



Newton Newsletter

Welcome Back to Newton Primary School!

Autumn Term Newsletter – September 2025

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a brand-new academic year! The staff have enjoyed two fantastic training days to prepare for the term ahead, but as always, a school just isn't complete without the children. We can't wait to see all of our pupils return on **Monday 8th September**, ready to learn, grow, and shine.

New Faces at Newton

We're delighted to welcome some new members to the Newton team this year:

- **Mrs Booth** joins us as our new **Emerald Class Teacher** and **SENDCo**.
- **Mrs Simms**, who many of you will remember from a few years ago, is returning as a **Teaching Assistant in Amethyst Class**.
- **Miss Robinson** returns in a new role as our **PPA teacher**. She knows our children well and will be working across several classes each week.

Please give them a warm Newton welcome if you see them around school!

Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder to all families to take a moment to review our uniform policy. We want every child to feel proud and ready to learn in their Newton colours.

Our uniform expectations are in line with our cluster schools and our feeder secondary school, helping to ensure consistency and a smooth transition as children move through their school journey.

Jewellery: For safety reasons, only small stud earrings and watches may be worn. All other jewellery should be left at home.

P.E. Uniform Expectations:

- Tops: Royal blue t-shirt (part of our Newton colours).

- Bottoms: Black shorts (*Nike Pro* style shorts are not permitted).
- Colder weather: Plain black joggers or sports leggings are acceptable.
- Hoodies: If children wish to wear a hoodie for PE, it must be royal blue as part of the uniform. Please ensure no named, patterned, or branded hoodies are worn. They can also wear their red cardigan or jumper.
- Footwear: Trainers or pumps must be worn for PE lessons.

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](#)

Please ensure ALL uniform is labelled

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 are well looked after.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

After School Club Updates

Our **After School Club** is now based in the **Key Stage 2 end of the school**.

- **Collection:** Please come to the **main entrance** and ring the **After School Club bell**.
- **New Phone Number:** If you're running late or someone else is collecting your child, you can call the club directly. (***Please note: this number is for collection changes only — bookings cannot be made via phone.***) 07765 743479
- **Price Change:** There is a small price increase this term to £6.50 until 5pm and £8.50 until 5.45pm, in line with other local schools.
- **Behaviour Agreement:** On your first visit of this academic year, you will be asked to sign a **behaviour contract** to help children understand that school rules apply during After School Club too.

Behaviour Policy Review

This term, we will be reviewing our **Behaviour Policy**. As part of this, we are exploring the use of **restorative practices** — approaches that help children reflect, take responsibility, and repair relationships positively.

We'll share updates as our training progresses. In the meantime, our current policy is available on the **school website** if you'd like to read and discuss it with your child.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/newton-primary/UploadedDocument/9deab1b0-78e2-4508-bf5b-cb87ac21939f/behaviour-policy-2024.pdf>

Home-School Communication

From **Year 1 to Year 6**, we will continue to use **Seesaw** to share:

- Class timetables
- Notices and announcements
- Homework reminders

We will also continue to use the school app regularly.

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 have a **wonderful Year 6 cohort** this year, who we know will set an excellent example for the rest of the school. Their leadership and positivity are something we are incredibly proud of.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working closely with our families to ensure that every child receives the **very best primary education** here at Newton.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Key Dates

This is not a final list of events for this term as some events and trips need to be confirmed, we will update this on the website and on the calendar within the school website,

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 16 th September	3.15pm- 6.00pm	After School club closed due to whole class training
Wednesday 17 th September	3.20pm	EYFS and Year 1 phonics (early reading) meeting
Wednesday 8 th October	1.30pm	Harvest Festival, Community Hall
Sunday 19 th October	All day	School Art Ambassadors Project - Sharing Celebration, Community Hall
Tuesday 21 st October	3.15pm	KS2 Cross Country event at Frederick Gent
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th October 2025	From 3.30pm- 6.00pm	Parents Consultations.
Monday 10 th November	9am -3pm	Year 5 Bikeability, School play ground
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th November	9am-2pm	Year 6 Bikeability, School Play ground.
Friday 14 th November	9am-3.15pm	Children In Need
Friday 5 th December	9am	Whole School Panto – Little Red Riding – Blackwell Community Hall
11 th December 2025	9am	KS2 trip to Derby theatre to See Oliver Twist
11 th December 2025	All day	Christmas jumper day

 Please note: This is not a final list of events for the term, as some trips and activities are still to be confirmed. We will continue to update the **Key Dates section** and the **school calendar** on our website as new events are added.

Dates are subject to change, and we will always send reminders and updates via **Seesaw** and the **school app** as events approach.

Outdoor Improvements

A huge thank you to **Kirsty Byard and her family** for their hard work in removing the old surface and reseeding the area—we are hopeful that more grass will continue to grow over the coming weeks. We are also excited to share that the new trim trail has been ordered and is expected to be installed by the end of October.

Special thanks also go to **Sharon and Del Robinson** and **Jon Treweek** for creating a fantastic digging pit that we know the children will love! If you have any spare digger toys at home that you could donate, the children would be thrilled to use them in this new play space.

And finally..... **Volunteers Needed**

Do you have a free Friday afternoon? We would love a group of willing volunteers to help us with a few jobs around the grounds in our school. Our **Forest School area** is in need of a tidy-up, and we also need a hand with **dismantling the old chicken hut**. In addition, if there are any **joiners** (or handy parents/carers!) who could work their magic on our **shed door**, we'd be hugely grateful. Any time you can give would make a big difference and help us keep our outdoor spaces safe, welcoming, and ready for the children to enjoy.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Sarah Hughes

Headteacher