



Newton Regis
C of E Primary School



Austrey

Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter

Date: 18/9/26

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Becoming the person God made me to be: living,
learning, loving.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

Psalm 139:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly the last two weeks have flown and, as always, it feels like the summer holidays are a distant memory. It is always lovely to see all of the children coming back into school in September and settling in well.

These are our school improvement priorities for the current academic year. You will note that **Priority 5** relates to the proposed restructuring.

The final action plan was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) by the deadline of **15th September**, and we are now awaiting their final decision. We have emphasised the importance of receiving this decision **before applications for Reception 2027 open**, to ensure that parents and carers have clarity when making their school preferences.



Austrey and Newton Regis CofE Primary School School Improvement Plan September 2026 – July 2027

Our Vision

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Our 5 Key Priorities for 2026-27

1 Curriculum & Teaching

Embedding and refining our agreed approaches to spelling and writing so that pupils build secure knowledge and apply it confidently across their learning.

2 Inclusion

Strengthening consistency in scaffolding, adaptive teaching and small-step progress so every pupil can access learning, grow in independence and make strong progress.

3 Achievement

Embedding high expectations for presentation and pride in work, helping every pupil take responsibility for producing work that is neat, thoughtful and carefully presented.

4 Church School Development

Building on our established worldviews approach to RE, with protected curriculum time and rich opportunities for knowledge, enquiry, discussion and reflection.

5 Leadership & Governance

Carefully preparing pupils and families for the proposed move to separate infant and junior provision, with a strong focus on belonging, wellbeing, confidence and continuity.

Have you applied (or re-applied) for Free School Meals?

AUTUMN 2026

HELLO TO A NEW TERM!

Millions of meals to be served without your Team off all week! Chartwells! We're so pleased for welcome children back to their dining room and the delicious serving freshly prepared, nutritious school meals that help fuel their day. Head on for a Dinner of what's to come this term!

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HOW QUALITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, FROM A 1-4-1 CHARTWELLS SERVICE.

- From school dinners, they are making a FREE school lunch every day, serving your family time and time again.
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Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at info@chartwells.co.uk or call 0115 912 1111.

DELICIOUS!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THAT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING EXCITING ON THE MENU! AND THIS TERM MEANS EVEN MORE CHOICE EVERY CHILD CAN LOOK FORWARD TO.

- With over 100 different options, including our vegetarian choices, available every single day.
- A British seasonal veg focus each week.
- Seasonal delights & exciting dinner themes, including our Italian, Mexican, Indian and traditional school meals.
- Plus, look out for our NEW Autumn Winter menu, featuring a variety of delicious, with British inspired school lunches such as Sausage & Mash, and our mid-week menu including a 'Pasta & Curry'.

Chartwells

Y6 Junior PCSOs

Our Y6s at both schools are currently taking part in a six week Junior PCSO course. Each Wednesday, they focus on different aspects of police life... This week they met Police Officer Jamie and his dog... Roady.



Quad Kids



This week we found out that our Austrey Quad Kids team from Y3/4 last year came 2nd overall in the competition. Today we received our medals.

Our children will be contributing some artwork for this and you will all be very welcome to join this special community event.



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 Wright 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.

Values Lanyards

Date: 11.9.26	
Ducklings:	Ophelia- Community
Wagtails:	Wagtails - Community
Harlequin:	Kaliyah - Trust
Robins:	Pippa - Trust
King Eider:	Aleena- trust
Owls:	Adelaide - Community
Mandarin:	All of year 5 - Community
Kingfishers	Ezra - Community

Date: 18.9.26	
Ducklings:	Arthur- Forgiveness
Wagtails:	Benhamin- Dignity
Harlequin:	Erica- Community
Robins:	Robin - Forgiveness
King Eider:	Indiana- Trust
Owls:	Darcey - Community
Mandarin:	Elsee- Trust
Kingfishers	Chloe - Justice

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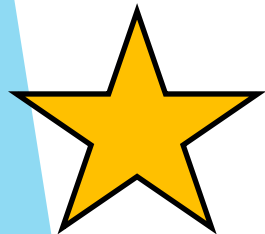
COMMUNITY



Pupils of the week



Date:	11.9.26
Ducklings	Ray
Wagtails	Wagtails
Harlequin	Harper
Robins	Daisy E
King Eider	Harrison
Owls	Lara
Mandarin	Pippa
Kingfishers	Darcie



Date:	18.9.26
Ducklings	Hattie
Wagtails	Jude
Harlequin	Noah
Robins	Keira
King Eider	Alfie
Owls	Elsie
Mandarin	Oliver
Kingfishers	Felix





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
97%

Newton Regis
94.8%

(not including nursery as attendance is non statutory)

National is currently 95.6%

Dates for your diaries

Monday 21st September - photos (individual and siblings that are at our school)

Parents evenings

- Thursday 15th October at Newton Regis
- Thursday 22nd October at Austrey
- Tuesday 20th October Austrey FACES Autumn Disco 5-6pm

Church services - Thursday 22nd October

- 9.00am Newton Regis
- 2.15pm Austrey

Dates for your diaries cont...

Nativity plays

- Newton Regis - Wednesday 9th December 9.15am and 2.15pm
- Austrey - Thursday 10th December 9.15am and 2.15pm

Carol Services in Church

- Austrey - Thursday 17th December 2pm
- Newton Regis - Friday 18th December 2pm

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2026</u>	
Inset Day	Tuesday 1st September
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Term starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October
Inset Day	Monday 2nd November
Inset Day	Friday 27th November
Term ends	Friday 18 th December
<u>SPRING TERM 2027</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 4th January
Term starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February
Term ends	Thursday 26 th March
<u>SUMMER TERM 2027</u>	
Inset Day	Monday 12th April
Term starts	Tuesday 13 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June
Term ends	Wednesday 21 st July