



Newton Newsletter

🎃 Happy Half Term! 🎃

Autumn Term Newsletter – October 2025

It's hard to believe the first half term has flown by already! We've celebrated a brilliant Harvest Festival, our juniors took part in an exciting CPR session with St John's Ambulance, and our sports teams have made us proud with their enthusiasm and teamwork. What a great start to the year at Newton!

👋 New Appointment

Earlier in the term we held interviews for a Deputy Headteacher to join our team here at Newton. The children were involved in the process and indeed asked some really good questions to the candidates. Mrs Baines will start in January and will teach in both Ruby and Amethyst class. Mrs Baines comes with an in-built love for Newton as she came here herself as a child. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the Newton team.

🎨 Newton Art Club

Our fabulous Art Club has been busy creating something truly special! Working alongside Mrs Flintham and community artist Steph Coley, the children designed and made a series of amazing mosaics inspired by different areas of our school. These beautiful pieces were proudly displayed at the *"Our Street"* exhibition at Newton Community Centre. We are so proud of the creativity, teamwork, and effort shown by all our young artists — well done, everyone! ☀️



👕 Uniform Reminder

Thank you for continuing to support our school uniform policy so keenly — it really helps to create a sense of pride and belonging across our school community.

A quick reminder for PE days: children should wear royal blue tops as part of their PE kit. If you don't yet have a royal blue top, your child may wear their usual red jumper instead. Please note that black tops are not part of our uniform and should not be worn.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our pupils look smart, feel confident, and are ready to learn. Full details of our uniform policy can be found here:

 [Newton Uniform Policy](#)

Our New Newton Badge

You may have noticed that our Newton badge has had a little update! We've redesigned the cross to resemble the wheel cross of the Newton Memorial, creating a special link with our local heritage. The badge now includes our school motto, "*Be the best you can be*," and proudly features the royal blue from our PE uniforms — which our children always look so smart in! We're really proud of our new badge and feel it reflects our school and community perfectly.

Toys, Fidgets & Cards

We kindly ask that toys, fidgets, and trading cards (such as Pokémon or football cards) are not brought into school.

These items can cause distraction or upset among pupils. Instead, each class has a carefully selected box of focus tools and sensory items, which staff will manage and provide when needed. This ensures they are appropriate for the classroom and well looked after.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Sporting Success Across the School!

This half term has been packed with sporting enthusiasm and achievement across Newton Primary! Our Y5/6 mixed football team did amazingly well, reaching the district finals with skill and determination. The Y5/6 Girls' football team showed incredible teamwork, bravery, and dedication throughout their matches.

Our KS2 pupils tackled the cross country challenge with fantastic spirit, while KS1 had a fabulous time taking part in their fun run, full of energy and smiles.

 **A huge thank you to Mrs Speirs for organising these wonderful events and inspiring our pupils to stay active and enjoy sport!**

Good Attendance Makes a Big Difference!

At Newton Primary, we know that being in school every day helps children thrive academically and socially. Regular attendance builds confidence, strengthens friendships, and ensures pupils make the most of every learning opportunity.

We kindly ask all families to support us by ensuring children attend school whenever possible. Our goal is for every pupil to achieve at least 97% attendance — together, we can make every day count!

Did You Know?

Just 10 absences in 10 weeks means a child has already missed the equivalent of a full week of learning! Even small, regular absences can quickly add up, making it harder for pupils to stay on track.

Please remember that we are now required to report all absences to the LEA, so your support in keeping attendance high is truly appreciated.



Staying Safe Online This October Holiday

As the **October holidays** begin, many children will be spending more time online — chatting with friends, exploring apps, and playing games. This is a great opportunity to **sit down together** and talk about what they enjoy doing online. By joining in with their favourite sites or games, you can stay connected and show interest in their digital world.

Use this time to have positive conversations about online safety, so your child feels confident coming to you if something worries them. Remember, listening without judgement and knowing how to use reporting and blocking tools can make all the difference in keeping children safe and happy online.

A note from Mrs Knight-

It is with great sadness that I inform you all that I am unable to return to Newton due to the ongoing difficulties I am experiencing as a result of a serious stroke last year. Trying to recover fully has been the most difficult task I've ever had to take on and as someone who is very impatient it's been incredibly frustrating and continues to be a tough battle but I am eternally grateful for the kind messages and support from everyone in the Newton Community. I've had the pleasure of teaching many of your children and I was looking forward to teaching many more but unfortunately it is not meant to be. Thank you for all the special memories I will treasure them and I truly hope that there are some of you who have fond memories of my teaching and although I always said I didn't, I always had time for all of you really!

Lots of love,
Mrs Knight

Mrs Knight has been a fantastic part of our Newton team and we miss her very much.

Healthy Eating at Break Time

We encourage all children to make healthy choices during break time. To support this:

- **Not permitted:** chocolate, sweets, or crisps.
- **Recommended options:** fruit, cheese, or yogurts are ideal and provide good energy for learning.

- **KS1 children:** will be given a piece of fruit daily, but we advise sending an extra snack from home in case the provided option is not to your child's liking.
- **Drinks:** only water or sugar-free squash are acceptable. Please ensure bottles are a sensible size, with a maximum capacity of **1000ml**.

Thank you for helping us promote healthy habits and a positive learning environment!

Looking Ahead

We're looking forward to a fabulous second term filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of festive fun! This year, we're making a small but exciting change to our traditional *Carols Around the Tree*.

Instead, we'll be gathering at the Community Centre for our carol singing 🎄. We can't wait to see families, friends, and neighbours coming together to celebrate — just don't forget to bring your best singing voices!

Key Dates

Please note that this is not a final list of events for the term, as some trips and activities are still being confirmed. We'll continue to share updates on the school website and calendar, so please check regularly for the latest information.

A quick update for our year 6 families — the dates for bikeability have changed. It will now take place on the 26th and 27th of March 2026

Date	Time	Event
Monday 3 rd November	From 9am	Poppies go on sale
Monday 10 th November	From 9:30am	Weights and measures R and Y6
Monday 10 th November	9am -3pm	Year 5 Bikeability, School play ground
Tuesday 11 th November	10:50am	Remembrance at the Newton memorial
Wednesday 12 th November	9am	Work on new trim trail begins.
Friday 14 th November	9am-3.15pm	Children In Need
Thursday 20 th November	2pm and 5:30pm	Open afternoon for new Reception children 2026-27
Thursday 4 th December	2:00pm	Rock Steady Concert
Friday 5 th December	9am	Whole School Panto – Little Red Riding – Blackwell Community Hall
Tuesday 9 th December	2:00pm	Diamond and Emerald Nativity Afternoon performance
Wednesday 10 th December	5:30pm	Diamond and Emerald Nativity Evening performance
Thursday 11 th December	9am	KS2 trip to Derby theatre to See Oliver Twist
Monday 15 th December	12pm	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day.

Friday 19 th December	1:15pm	Carol concert in the community hall.
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Dates are subject to change, and we will always send reminders and updates via the **school app** as events approach.

Safeguarding

If you are ever concerned about the safety or welfare of a child during the school holidays, please act without delay.

You can contact Starting Point (Multi-Agency Safeguarding) on 01629 533190, or the police on 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency.

Below are some organisations offering support, advice, and guidance for young people and families:

- [Childline](#) – Counselling, help, and support for all young people
- [ThinkUKnow](#) – Advice on keeping children safe online
- [YoungMinds](#) – Support for emotional wellbeing and mental health
- [Educate Against Hate](#) – Information for parents about extremism and radicalisation
- NSPCC Helpline: 0800 136 663 – For anyone who may have experienced sexual harm in schools

Happy Half Term!

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting first half of the term, we'd like to wish all our children, families, and staff a very happy half term!  Take some time to relax, enjoy the autumn days, and maybe even carve a pumpkin or two! We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for more learning and fun in the next half of the term. 

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Sarah Hughes
Headteacher