



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 8/5/26

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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

KSI Cross Country

On Wednesday 29th April, Year 1 and Year 2 children from both Austrey and Newton Regis schools took part in a cross-country race at Water Orton. The children ran an impressive distance of over 1km and all performed brilliantly. A special congratulations goes to Darcy, who finished 3rd in the girls' race and achieved a fantastic bronze medal. Well done to all the children for their effort and determination!



Tamworth Castle Grounds junior parkrun

On Sunday 3rd May, we had a fantastic turnout for the first Tamworth junior parkrun. Twenty-seven pupils, both past and present, took part alongside many enthusiastic adults in the inaugural event at the castle grounds. It was a real pleasure to support them—especially as, for many, it was their very first 2km run.





More junior parkrun fun! Come along every Sunday at 9am.



Date: 1.5.26	
Wagtails	Esmae- Forgiveness
Ducklings:	Miles, Erica, Nova, Oakley, Olivia - Community
Harlequin:	Jax - Community
Robins:	Kai-Trust
King Eider:	Pippa - Justice
Owls:	Tommy-Trust
Mandarin:	Daisy F - Trust
Kingfishers	Daniel- Trust

Date:8.5.26	
Wagtails:	James C-Hope
Ducklings	Oakley - Community
Harlequin:	Kaliyah - Forgiveness
Robins:	Daisy -Hope
King Eider:	Harrison - Justice
Owls:	Daisy-Justice
Mandarin:	Daisy J - Trust
Kingfishers	Robin- Dignity

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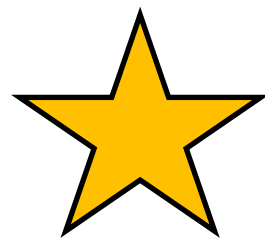
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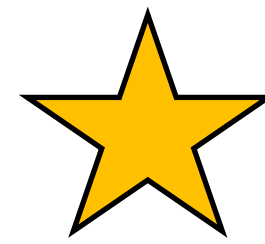
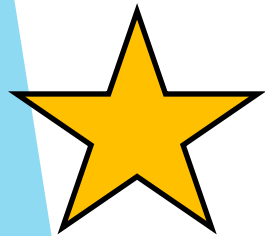
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Pupils of the week



Date:	1.5.26
Wagtails	Billy
Ducklings	Allyssia
Harlequin	Freddie
Robins	Harrison C
King Eider	James
Owls	Ellen
Mandarin	Elsie B
Kingfishers	Chloe



Date:	8.5.26
Wagtails	Edie-May
Ducklings	Albie
Harlequin	Chloe
Robins	Beanie
King Eider	Jack
Owls	Joey
Mandarin	Freya
Kingfishers	Darcie



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 11th May to Thursday 14th May Y6 SATs
- Monday 15th June NEWTON FPTA Father's Day wrap
- Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June AUSTREY FACES Father's Day shop
- Thursday 2nd July KS2 Athletics at Tamworth Stadium
- Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July Leicestershire Y6/7 Transition Days (e.g. Market Bosworth)
- Monday 6th July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 2.15pm AUSTREY
- Tuesday 7th July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 2.15pm NEWTON
- Wednesday 8th 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 14th July - Y6 leavers Trip
- Thursday 16th July Austrey Leavers Service 2pm
- Friday 17th July Newton Leavers Service 9am
- Friday 17th July School closes for children
- Wednesday 2nd 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 94.8%

Newton Regis
96.1%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.7%

SUMMER TERM 2026

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

Next Year's Term Dates will be on the next newsletter once they have been approved by Governors