



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

What a fantastic week we have had! Our discos were a smash hit, with children from all year groups showing off their best dance moves. The reception stay and play visit was a joy, seeing our newest children exploring and making new friends. A big mention also to our Year 6 students who had their transition visit to secondary school—they came back excited. It is great to see everyone growing and enjoying these milestones. Have a great weekend everyone!

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

We have had an excellent week with our attendance, with four classes having 99%+ attendance. Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 97.2%. 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.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day was a blast! All the children took part in events such as sack races, sprints, and egg-and-spoon challenges. Parents cheered loudly, adding to the excitement. The 'Welly-Wanging' was a highlight for many, and even the teachers joined in for some fun. The weather was perfect, and the day ended with happy, tired smiles all around.



Friends Disco Night

Our first disco was a hit, filled with laughter, dancing, and excitement. The children enjoyed music, colourful lights, and time with their friends. The event showed what a wonderful school community we are continuing to develop and left everyone eagerly anticipating the next school disco. A massive thank you to the Friends Team for putting on a wonderful school event and to all the families for supporting this.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

This week we had an exciting delivery in Reception- child friendly digital cameras! We learnt how to switch them on, take a photo and then view the photos we had taken. We are looking forward to using the digital cameras as part of our scientific enquiries - such as documenting the changes in our bean seeds as they grow. We are also excited to take photos of the different stories we tell in the small world areas of our classroom to make story books with. We discussed how to stay safe when taking photos outside of school including when using our grown-ups' phones and tablets as part of our continuous internet safety learning.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

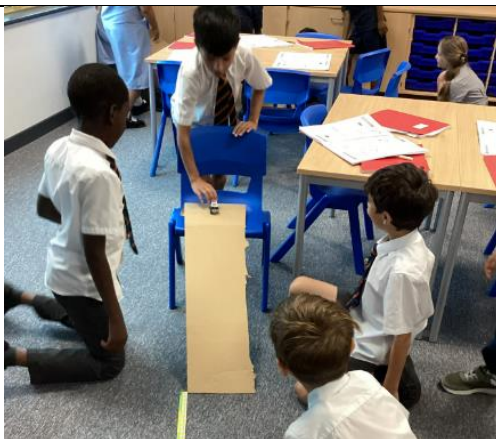
This week in Year 1 we all have had a BRILLIANT time this Wednesday! We went to see the brilliant stage production of one of our favourite books – The Tiger That Came to Tea! It was magical and so much fun! We also had a fabulous time in the morning organising our tea party, which included baking and decorating shortbread, making crowns, and playing lots of party games.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

In Maths this week we started our new unit focusing on position and direction. We had great fun playing a variety of games to learn our left and right. We then moved on to learning about different turns and understanding clockwise and anticlockwise. We even took it in turns being 'Simon' and instructed our friends on which way to turn. In English, we have started writing our latest Hot task - a recount about Sports day! These are brilliantly detailed and really show the fun day we had!

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

This week year 3 have had another busy week of learning. We enjoyed completing a forces investigation where we had to investigate if the surface on the ramp made a difference to the distance a toy car travelled. This experiment allowed us to share our understanding of friction. We have started a new book during guided reading called Lucy's blue day. So far, we have found out that her hair changes colour depending on her emotions. When her hair is yellow, she is feeling normal, and it is an ordinary day. When her hair is purple, she is feeling excited. In maths we have finished our shape topic work.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

This week Year 4 have finished their science unit on food chains by learning about the impact humans can have on them from overfishing to hunting to farming. They have now started learning about different habitats and what animals could live in them. The pupils finished by considering what plants and animals we may find in their own local area.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

Oh no! Mr Cooper has been kidnapped and we need to solve the case! In English we are writing mystery stories based on this fictional kidnapping. We need to write our stories with suspense and tension. Who knows who has taken Mr Cooper! After our fun sports day last week, tennis has been the focus in PE, and we have learnt to hold the racquet correctly and strike the tennis ball to cross over the net and into play. In groups, we have been playing rallies across the net and seeing how many hits of the ball we can get up to.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

Another busy week for Year 6 this week with play rehearsals and transition days! It was wonderful to hear from the children about their time and secondary school and to see them become a little more confident and excited about their move!

We are excited for our parents and carers to come and join us for our production next Wednesday or Thursday. Please do make sure you have booked your tickets through the form sent through parent mail.

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

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