



Newton News June 2026





Headteacher's Note



Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and were able to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine. It was certainly a welcome reminder that summer is on its way!

It is hard to believe that we are already beginning the final term of the academic year. The summer term is always one of my favourites; it is filled with exciting learning opportunities, celebrations, trips, sports events and special memories for our children. It is also one of our busiest terms, with plenty packed into the weeks ahead.

As always, we will be keeping our fingers crossed for good weather so that all of our planned outdoor activities can take place as scheduled. We are particularly looking forward to welcoming families into school for our sporting events and sharing these special occasions with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic final term together.

Stepping Up for Newton: Our Amazing Sponsored Walk!

Our Sponsored Walk was a huge success, and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. It was also wonderful to be joined by so many family members along the way – thank you for your support and encouragement.

Mr Geeves did a fantastic job warming up each class before they set off on their planned routes, ensuring everyone was ready to march with enthusiasm and energy. I was lucky enough to walk with Topaz Class, who had the ever-energetic Miss Hall leading the way! They completed their two-mile walk with plenty of smiles, determination and great conversation along the route.

A huge well done to every child in school for taking part with such a positive attitude and for representing Newton Primary so brilliantly.

However, the biggest surprise was yet to come! After the event, Mrs Frost Morris handed me a sealed envelope to open during assembly. I can honestly say that all of the staff were absolutely blown away when we discovered that our families had raised an incredible **£2,291!**

Your generosity and support never ceases to amaze us. Fundraising events like this make such a difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, sponsored and supported the event.

From all of us at Newton Primary School, thank you so very much.



Rainbow Raffle

A huge thank you for the generosity of all the fabulous rainbow-coloured items you sent in for our non-uniform day. FoNs worked incredibly hard to put them together into beautiful, colourful prizes – they looked fantastic!

Well done to all of our winners, and an even bigger thank you to everyone who contributed. The raffle raised an amazing **£340** – once again, we are so grateful for your continued generosity and support.

Newton Carnival



Carnival Float – Saturday 11th July 2026 - Save the Date!

We are excited to share that we will be having a float at this year's carnival, and we would love our children to join us on it. Some of our families are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to plan and prepare it for us.

This year's theme is **Wicked**, so think *fantastic costumes, fabulous music*, and we suspect there may be quite a few green faces too!

Further details will follow soon, but please make sure you pop this in your diary – it's sure to be a brilliant event.

Staffing Update

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You may have noticed that Miss Tann is expecting a baby and will soon be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of July. We wish her all the very best as she begins this exciting new chapter.

During her absence, Mrs Baines will be taking over the teaching of Amethyst Class, with Mrs Speirs working full-time in Ruby class until September. We are also pleased to share that Mrs Green will be joining us to cover Miss Tann's maternity leave from September 2026.

In addition, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Spear (not to be confused with Mrs Speirs!), who has been appointed as our new part-time Year 1/2 teacher. She will be job sharing with Mrs Booth from September.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming both Mrs Green and Mrs Spear to the Newton team.

New App, New Website...



On June 14th our Website will migrate over from Primary Site to Juniper Education. You shouldn't notice any changes and the website address remains the same. However with this change comes the introduction of a new school app called JUNIPER EDUCATION. This will replace The School App and hopefully be a much improved messaging app. If families could download the app in preparation then we will be sending out details about it soon. The School App will no longer be used after 19th June 2026. Bear with us whilst we make these changes but hopefully they will make a difference in performance in the long run.

Fidget Toys

The research is out! While fidget toys can serve as helpful therapeutic coping mechanisms for a few children, they act as visual distraction, cause behavioural disputes, and increase cognitive load for the majority. Many of these toys are not well made and do not meet British standards, Each teacher has a box of unobtrusive tools—such as stress balls, Blu-Tack, or textured strips which allow children with specific sensory needs to self-regulate without causing any disruptions. We kindly ask that children leave their fidgets at home, so the correct ones can be used as they were intended.



Our Behaviour Policy



Following extensive training provided by the Inclusion Team from Derbyshire, we have made some updates to our behaviour policy. These changes aim to further support a positive, consistent approach to behaviour across our school.

Staff and pupils have already been introduced to the updated policy, and it is now available for parents and carers to view on our website. We encourage you to take some time to read through it, as staff may refer to the policy when discussing behaviour with you.

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Inclusion at Newton

Mrs. Booth, our SENDCo, has been working hard to raise the profile of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the school. We have now hosted successful SEND coffee afternoons, giving families the opportunity to meet and share experiences.

If you have any areas that you would like to be covered in these coffee afternoons then please have a chat with Mrs. Booth as she is keen that they are as useful and possible for everybody.



Join our Facebook Page



If you haven't already joined, join our Facebook page!

It is a fantastic way to get the latest news, achievements and information, as soon as they are available. It was a great tool last term when The School App was unreliable. It is another way for us to let you know messages quickly and easily.

[Click here to take you to our page.](#)

Wanted Fruit Crates



WANTED: Fruit Crates

We are looking for any spare heavy duty **fruit crates** that you may have at home or can donate. These will be used in school for activities and resources.

If you are able to help, please drop them off at the school office.

Thank you very much for your support!

Trips!

Our annual Dukes Barn residential was a fantastic success and, as always, proved to be a real highlight of the year. The children enjoyed a wide range of exciting outdoor activities, challenging themselves to try new experiences and step outside their comfort zones.

Throughout the trip, the children demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity. We were incredibly proud of their achievements, whether they were conquering a fear, supporting a friend or simply giving a new activity their very best effort.

A huge well done to all of the children who took part – they were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

London

Our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic trip to London this term. They had an incredible day exploring the Houses of Parliament, where they learned more about how our country is governed and experienced this historic setting first-hand.

The day continued with a visit to Greenwich, giving the children the opportunity to explore another iconic part of our capital city and deepen their understanding of British history and geography.

The children were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the trip, demonstrating curiosity, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented Newton Primary and hope they returned home with many wonderful memories of their day.

Magna

Ruby and Amethyst pupils also enjoyed an exciting visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre this term. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity to explore the worlds of science, technology and engineering through a range of interactive exhibits and hands-on experiences.

The children were curious, enthusiastic and eager to learn throughout the day, fully embracing the opportunity to investigate, experiment and discover. A great day was had by all.

A huge thank you, as always, goes to the staff who generously give up their time to make these memorable experiences possible for our children. Residential and educational visits require a great deal of planning and commitment, and we are incredibly fortunate to have a team who are willing to go the extra mile.

Believe me, it is not often that I see Mrs. Speirs and Mrs. Frost-Morris at 5am, but they were there bright and early to ensure our Year 6 London trip got off to the best possible start! Their dedication, along with that of all the staff who accompanied our trips this term, is greatly appreciated.

Attendance and term time holiday

Attendance and Term Time Holidays – Important Information for Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of regular school attendance. Good attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and overall wellbeing.

Please note that **term time holidays will not be authorised**. The law states that holidays during term time can only be approved in **exceptional circumstances**, and these are considered on a case-by-case basis.

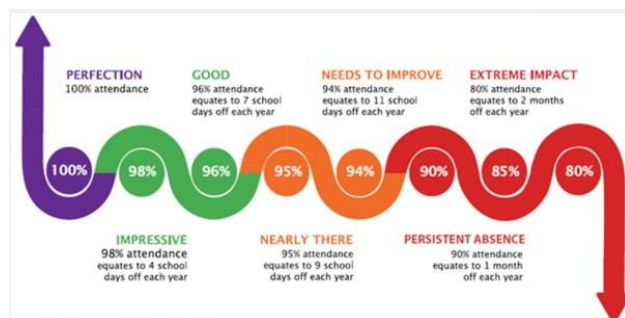
Derbyshire County Council provides clear guidance on school attendance, including the expectations for families and the potential consequences of unauthorised absence. You can read more about this here:

 <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/attendance-missing-home-education/school-attendance/school-attendance.aspx>

We also ask that families are always honest about the reasons for any absence. As a school, we are obliged to follow up and challenge absences where we believe a holiday may have been taken. We understand this can sometimes be difficult, but honesty helps us work together positively and avoids placing children in an uncomfortable situation where they may feel they have to give an inaccurate reason for being away.

We kindly ask that all holidays and appointments are arranged outside of term time wherever possible. Unauthorised absences may result in further action from the Local Authority.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time.



Diary Dates



June	
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd June	Y6 celebration event, Sheffield.
Monday 8 th June	INSET day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening begins.
Wednesday 10 th June	Diamond and Emerald Topic Homework presentation
Tuesday 16 th June	Topaz Celebration event at Derby Cathedral. 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 17 th June	Diamond trip to Matlock Farm Park
Thursday 18 th June	Sports afternoon (first attempt)
Friday 19 th June	Colour Run (second attempt)
Monday 22 nd – Thursday 25 th June	Year 6 transition to Tibshelf
Wednesday 24 th & Thursday 25 th June	Whole School Transition (Children meet their new teachers)
Monday 29 th June	Emerald trip to Matlock Farm Park
Tuesday 30 th June	School photos

July	
Wednesday 1 st July – Friday 3 rd July	Sex and relationship lessons across school
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports afternoon (contingency)
Monday 6 th -Wednesday 8 th July	Whitehall trip – Year 5 and 6.
Monday 13 th July	Adam Pepper in to make a film about Newton Primary School. Children in smart uniform please!
Wednesday 15 th July	Ruby Class performance 2pm and 5pm
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Celebration event 5.00pm
Friday 17 th July	Annual reports to Parents.
Monday 20 th July	Full governors meeting 5:15pm
Thursday 23 rd July	Year 6 leavers Assembly. Last day of school.

September	
Friday 4 th September	INSET Day
Monday 7 th September	Children back to school

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a relief Midday Supervisor, if you are interested, please call into the school office to find out further details..

Friends of Newton School (FoNS) PTFA



Friends of Newton School (FoNS) is for everyone in our school community – parents, grandparents, carers, family members and friends. Whether you're new to the school, have been involved for years, or were part of FoNS in the past, we'd love to welcome you along to our meetings. Every idea, helping hand and contribution makes a difference, and there's no expectation to take on a big role. Come along for a chat, share your thoughts and help us continue creating wonderful opportunities for our children. We look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces!