



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Can you believe it? We have made it to the final day of the year! From exciting school trips and sports days to amazing art projects and science experiments, what a fantastic school year it has been. Our classrooms have been filled with laughter, learning, and endless enthusiasm. I would also like to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, creativity, and growth we have seen in all our children. Today also marks the final day for our first ever Year 6 class. They have been a wonderful cohort and are very much ready to step into secondary school. Finally, I would like to thank all our hard working and dedicated staff; they really do work so, so hard every day. I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of an academic year, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the lives of our students; may they be mindful that their steps make an impact, and their words carry power. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

As we have reached the end of the school year, I am pleased to inform that our school attendance figure for the 203-2024 was 96.1% This is a very pleasing achievement! Well done everyone!

Goodbye Year 6

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. From their first day to their last, they have grown in knowledge, confidence, and character. It has been a joy to witness their achievements, friendships, and resilience. As they move on to their secondary school, we send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. Remember, this is just the beginning of a bright future. Stay curious, be kind, and always strive for excellence. Thank you for being an unforgettable part of our school community. Farewell, Year 6—you will be missed!



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

For our last RE lesson of the year, we decided to reflect on our first year of school. Each class wrote a prayer, inspired by our 'thank you God for the food we have eaten, thank you God for all our friends' prayer that we share together each day following lunchtime. We thanked God for keeping us safe this year and allowing us to learn and grow in Luther-King and Attenborough classes. We shared even more ideas of the things we are grateful for during a special circle time. We will be saying this prayer each day this week in addition to our other prayers. We will then take the prayer home at the end of term as a reminder of our first year at St John Henry Newman Primary School, alongside crosses we have made from salt dough, just like the crosses we turn towards in our prayer area.

Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

This week, Year 1 have had a wonderful time exploring everything wheels and axles!

We have been investigating how objects move and how wheels can turn but stay attached to the object. We learned interesting words like axle, axle holder and chassis! We love doing DT in Year 1.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

What a delightful final week of Year 2! We have spent lots of time concluding our learning and reminiscing about our memories of this remarkably busy but wonderful year! Mrs Kaminska, Mrs Jordan, and I would like to thank the children for being such amazing superstars. We will thoroughly miss your faces brightening up our mornings. We have no doubt every single one of you will continue to sparkle and shine in Year 3.

Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)

Year 3 have had a busy last week of learning; we have finished our topic on statistics in maths by collecting data and then representing in pictograms and bar charts. In science, we have finished our learning on magnets by investigating north and south poles. We have also learnt about biodiversity and how can we increase biodiversity in our local area. In art we have made sculptures out of cereal boxes and newspaper. In PE we have enjoyed playing a game of diamond cricket.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have been learning about structures and more specifically pavilions in their latest DT unit. So far, they have found out what structures and pavilions are by looking at examples together and discussing these as a class. They then used their picture observations as inspiration when having a go at making different shapes and structures in pairs, out of playdough and small wooden dowel sticks, which they appeared to really enjoy. Some examples can be found below. The class have since moved on to designing, building, and evaluating their own designs

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week, our students have been working hard on their mathematics skills, particularly focusing on long division. They have taken their learning a step further by tackling multi-step problems, showing great perseverance and problem-solving abilities. In our computing specialism, the students have been busy planning, storyboarding, and bringing their ideas to life through stop-motion animation. Using simple plasticine models, they have created smooth, fluid animation sequences that highlight their creativity and attention to detail. For spelling, we have been consolidating the Year 5/6 spelling words. To make learning fun, we have incorporated both cooperative and competitive games, keeping everyone engaged and excited about their spelling practice.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

Well. Our final week of Year 6 and what can I say?

We have had a busy, fun filled week with our water sports afternoon on Monday, giving our presentations, practicing our aim in target shooting, Mass and saying our final goodbyes.

It has been the biggest honour to teach every one of the children in Pankhurst this year, and I wish them all the best of luck!



Autumn Term 2024	
2-9-2024	raining Day
3-9-2024	8.35am School Starts
3-9-2024	Reception in until 11.45am
5-9-2024	Reception in until 1.00
9-9-2024	Reception in Full-Time
13-9-2024	Bishop Peter Visit
25-9-2024	4.30pm Welcome Ceremony
27-9-2024	Schools Mass in Norwich
9-10-2024	Feast of St John Henry Newman
15-10-2024	Parent Meetings
16-10-2024	Parent Meetings
17-10-2024	11.00am Harvest Celebration
Half Term 28-10-2024 to 1-11-2024	
11-11-2024	9.30am School Photos
11-11-2024	Anti-Bullying Week
25-11-2024	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
4-12-2024	4.30pm Advent Service
5-12-2024	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
10-12-2024	2.00pm Nativity Reception
11-12-2024	2.00pm Nativity Reception
19-12-2024	Christmas Jumpers
19-12-2024	Christmas Lunch
20-12-2024	1.30pm Last Day