



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter Volume 1 – Friday 5th September 2025 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our first week back at St John Henry Newman has gone by in flash! On Wednesday it was lovely 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 80 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 Bates 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

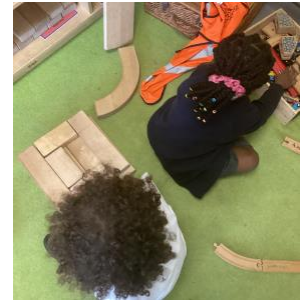
Well done to Year 3 (Pankhurst), Year 4 (Gandhi) and Year 4 (Yousafzai) for all having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 95.2% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs daily from 8.10am. Booking is available via ParentMail (Iris). The booking process runs exactly the same as our school meals booking system and is located within the 'Account' section of your Parent Mail account. The booking window will close 4 days before the booking is due to take place. It is imperative that your pre-book to help us manage our preparations and provide an optimal experience for all participating children.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

What a wonderful start we have had in Reception! We have settled quickly and our first days have been filled with smiles, energy, and excitement. We have been practising our colouring skills, listening to and enjoying stories, and exploring different areas of the classroom with enthusiasm. From imaginative role play in the home corner to creative building in the construction area, it has been a busy few days! This week has been such a positive and happy beginning, and we are looking forward to many more adventures together as we continue our learning journey in Reception.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

We have been so impressed with how the classes have come into school ready to learn like Year 1 children. This week all children have chosen a book from the reading corner to take home and share with their families, these are books for children to have read to them. In Maths we completed a matching activity where we matched numbers to pictures of the same amount. We enjoyed writing a card to our new teachers to tell them more about ourselves. In Armstrong, we created footprints on the moon as our class is named after the first person to walk on the moon. In Chanel, we become designers and designed a hat or bow and then paraded these in the classroom as Coco Chanel is a famous designer. We have also thought about the value of the month which is friendship and thought about how we can be a good friend.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have been keen to start their learning. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and looking at all the new to them books in the reading corner. We have learned about our class namesakes, Lewis Hamilton and John Lennon in preparation for writing their biography in the coming weeks. We have discussed the Friendship value for the month of September and have demonstrated good friendships when their friends have felt anxious about the new school year and its expectations. We are all very excited about this new school year and what it may bring!

Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)

What a fantastic first week Year 3 have had to the year! The children have been very excited and enjoyed getting to know their new classes and new teachers. We have completed a range of activities such as learning how to regulate our emotions and what we have in class to support with this. The children also enjoyed refreshing on a range of different Maths questions and telling their teachers all about them. We also looked at all the books in our reading corner to make a list of ones that we would like to read throughout the year - we got very excited at the different stories available! We took some time to look at who our classes are named after (Anne Frank and Emmeline Pankhurst) and have learnt about what incredible women they were and how they can inspire us today. We have had a lovely week and look forward to our learning journey in year 3 together!

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

What a lovely start we have had to the new school year, Year 4! This week we have enjoyed settling into our new classrooms, exploring the book corners and discovering the fresh selection of stories waiting for us. We have spent time getting to know one another and thinking carefully about the expectations that will help our learning this year. In English, we began exploring the lives of our class namesakes, Malala Yousafzai and Mahatma Gandhi, whose inspiring examples will guide our upcoming biography writing. We also showed our creativity and thoughtfulness by writing informal letters to introduce ourselves to our new teacher. It has been such a lovely start to the school year, and we are all looking forward to a brilliant year of learning together!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

In Year 5, we have had a fantastic start to this new school year! This week, we have focused on settling back in by exploring our five school values and revisiting the Zones of Regulation to support our emotional wellbeing. In RE, we began our new unit on Creation and Covenant, completing our first two lessons with thoughtful discussion and reflection. We also showed off our amazing writing skills by composing letters to our teacher, and we tackled an arithmetic quiz to demonstrate what we already know in maths. It's been a busy and exciting start, and we're looking forward to all the learning ahead!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

Our first week back in Year 6 has been a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have taken the step up with confidence and enthusiasm, showing excellent learning qualities from the very first day. We began the week by settling into our new classes and taking part in a range of team-building games. These activities helped us to strengthen friendships, work collaboratively, and develop the skills we will need to support one another throughout the year. By Thursday, we were ready to dive into our curriculum learning. In Maths, we have explored numbers up to 10,000,000, building on our knowledge and pushing ourselves to tackle new challenges. In English, the children wrote thoughtful letters to their teachers, sharing their hopes and goals for Year 6. In Science, we investigated the question of what makes something living or non-living, sparking curiosity and lively discussion.

Autumn Term 2025 Diary

8-9-2025	Reception in Full-Time
24-9-2025	12.00pm Year 2 Parents Lunch
24-9-2025	4.30pm Welcome Ceremony – Year 6 and Reception Families only
26-9-2025	Schools Mass in Norwich – Selected Year 6s only
14-10-2025	Parent Meetings
15-10-2025	12.00pm Year 6 Parent Lunch
15-10-2025	Parent Meetings
23-10-2025	11.00am Harvest Celebration
27-10-2025 to 31-10-2025 (Half Term)	
4-11-2025	9.30am School Photos
10-11-2025	Anti-Bullying Week
12-11-2025	12.00pm Year 5 Parent Lunch
24-11-2025	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
4-12-2025	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
8-12-2025	Reception and Yr1 Nativity – Whole School
9-12-2025	2.00pm Nativity Reception
10-12-2025	2.00pm Nativity Reception
10-12-2025	5.00pm Advent Service
11-12-2025	2.00pm Nativity Year 1
12-12-2025	2.00pm Nativity Year 1
17-12-2025	Christmas Lunch
18-12-2025	Christmas Jumpers
19-12-2025	1.30pm Last Day

Parent WhatsApp Groups

Please see below a list of WhatsApp groups that are not officially associated with the school. While we understand the desire for community and communication, we want to clarify that these groups are not sanctioned or monitored by the school. We encourage you to be cautious when engaging with these groups, as the content and activities may not align with the school's values and policies. It is important to remember that the school cannot be held responsible for any information, discussions, or decisions made within these independent groups.

Reception

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