



**Newton Regis**  
C of E Primary School



**Austrey**

Church of England  
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 17/7/26

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



# Twycross Zoo - Reception Trip

On Friday 3rd July Wagtails and Ducklings had a fantastic day at Twycross Zoo. We enjoyed seeing lots of animals and learning interesting facts about them. The children were brilliantly behaved and had a lovely day learning facts about the different animals.





## The Lion King - Y5/6 Austrey Production

Year 5 and 6 were absolutely amazing in their Lion King performance!

We are so proud of how hard the children worked and how brilliantly they performed. The costumes looked fantastic and really brought the whole show to life. They were all fantastic - well done Kingfishers!



## School of Rock-ish - Y5/6 Newton Production

Mandarin Class put on a fabulous show for their leavers' production. They all worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, perform the songs and perfect their acting skills over the last few weeks and they thoroughly deserved the standing ovation that was given to them! Well done all!





# Y6 Leavers' Service - St Phillips Birmingham

Year 6s from both schools travelled to Birmingham for a lovely service to mark finishing primary school. Guest speakers and a drama company talked about having courage and hope as they make a new step on their educational journey. A candle was brought back to school for the Y5s as they begin their final year at primary school. A special well done for Bella, Sidney, Elsie, Elijah, Jack and Archie for speaking confidently in front of a large crowd.





# Sports Day - Friday 10th July

On Friday 10th July, both schools held their sports morning. It was a little shorter than usual due to the heat but all children gave it their all! Final results were shared in assembly this week.





Nursery children had a fabulous time at their own sports day on Thursday 16th July!

## Nursery Sports Day





# FPTA Summer Fete - Newton

After school on Wednesday 15th July, Newton's FPTA held their Summer Fete on the playground. There were competitions, face painting, stocks for soaking the teachers and children as well as a cake sale. Everyone had a great time.





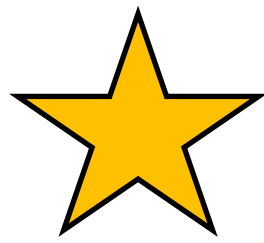
# FACES Summer Fete - Austrey



After school on Thursday 16th July, Austrey FACES did a wonderful summer fete! There was a tombola, lolly pop games and a book sale! Thank you FACES!



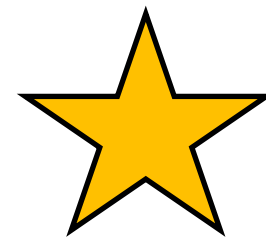
## Pupils of the Week



| Date:       | 16.7.26           |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Wagtails    | Wagtails class    |
| Ducklings   | Ducklings Class   |
| Harlequin   | Harlequin Class   |
| Robins      | Robins class      |
| King Eider  | King Eider Class  |
| Owls        | Year 4 girls      |
| Mandarin    | Mandarin Class    |
| Kingfishers | Kingfishers class |



## Values Lanyards



| Date: 16.7.26 |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Wagtails      | Neveah for hope             |
| Ducklings:    | The whole class - community |
| Harlequin:    | The whole class - hope      |
| Robins:       | Willow for community        |
| King Eider:   | The whole class - community |
| Owls:         | Cora for hope               |
| Mandarin:     | All of Y6 - hope            |
| Kingfishers   | All of year 6 - hope        |





## 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.



# 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



## Dates for your diaries

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July School closes for children
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September Schools re-open for staff
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Schools re-open for children
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September Jeans for Genes Day

## **AUTUMN TERM 2026**

|                  |                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inset Day</b> | <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>                            |
| <b>Inset Day</b> | <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>                          |
| Term starts      | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                 |
| Half Term        | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October |
| <b>Inset Day</b> | <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>                              |
| <b>Inset Day</b> | <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>                             |
| Term ends        | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                   |

## **SPRING TERM 2027**

|                  |                                                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inset Day</b> | <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                 |
| Term starts      | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                                      |
| Half Term        | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Term ends        | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                      |

## **SUMMER TERM 2027**

|                     |                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inset Day</b>    | <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>                        |
| Term starts         | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April                             |
| <b>Bank Holiday</b> | <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                           |
| Half Term           | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Term ends           | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                            |



# 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.**