



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Volume 2– Friday 13th September 2024

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

What an exciting first full week it has been! Our reception children have settled in wonderfully, exploring new routines and making lots of new friends. We are so proud of how well they have embraced this big step. Across the school, we have seen amazing attitudes and challenging work with every classroom buzzing with positive energy. Finally, we have had several visitors looking around the school and everyone has commented on our children's manners and learning attitudes which was lovely to hear! Have a good weekend everyone.

Loving God, help us to remember you are with us in love and forgiveness every day. Guide us to share your love with others through our actions. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 4 (Gandhi) and Year 6 (Rashford) for both having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was an amazing 98.1%. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Uniform

As we settle into the new term, we kindly remind you of our school uniform expectations. All children should wear their full uniform every day, including the correct school tie and black school shoes—no trainers, please. The uniform helps create a sense of belonging and pride, and it is important that all students are dressed smartly and consistently. If you have any questions or need assistance with uniform requirements, do not hesitate to contact the school office. A full overview of our uniform expectation can be found here: -

[St John Henry Newman VA Primary School - Uniform Guidance \(st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk\)](http://st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk)

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards!

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

It has been a busy first full week in Reception! We have started our literacy learning about Elmer and have enjoyed reading different Elmer stories throughout the week. We have been busy learning all about matching and sorting objects in maths and working hard to use mathematical vocabulary. In phonics we have been learning how to read and write 'a,' 's,' 'd' and 't.' During circle time we have been learning our new friends' names and how to listen carefully to others when they are talking. We have been working on our fine motor skills using 'Dough Disco' in which we complete different strengthening activities with playdough. Well done on your first full week Reception!



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

What a wonderful week had by all! It has been brilliant watching the children work so hard. In Maths we are continuing to learn all about numbers and what they look like written as words. To learn this, we all had a great game of Bingo! In English we are continuing to read and enjoy the book 'Coming to England,' which we all love. Finally in Science we have been learning all about the human body through songs and games.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

It has been another wonderful week in Year 2. We have continued our English work around the book 'When the Rain Comes' and have started our Geography learning about hot and cold places so we can make an informed decision about where we would prefer to live.

Year 3 Learning (Pankhurst and Frank)

Starting with PE this week, we learned about how our bodies can move and become fitter by moving in different ways. We also went on a long cross country run around the field! (Mr Pepper was puffed out afterwards!) We were also talking about our bodies in science this week, especially our bones. We discovered there are 206 bones in the human body, and we created our own model skeleton.

In English we worked on creating and editing secure sentences using punctuation. We wrote and then read a paragraph and discussed how punctuation helps our writing makes sense! Maths has been enjoyable as we represent numbers in different ways. We have looked at partitioning numbers all the way up to the thousands.



Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

In Year 4, we have continued working hard this week, really getting settled into our learning! In Geography, we have been learning about different types of settlement, for our topic 'Are all settlements the same?' We have been brilliant using the new vocabulary we have learnt and thinking about the different features of our local environment. We began our science topic 'Group and Classify Living Things' by thinking about how we can group different animals based on their features.

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

In Year 5 this week, we have really delved deeper into our learning! In History and English, we have been trying to understand what life was like in World War II. By getting into this mindset, we have been able to really connect to the main character in our English writing book 'When the Sky Falls.' This week, we have also started our Science unit of Forces. We have started by looking at friction and exploring the effects of air and water resistance. Our classes have continued to conduct themselves incredibly well, and we hope this continues!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

This week in Year 6 we have started our first writing hot task of the year – a first-person narrative based on a journey. We thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively with our peers to identify the writing features embedded within this text type and discussed in detail the effect that they have.

We used iPads in Geography to locate a variety of world deserts on a map and researched how desert features such as salt flats and mushroom rocks are formed.

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:

Y1 Armstrong

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DugarZYurh810e95pGd48y>

Y1 Chanel

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EckDaF74QvmDdumYb1gi3z>

Y2 (both classes)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNxw8iRfjcpa49B>

Y3 Frank

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BdglqY4TFPaH0Xg4jEOoq2>

Y3 Pankhurst

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DZNgjpNrlI6GagkE1qGLQS>

Y4 Mr. Rockliffe

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BLfwuNb4TU8nw0lyF4dny>

Y4 Yousafzai Miss Taylor

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BnKc8HdbA1VFPrt9t7E7vZ>

Autumn Term 2024

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	9.30am Reception and Ks1 Harvest

17-10-2024	10.15am Ks2 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