



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

We have had another super busy week in school. We had the pleasure of welcoming our new reception children into school for their first stay and play session. It was lovely to see the children mixing and playing alongside one another so well and both Mrs Lopez and I left feeling excited about the year ahead working with the children. Also, our Year 6 children have begun to rehearse for their end of year production. It has been so nice to hear the older children's singing voices filling the hall for the very first time. Finally, at the time of read this, we will have held our annual sport day, a full write up of this will be shared next week. Have a great weekend everyone.

Dear Jesus, You are the Bread of Life! You want to feed me, body, and soul. I choose to say 'yes;' the doors of my heart are open to you. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

We have had an excellent week with our attendance, with three classes having 100% attendance: Year 1 Chanel and Armstrong and Year 2 Hamilton. Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 98.2% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance over the final few weeks.

School Admissions Update

Last week I was pleased to confirm that we will be expanding our school to a Two Form Entry School starting September 2024. We have been informed by the local authority that families can apply for a place starting Friday 28th June 2024 via the Peterborough School Admissions website. [Moving schools \(in-year\) transfer - Peterborough City Council](#) Families will then be informed from the 15th of July 2024 if you have been successful in gaining a place at St John Henry Newman. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak with the school office or myself on the school gate.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have been tasting all the delicious fruit from the Handa's Surprise story this week which included banana, pineapple, and mango! In the story, Handa uses adjectives to describe each fruit therefore we also decided to produce our own adjectives to describe them too. We used all our senses to explore the fruit and produced 'sweet', 'smooth', 'sharp', 'bumpy', 'slippery', 'soft' to name a few...



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week Year 1 had a special guest show us about their craft! We learned all about various kinds of art including crochet, sewing and embroidery. We then used different materials to practice wrapping and plaiting. We used ribbons, thread, and strings to explore a variety of materials and how this could affect our skills. We cannot wait to add these to our box!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week we started our new Design and technology unit, creating a chair for our toy hedgehog Spiky! We thought carefully about the structures we used, deciding that cylinder shapes were the most stable. We had a lot of fun testing out our designs and watching them topple over! We also wrote one of our last pieces of writing in Year 2 - a letter about Robin Hood. These are by far our most impressive pieces of work with exceptional description, sentence structure and handwriting.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have been learning about shape in maths this has included comparing angles and measuring and drawing lines and shapes accurately. In guided reading we finished the book African tales' stories and enjoyed reading stories from different countries in Africa. In writing we wrote and edited our narrative opener based on an Egyptian tomb. In DT we learnt how to use micro: bits and enjoyed using code to program them. In geography we have started a topic called, who lives in Antarctica? We have used atlases and globes to find Antarctica.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Here's a glimpse of what Year 4 have been up to this week. This week in Maths we have been learning about several types of angles, including acute angles (measuring less than 90 degrees), right angles (measuring precisely 90 degrees), and obtuse angles (measuring more than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees). In our history lessons, we recently wrapped up their unit on the Anglo-Saxons. During an important historical time, constructive discussions aimed to determine the rightful King to the throne. Our young scientists have been investigating food chains. They have been exploring the food chain's order concept, studying the important roles of producers, consumers, and predators. In addition, they have been learning how energy moves from producers to predators in an ecosystem.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week, both classes have dived into exciting D&T projects. Hawking Class is busy creating electrical 'Doodlers,' while Frank Class is crafting delightful stuffed toys. In the coming weeks, the classes will swap projects, giving all students the opportunity to explore both activities. In maths, we have focused on fluency in addition and subtraction, ensuring that our students master these essential skills. In English, our young writers are put themselves in the shoes of a police spokesperson, crafting persuasive speeches to address the local community after a crime has been committed. It has been a week full of creativity and learning!

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week, the children in Year 6 have been getting stuck into their rehearsals for our end-of-year production! There has been a lot of singing, dancing and superhero posing!

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

3-7-2024	1.45pm Stay and Play Session 3 (New Reception)
4-7-2024	PTFA School Disco
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