



**Newton Regis**  
C of E Primary School



**Austrey**  
Church of England  
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 24/4/26

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

# Y3/4 Dodgeball Final

On Monday 20th April, children from Owls and King Eider attended the Year 3/4 dodgeball finals! The children gave it their all and competed in 7 games against different schools. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork skills, resilience and a positive mindset. Felix was even awarded a special medal for his effort and growing confidence as games went on. Well done all!



# Olive School trip

On Thursday 16th April, King Eider and Owls went to visit Olive school. The children had a fantastic day and really enjoyed seeing their new friends again. They discussed things that make them who they are, including their favourite food, who they live with and their hobbies. The children had a wonderful break and lunchtime together where they were running around the playground and playing football. The staff at Olive School commented on how well behaved and polite the children were. Well done Owls and King Eider!



# New Sports Equipment at Newton Regis

Thank you to the FPTA who have bought our pupils two table tennis tables to further enhance our playtimes and lunch times. The tables have proved a popular activity choice for pupils to use during their breaks.

The FPTA have also bought the children some new PE equipment, which we are very grateful for, including: smaller sized basketballs and footballs for our younger pupils, a new hockey, tag-rugby and cricket set, dodgeballs and a range of hurdles.



Date: 17.4.26	
Wagtails	Kiera - Forgiveness
Ducklings:	Bunny - Hope
Harlequin:	Jevon - Dignity
Robins:	Beanie - Hope
King Eider:	Sam - Justice
Owls:	Ellen - Community
Mandarin:	Elsie B - Dignity
Kingfishers	Lincoln - Community

Date:24.4.26	
Wagtails:	Pippa - Hope
Ducklings	George - Community
Harlequin:	Freddie T - Justice
Robins:	Ralphie- Hope
King Eider:	Bella B - Forgiveness
Owls:	Rohan-Forgiveness
Mandarin:	Kyrie - Justice
Kingfishers	Daniel-Trust

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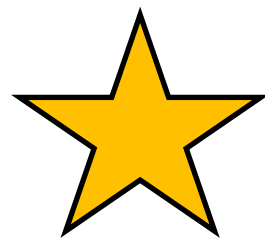
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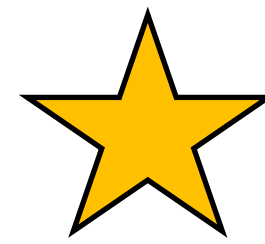
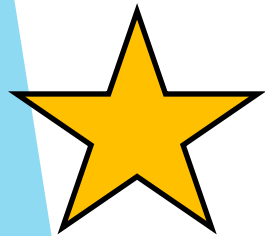
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# Pupils of the week



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Wagtails	Esmae
Ducklings	Harper
Harlequin	Jax
Robins	Elsie Wo
King Eider	Shane
Owls	Eddie
Mandarin	Lucas
Kingfishers	Daniel



Date:	24.4.26
Wagtails	James
Ducklings	Myles
Harlequin	Ivy
Robins	Bella-Fox
King Eider	Bella C
Owls	Lilly-Eve
Mandarin	Sidney
Kingfishers	Lucas



# 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.**

# Dates for your diaries

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May school closed for Bank Holiday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATs
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June NEWTON FPTA Father's Day wrap
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June AUSTREY FACES Father's Day shop
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July KS2 Athletics at Tamworth Stadium
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Leicestershire Y6/7 Transition Days (e.g. Market Bosworth)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 2.15pm AUSTREY
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 2.15pm NEWTON
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Warwickshire Y6/7 Transition Day (e.g. Polesworth)

## Dates for your diaries continued ...

- Friday 10th July sports day at Austrey 9.30 to 11.30am
- Friday 10th July sports day at Newton 1.15 to 3.15pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 leavers Trip
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Austrey Leavers Service 2pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Newton Leavers Service 9am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July School closes for children
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September School opens for children



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  
96.1%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.6%

## SUMMER TERM 2026

**Term starts**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bank Holiday**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half Term**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Term ends**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Inset Day**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**