



**Newton Regis**  
C of E Primary School



**Austrey**  
Church of England  
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 27/3/26

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

# HAPPY EASTER

Thankyou for your support for all of the events that have helped us to celebrate this Easter season.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Easter from all of the staff and hope that you are able to spend time with your family and friends.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”  
- John 3:16

# Are you eligible for means tested free school meals?

## A MESSAGE FROM WARWICKSHIRE

Children aged two and above attending maintained, academy or free school nurseries both before and after lunch, at least once a week, and are registered as pupils with the school, are entitled to benefits-related FSM (as long as their parent/carer is eligible and has applied for these)".

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, then please apply by using the following link:  
<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/bdmat>

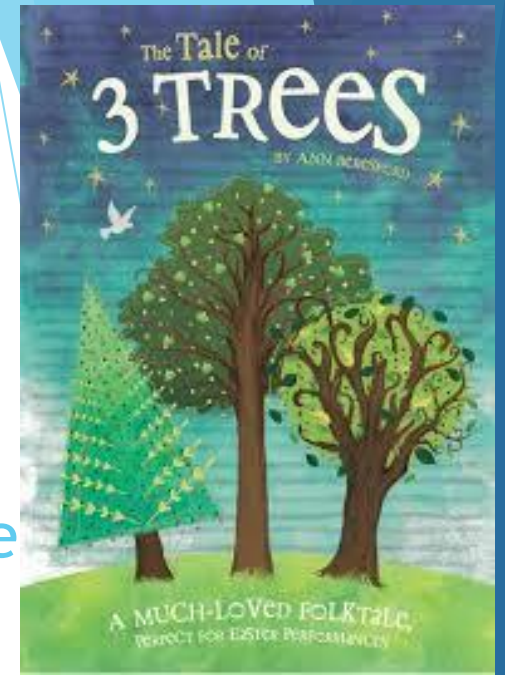
***Also, if your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2, you can register also for means tested free school meals EVEN THOUGH YOU GET UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS by following the above link. Do not wait until they are in Year 3.***

**In our schools this will mean that you can get free uniform, free trips and after school clubs through our pupil premium funding as well as free holiday clubs through the HAF programme**

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/holiday-provision-1/holiday-activities-food-haf-programme>

# Easter Play - The Tale of the Three Trees

Owls and King Eider have worked hard over the last few weeks putting together their Easter Play (with help from Year 1,2,5 and 6 as the choir). It is great to see them shine and be confident enough to read their lines to an audience and a special well done to the soloists and narrators they did an amazing job :) We hope everybody enjoyed the performances.



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# Comic Relief - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

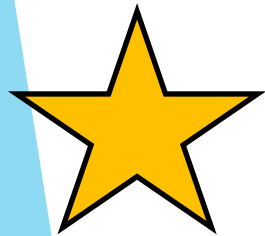
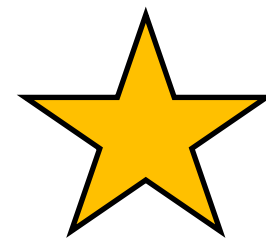
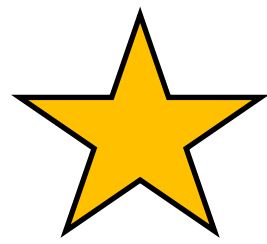


# Wagtails and Robins Easter Bonnet Parade



► The children from Wagtails and Robins showed off their brilliant homemade Easter bonnets as we paraded around Austrey on Wednesday. A few Easter bonnets tried to fly away, but despite the blustery weather, everyone had a lovely time and the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to so many adults for coming to support us and watch our parade!

# Pupils of the week



<b>Date:</b>	<b>20.3.26</b>
Wagtails	James
Ducklings	Erika
Harlequin	Olivia
Robins	Kai
King Eider	Daphne
Owls	Ollie
Mandarin	William
Kingfishers	Kyle

# 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  
96.2%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.6%

# Dates for your diaries

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

## SPRING TERM 2026

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>

## SUMMER TERM 2026

<b>Term starts</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>