



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

This week so much learning has been taking place in all classrooms with the children really immersing themselves in their current curriculum specialisms. Our Year 1 children have begun their new Geography learning based around the local area, whilst our Reception children have been bringing their class book to life by enjoying the visit of Ark Farm. Year 3 have been scientists this week exploring what plants need to grow well. Finally, I know you will join me in wishing our Year 6 children good luck next week in their Key Stage 1 SATs tests. Have a great weekend everyone.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 2 (Hamilton) for having 98.8% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.7% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

SATs Week – Year 6

Next week our Year 6 children will be joining with other Year 6 children across the country in completing their SATs test. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and they could not be more ready. I know you will join me in wishing them good luck for next week!

Friends of St John Henry Newman

I am delighted to inform you that this week we successfully appointed our first Friends of St John Henry Newman Committee. This group of 10 parents will be working together over the coming year to plan, prepare and organise a number of activities for the families of our school, for example, film nights, discos, family nights etc.

The lead roles were elected as shown below:-

Chair – Samantha Spencer
Treasurer – Bethany Hayter - O'Connell
Secretary - Siddiqa Mawani

Further information will be shared over the coming weeks about our first school event.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week Reception were both excited and lucky to be visited by Ark Farm. We met lots of the characters from the What The Ladybird Heard story we have been reading in Literacy. Before the visit, we had the opportunity to think about the questions we wanted to find out the answers to using the words 'what', 'where', 'when', 'why' and 'how'. We were very gentle and the animals enjoyed lots of cuddles!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year One have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using this information in their maths work. We have been continuing with multiplication and division through arranging objects and counters into equal groups. For Geography this week, we have begun investigating what human and physical features are and seeing if we can identify them in our local area.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

In English this week we were introduced to a new text type - instructions! We began by discussing when we have followed instructions in our daily lives. We came up with fantastic ideas such as recipes, instructions when making toys and following road signs. We then moved on to exploring and labelling the features of a variety of instructions and discussed their purpose.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have set up their planting experiment to investigate: Do the number of seeds within one plant pot affects the growth of plants? We look forward to seeing them grow over the next few weeks. In maths we have completed our learning on money where we have added and subtracted different amounts of money. We have also enjoyed finding change. In writing we have focused on conjunctions to indicate cause and effect. We have planned our explanation text based on plants and written the introduction. In guided reading we focused on a poem and answered questions about it. In PE we have enjoyed using the track to practice our relay running.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week in Year 4, the children have been working hard on developing their art skills as they began to look at the "fabric of nature". This involved getting inspired by wildlife and taking a closer look at some of their vibrant colours, natural patterns and how the texture of nature can be used to inspire textile pieces. Overall, a very creative week for Year 4 - well done!

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

In English, we have embarked on thrilling third-person narrative adventures inspired by "Who Let the Gods Out!" Meanwhile, in mathematics, we've tackled decimals, mastering adding and subtracting them. In art, our creativity knows no bounds as we've become architects, honing our observational skills and designing their own imaginative buildings our amazing students!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week, the children in Year 6 have been completing some last-minute revision in reading, SPaG and Maths ahead of next week's SATs. We have been able to complete this in a variety of ways including partner work, Blooket quizzes and outdoor SPaG sessions. The children have shown a confidence in their knowledge, which means they are going into next week in a good headspace, and generally a relaxed attitude (*a little nerves is never a bad thing*). Miss Spaven, Mr Cooper and I are all confident that the children are going their best over the coming week and wish them lots of luck!



Parent Groups

A few classes have parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, please click on the applicable links:

Reception

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNxw8iRfjcpa49B>

Year 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HnXKAXF2FLJHekeH9aunoM>

Year 3

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

Year 4

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Summer Term 2024 Dates

13-5-2024	KS2 (Key Stage 2) (Yr6) SATs Week
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20-5-2024	KS1 (Key Stage 1) (Yr2) SATs Week
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Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

3-6-2024	Training Day - School Closed
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5-6-2024	5.00pm Welcome Meeting (New Reception)
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6-6-2024	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
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10-6-2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
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13-6-2024	Year 6 Residential
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19-6-2024	1.45 Stay and Play Session 1 (New Reception)
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20-6-2024	9.30am Class Photos
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25-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2a (New Reception)
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26-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2b (New Reception)
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28-6-2024	Sports Day
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3-7-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 3 (New Reception)
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10-7-2024	2.00pm Year 6 Production
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11-7-2024	5.30pm Year 6 Production
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12-7-2024	Reports Out
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15-7-2024	Year 6 Leavers Experience - More Details to follow
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16-7-2024	3.30pm Open Session for Reports
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17-7-2024	9.30am Move Up Morning
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18-7-2024	9.30am Leavers Mass
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19-7-2024	1.30pm Last Day
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