



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Our first week back at St John Henry Newman has gone by in flash! It was very moving for me on Tuesday to see so many new children and families enter the school and join us for their learning journeys. This week we have welcomed well over 120 new children across the school, and I have been so impressed with how the established children have supported and guided them. Our new Reception children have settled into life here very quickly and I know that Miss Lemon, Miss Thompson and Mrs Lopez have been extremely impressed. Finally, I would like to thank you all for how you welcomed our new staff this week. They have all said how at home you have made them feel each morning and afternoon. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

'If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one' St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 2 (Hamilton) for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.2% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Snacks

We encourage our children to bring healthy snacks to school to keep them ready and focused to learn! Nutritious options like fresh fruits, vegetables, cereal bars and whole-grain crackers are great choices. Please avoid snacks high in sugar, like crisps, chocolate and cakes. If we see children with these types of snacks, we will remove them and offer a piece of fruit as an alternative. Thank you for your support in keeping our students happy and healthy.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

It has been an absolute delight to welcome our new Reception pupils this week! We are thrilled to report that they've settled in wonderfully, bringing a burst of energy and excitement to St John Henry Newman Catholic School. All pupils, not only have they started making new friends, but they've also been keen to dive into the new routines. From engaging with stories in our book corner, to Phonics lessons and playing friendship games both indoors and out, our new pupils have embraced every activity with enthusiasm. And let's not forget their impressive performance at lunchtime – those trays didn't stand a chance!

As we look forward to next week, we're excited to see them continue their adventures full-time. Here's to a fantastic start to their school journey!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year 1 have had a super first week back! We have been sorting and adding in Maths, using cubes and other objects. In English, we have started reading 'Coming to England' which the children are really enjoying. The children are quickly picking up the rules and routines and working hard, which is great to see. There has been lots of kind behaviour and children showing our value of 'friendship'. Well done Year 1, keep up the good work!

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

It has been lovely to see Year 2 back in school and so ready to learn this week and it has been a pleasure to welcome our new pupils. We have already started working hard studying our new book 'When the Rains Come' and learning all about Malawi to write a non-chronological report. In Maths we have started learning about Place Value to 100 and refining our skills and knowledge from Year One. We have really enjoyed PE and Music this week and are excited for the term ahead.

Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)

What a great start in Year 3! We have begun our Maths by looking at place value and representing numbers in different ways and then learning how to partition numbers using our knowledge of place value. We have been writing down numbers but also using base 10, counters and even fingers to show different numbers. In English we have been reading about Anne Frank and looking at her short life. We want to go on to write a biography about her so we have been looking at how to write a biography and finding out more about her at the same time. Being our first year upstairs in Key Stage two, we have started the year with real enthusiasm and enjoying learning new things!

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

In Year 4, we have started studying our new reading book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', focusing on the context and setting of the story; we have learnt lots about Indonesia and what life might be like there. In maths, we have been building on our knowledge from Year 3, representing numbers up to 1,000 in different ways to show our understanding. We have started learning about the key features of biographies, and will be leading up to writing our own biographies about our class namesakes. We have had a lovely first week back and are looking forward to a great year of learning!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

In Year 5 this week, our reading lessons have taken us on an exciting journey with The Adventures of Odysseus. In history, we've started exploring the events of World War II, and in writing, students are learning about the features of diary entries. This will prepare them to write in the role of a WWII evacuee, bringing history to life through their writing. Our pupils have started the week impeccably, showcasing their excellent conduct in lessons and around the school, as well as their enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the hard work, Year 5!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

What a super first week we have had in Y6! On our first day we discussed in detail the expectations of being in Year 6 and how we are now the role models for the rest of the school. To help form bonds with our new classmates, we played an engaging memory game where we had to work collaboratively to memorise the different features of a picture. In English we started our new book, *Holes*. We made predictions about what we thought the story would be about and enjoyed reading the first three chapters. We can't wait to read more!



Autumn Term 2024

9-9-2024	Reception in Full-Time
13-9-2024	Bishop Peter Visit
25-9-2024	4.45pm 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