed as the girls' branch of the organisation, many Scout and Cub groups also recognise and celebrate this day so if your child would like to dress in their Beavers, Cubs or Scouts unform they will also be very welcome.



We are not asking for a donation but anything we can do to raise awareness and celebrate international friendship can only be a good thing!

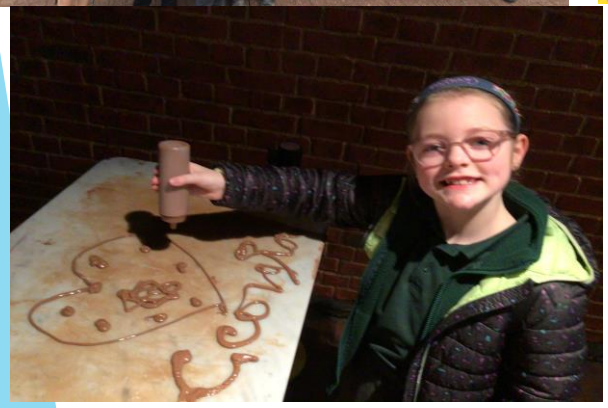
Cadbury World

Owls and King Eider had a fabulous time at Cadbury World on 29th January. They loved going together as one big group and seeing their friends from the other school. We toured the factory, spent time learning about how chocolate was made and had lots of fun tasting and decorating with the delicious chocolate. The 4D cinema was a highlight for many, with lots of screams and giggles heard.











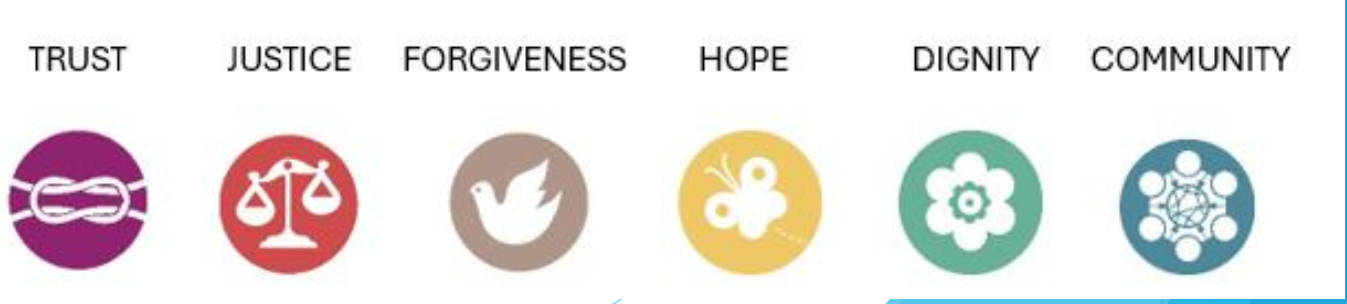




Date: 30.1.26	
Wagtails	Oliver – Hope
Ducklings:	Freddie – Forgiveness
Harlequin:	Darcey – Forgiveness
Robins:	Bella – Trust
King Eider:	Max – Trust
Owls:	Daisy – Trust
Mandarin:	Leah – Trust
Kingfishers	Chester – Community

Date: 6.2.26	
Wagtails:	Lettie - Trust
Ducklings	Harper - Community
Harlequin:	Freddie T - Community
Robins:	Pheobe - Trust
King Eider:	Beth - Community
Owls:	Holly – Forgiveness
Mandarin:	Stefan - Trust
Kingfishers	Robyn – Justice

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Pupils of the week

Date:	30.1.26
Wagtails	Robin
Ducklings	Freddie
Harlequin	Kiera
Robins	Rosie
King Eider	Pippa
Owls	Willow
Mandarin	Dougie
Kingfishers	Mylie-Bow

Date:	6.2.26
Wagtails	James M
Ducklings	Taaliah
Harlequin	Mia
Robins	Arlo
King Eider	Willow
Owls	Rohan
Mandarin	Arlo
Kingfishers	Imogen

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.

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
94.9%
(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
- Monday 23rd February – World Thinking Day – (come to school in your Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Beavers, Cubs or Scout uniform – optional)
- 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

Dates for your diaries

- Comic Relief - Non Uniform - Friday 20th March TBC
- 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

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