



**St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**Volume 7 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

It has been a busy and enjoyable week across the school. We welcomed parents to our Autumn Term Parents Meeting, celebrating the start of the term and sharing updates on school life. We also joined together for Mass with Year 1 and Year 6, and Year 6 enjoyed a special parent lunch. On the sporting front, our Year 5 and Year 6 girls represented the school with great energy and teamwork in the Netball fixtures. Next week, we look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Celebrations. Wishing everyone a happy and restful weekend.

**Lord, help us to serve others with generosity and kindness. May we be guided by your love in all that we do, sharing our gifts and time to build a caring and compassionate community. Amen.**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

**Attendance**

Well done to both Year 3 (Pankhurst) for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a very pleasing 97.1%. 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 you pre-book to help us manage our preparations and provide an optimal experience for all participating children.

**Parent Meetings 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

This week, we welcomed parents from across the school to our Autumn Term Parents Meeting. It was a valuable opportunity to share updates on how the children have started the school year and the plans for the coming months. Thank you to all who attended for your engagement and thoughtful questions – your partnership is greatly appreciated.

**United in Reading**

We're excited to announce our partnership with Peterborough United (POSH) for this year's KS2 United for Reading campaign! POSH visited school to deliver a special assembly all about the joy of reading and have left KS2 with a fun reading challenge to take on up to Christmas. Children who read for pleasure on 5 or more nights each week will be entered into a draw to take part in an exciting football coaching session run by POSH! There will also be more opportunities later in the year to win POSH match tickets and take part in a stadium tour — so keep reading and stay tuned!



**Netball tournament**

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 Netball team went and competed in a tournament at Peterborough school. It was the second competition the children had been too, and they have been training since the summer at netball club with Mrs Galietti and Mrs Sanzullo. The competition was very strong, but the team worked so well together and had a mixed set of results – some wins and losses. They all enjoyed themselves and represented our school magnificently. They have been awarded medals in celebration assembly this week. Well done team.

**Harvest Celebrations Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

We look forward to celebrating Harvest with our school community on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Reception and KS1 will gather at 9.30am and KS2 at 10.15am. Families are invited to bring donations of tins, pasta, sanitary products, and other non-perishable items to support those in need. Thank you for helping us share our blessings with others.

### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

We have been learning about Supertato this week in Literacy! Many of us were familiar with the character and have enjoyed learning new vocabulary such as 'hero', 'villain', 'conveyor belt' and 'gasped'. In the provision, we have been drawing our own front covers for the book and making booklets sequencing the events. We will continue our learning on Supertato next week. In Maths we have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3 – we have been finding the amounts, subitising (saying what we see without counting) and representing these numbers. Next week we will move on to finding one more and one less. To continue our ART unit, we have been completing drawings of our faces. We were given a black and white photograph of half of our face, and we have been drawing the other half. Some of us have not had our turn yet and will get this next week.

*Thank you for your continued support at parents evening.*

### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)**

We have had another busy week in Year 1. We have continued our learning on addition and subtraction in Maths, with a focus on number bonds within 10. In Writing we have started to learn about instructions, we got to help our teachers to make jam sandwiches by giving them instructions to follow. We have also learnt about imperative (bossy) verbs and have written some simple instructions e.g. Sit down, stand up. In Reading we have continued our learning on 'We're all wonders' and thought about how Auggie felt on Earth and on Pluto. In Science we took part in a smell experiment, we had 6 different things to smell these included coffee, vinegar, garlic and vanilla. We enjoyed working out what each item was and went on to say what smells we liked and didn't like. In Art we have created our own Paul Klee portraits following his style of drawing shapes.

### **Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)**

This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning how to use imperative (or bossy) verbs to help us with our instruction writing. We have also started to learn to use commas in a list. In our reading lessons, we are learning how to retrieve information from a text. We have been reading The Stinky Cheese Man which follows a similar storyline to The Gingerbread Man, and the children have really enjoyed the story, even learning the chant! In PE this week, we are continuing to learn to skip with a rope. In Maths we have been doing lots of practical work with counters and ten frames to learn how to add by making 10. The children really enjoyed the practical and were able to put this concept into practice when they completed their independent written work. In Art we have been learning about tone and texture and have completed an observational pencil drawing of a teddy bear in which we have added texture and tone, using differing pressures with the pencil to make lighter and darker shades.

### **Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)**

This week has been a busy week of learning for Year 3! In Maths we are using our addition and subtraction skills and regrouping our numbers across tens and hundreds. In English Writing we have started writing our narratives- the children have had some fantastic ideas on their stories with some intriguing endings. In Geography we completed our first fieldwork lesson where the children went on a rock hunt outside and marked on a map of the school which types of rocks they found. In Science we looked at different diet types such as vegan and vegetarian and how they can contain different food groups to provide enough nutrients for a healthy lifestyle.

### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)**

This week in Year 4, we have been learning how to use the most efficient methods for subtraction and how to check our answers using the inverse operation. In computing, we discussed how technology can be designed to imitate living things and how it can be a distraction. We also talked about when it might be necessary to limit our screen time. In writing, we began drafting our narratives, focusing on using speech and fronted adverbials effectively. In PE, we applied the fundamental skills we've learned to various challenges, such as skipping, running at different speeds, and jumping. Finally, our spelling rule for the week was the suffix '-ian'.

### **Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)**

This week in Year 5, we have drafted our first-person narratives about our island adventures, focusing on elements including description of atmosphere, varied sentence types and styles, ambitious vocabulary and use of dialogue. The final editing and writing up will be next week. In Maths, we have begun our unit on multiplication and division, learning about multiples, factors and in particular common multiples and common factors, important concepts for future learning. In History we designed our own Maya cities, in Spanish added some detail to our conversations ordering food in a restaurant, and in Art began planning for a print based on our drawings of memories.

### **Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)**

In English we have been biographical writing about our newest saint. We have planned and organised our biographies to present the information in an engaging way for the readers. In Reading we have continued chapters of Holes and are enjoying this great read. It was our last swimming session and we enjoyed playing with some apparatus and equipment in the pool. We have been spelling words ending in 'ough' and we wrote some crazy and strange paragraphs using some of these words. During Maths we have focused on problem solving and have looked at what arithmetic we need to apply to various word problems. We managed to look at one and two step problems and had a chance to discuss the approaches to the solutions before going on to solve them. There were some very tricky problems, but we showed good resilience in solving them eventually.

<b>Autumn Term 2025 Diary</b>	
23-10-2025	9.30- Reception and KS1 Harvest Celebration
23-10-2025	10.15 – KS2 Harvest Celebration
<b>27-10-2025 to 31-10-2025 (Half Term)</b>	
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
27-11-2025	8.45 - Flu Vaccines
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