



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey
Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 3/7/26

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

Free School Meals - September 2026 Update

From September 2026, more children will qualify for free school meals, particularly those in households receiving Universal Credit.

We encourage all families to apply—even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a free meal, as this helps secure additional funding for the school.

Why apply?

- Save money on lunches
- Support your child's access to a healthy meal
- Help the school receive extra funding

Who should apply?

Anyone receiving Universal Credit or whose circumstances have recently changed.

Apply online via Warwickshire County Council:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Applying is quick and confidential, and children are not treated differently.

If you're unsure, we still encourage you to apply or contact the school for support.

Y6 Residential at Laches Wood

Last week, Y6 went to Laches Wood with the Y6s from Warton Nethersoles Primary. All children took part in a range of activities which included: BMX biking, canoeing, high ropes crate stacking and power fan, air rifle shooting, axe throwing and archery. The children were able to make new friends, many of which they will transition with to Polesworth High School. A great time was had by all.



Year 5/6 Water Safety

On Friday 26th June, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting and important water safety trip, where they learned how to stay safe and what to do if they ever find themselves in difficulty in the water. The children experienced swimming in their clothes, helping them understand how different conditions can feel in real-life situations. They also learned the Water Safety Code and were introduced to basic first aid skills, giving them the knowledge and confidence to act safely and responsibly around water.



KS2 Athletics - Tamworth Stadium

On Thursday 2nd July, children from KS2 went to Tamworth Athletics Stadium to participate in the North Warwickshire Small Schools Athletics competition.

Children took part in a range of track and field events including: long jump, triple jump, ball throwing, javelin, 600m, 400m, 50m and 75m sprints. We had a great day and final results were Austrey 6th and Newton Regis 5th out of nine schools.



We had lots of success in the final relay events - with all of these teams coming in 1st place.

KS2 Athletics - Tamworth Stadium



Reception Twycross Zoo Trip

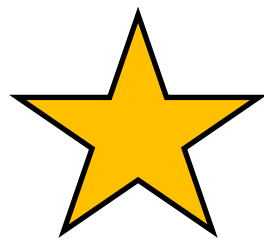


Staffing for next year

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Wagtails (R)	Mrs Gifford (Miss Oliver on Fridays)	Intervention sessions with Mrs Jayne Ward and Mrs Laura Townsend
Robins (1/2)	Miss Ellen Smith	Mrs Laura Townsend (2 days) and Mrs Jayne Ward (3 days)
Owls (3/4)	Mrs Catherine Woodcroft	Miss Jenny Blewitt and Mrs Zoe Lewis – Ristic (1:1)
Kingfishers (5/6)	Miss Meg Griffiths and Mrs L Stephenson	Mrs Jayne Griffiths
Ducklings (N/R)	Miss Aimee Zimmerman	Mrs Susan Carter and Mrs Laura Taylor (1:1)
Harlequin (1/2)	Mrs Michelle Gugleta	Mrs June Bushnell
King Eider (3/4)	Miss Millie Hand	Miss Nicolle Shepherd
Mandarin (5/6)	Miss Ashleigh Godfrey	Miss Rachel Morris

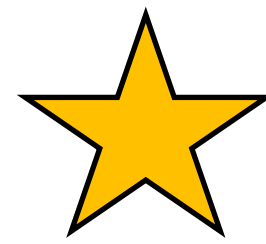
Miss Nickless will be moving to a school nearer home in Derbyshire and Miss Ingram has got a new role as an Art and DT technician at a secondary school. I hope you will join me in wishing them both the best of luck in their next adventures

Pupils of the Week



Date:	3.7.26
Ducklings	Freddie
Harlequin	Jevon
Robins	Bellerose N
King Eider	Bella B
Owls	Royce P
Mandarin	Kyrie
Kingfishers	Lilly W

Values Lanyards



Date:	3.7.26
Ducklings:	Miss Oliver- Community
Harlequin:	Mia- Hope
Robins:	Harrison C- Hope
King Eider:	Alfie- Community
Owls:	Isobel H- Trust
Mandarin:	Lucas- Community
Kingfishers	Ronnie W- Trust



Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 2nd July KS2 Athletics at Tamworth Stadium
- Monday 6th July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 2.15pm AUSTREY
- Tuesday 7th July Y5/6 Leavers' Play at 9.15am NEWTON - change of time due to the hot weather
- Wednesday 8th July Warwickshire Y6/7 Transition Day (e.g. Polesworth)
- Friday 10th July sports day at Austrey 9.15 to 11.15am
- Friday 10th July sports day at Newton 9.15 to 11.15am - please note the change of time due to the hot weather
- Tuesday 14th July - Y6 leavers' Trip
- Wednesday 15th July - Newton Regis FPTA Summer Fair 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 16th July Austrey Leavers' Service 2pm
- Thursday 16th July - Austrey FACES Summer Fete on playground after school
- Friday 17th July Newton Leavers' Service 9am
- Friday 17th July School closes for children
- Tuesday 1st September Schools re-open for staff
- Thursday 3rd September Schools re-open for children
- Friday 18th September Jeans for Genes Day

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Inset Day

Tuesday 1st September

Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts

Thursday 3rd September

Half Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Inset Day

Monday 2nd November

Inset Day

Friday 27th November

Term ends

Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2027

Inset Day

Monday 4th January

Term starts

Tuesday 5th January

Half Term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Term ends

Thursday 26th March

SUMMER TERM 2027

Inset Day

Monday 12th April

Term starts

Tuesday 13th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May

Half Term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Term ends

Wednesday 21st July



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
94.7%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 94.5%

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.