



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

This week has been a whirlwind of excitement and activities for our students! On Thursday, our Year 6 children embarked on their residential trip to Boughton Woods whilst on Wednesday children from across Key Stage 2 attended a spectacular theatre trip to see "Wicked" in the West End. The dazzling performances and stunning sets left everyone in awe and inspired many. Through the week children have been focusing on Sports Day preparation. Children from all year groups participated in practice sessions, from sprints to relays, the excitement is building for what promises to be a great sports day. Thank you to all the staff for making these experiences possible! Have a great weekend everyone.

**O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Amen.**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

### Attendance

We have had a slightly disappointing week with our attendance, however Year 5 (Hawking) achieved 100% Our overall school attendance this week was 94.1% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance over the final few weeks.

### Theatre Visit

On Wednesday we had the opportunity to take 48 musicians and choir members to the West End to see the musical Wicked. The trip gave the children the opportunity to see professional musicians in the workplace environment. From singing, dancing, costume design, instrumental players to sound production, set designers and engineers the opportunities are many. The musical was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The behaviour of the children was excellent also and they received praise from members of the public. A trip I am sure for them to remember.



### Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We learnt in the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' that Jasper the cat watered his bean plant to make it grow. But what would have happened if Jasper *had not* watered his bean plant? This week we decided to find out! As a class, we planted 4 different seeds and decided to care for them in different ways. We will continue to explore and observe which are the most important things that a plant needs to help it grow, including water and sunlight. We are excited to see what changes happen over the weekend!



### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)**

This week has been quite packed! All the children have completed their 'challenges' for this assessment week. We are all proud of how well they performed and how hard they worked. The children have also enjoyed learning and writing about Mae Jemison, the first African American female astronaut who also had a lot of other jobs! She has inspired some of the kids to be like her.

### **Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)**

Another wonderful week in Hamilton class! We have worked exceptionally hard producing our latest hot task in English. This was a diary entry from the perspective of 'Manyara' (a character in our whole class reading text 'Mufaro's daughters') We ensured we included all text specific features including time connectives, writing in the past tense, and using first person pronouns. Our diary entries are very engaging to read, and we are extremely proud of our efforts!

### **Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)**

Year 3 really enjoyed the trip to Peterborough Museum last Friday. We got to explore the different galleries and learnt about the history of Peterborough. We created a timeline based on looking at artifacts, we were then given clues to check the order of the artifacts in our groups. This week we have made a video trailer for our favourite book, this gave us the chance to work with a partner to plan out what we would say about the book, video another pair and then edit our own video. We loved watching these back after and seeing what editing each pair had made. We have continued learning about time in our maths lessons. In reading, we read the first African tale called Nalwandle, Girl of the Waves.



### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)**

We had a wonderful time exploring the Peterborough Museum and delving into the rich history of Peterborough by looking at different artifacts and galleries. In computing, they learned about Computational thinking and how to create algorithms and codes to assist computers in finding information. In English, the children started learning about the features of a diary entry in preparation for writing one as a character from our current class book, "The Children of Swallow Fell.". In PE, we have been busy preparing for our upcoming sports day event. The children have been practicing and getting ready to display their skills and sportsmanship.

### **Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)**

This week has been full of exciting learning activities at our school! In Maths, we have been exploring place value in numbers up to 10,000,000, learning how to compare, order, and round them. In English, we have delved into our class text "High Rise Mystery," comparing the main characters while making predictions about the investigation's outcome. Our Geography lessons have taken us deep into the oceans, specifically studying the Great Barrier Reef—discovering its location and importance. Meanwhile, in P.E., we have kicked off our athletics unit and continue to progress with our swimming skills.

### **Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)**

Year 6 had a great first day with the Bushcraft Company. Upon arrival the children got straight on with the activities including, fire making, den building and hide and seek. The children then gathered around the camp for lunch and camp songs.



### **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**

19-6-2024	1.45 Stay and Play Session 1 (New Reception)
20-6-2024	9.30am Class Photos
25-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2a (New Reception)
26-6-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 2b (New Reception)
28-6-2024	Sports Day
3-7-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 3 (New Reception)
10-7-2024	2.00pm Year 6 Production
11-7-2024	5.30pm Year 6 Production
12-7-2024	Reports Out
15-7-2024	Year 6 Leavers Experience - More Details to follow
16-7-2024	3.30pm Open Session for Reports
17-7-2024	9.30am Move Up Morning
18-7-2024	9.30am Leavers Mass
19-7-2024	1.30pm Last Day