



**St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**Volume 8 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

What a fantastic end to the first half-term! This week, our school community came together to celebrate Harvest. It was lovely to see so many families join us for both our celebration events.

We have achieved a great deal in the past 8-weeks together and seen our school community continue to rapidly grow; however, our purposeful, calm learning environment has remained as strong as ever. We wish everyone a restful break and look forward to seeing you back after half-term, refreshed and ready for an exciting and hard working next few weeks.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

**Attendance**

Well done to Year 6 (Rashford) for having 99.6% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a very pleasing 96.2% 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 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.

**School Photos Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Tuesday 4th November. Please ensure all children come to school in their full school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, please send their PE kit in a separate bag so they can change after their photo.

**Flu Vaccinations**

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 27th November. Consent forms and further information will be shared with families in the coming weeks. Please look out for these and return your online completed form promptly.

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

On Thursday we held two Harvest Services to give thanks for the food we eat, to the people who produce the ingredients and for Gods beautiful world. Our school community also gathered food for the Trussell Trust- Food, Peterborough Food, our school community and our church. A huge thank you for the level of generosity shown.



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

This week the Reception staff have been amazed at our wonderful writing about Supertato! We have been labelling pictures with initial sounds, sequencing events and even writing CVC words such as 'pop' and 'yum'. We have also enjoyed creating our own mini books all about Supertato too. In Maths, we have been busy learning 1 more and 1 less based on numbers 1,2 and 3. We have explored this using counters and a ten frame and physically adding one more counter on, or taking one away. To finish off our ART unit, we have been drawing self-portraits. We were given a black and white photograph of half of our face and we had to draw the other side by analysing our features. A huge well done to reception classes for their fantastic part in the Harvest Service!

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

This week Year 1 have been busy completing their harvest artwork. In Maths we have found number bonds to 10, we have used counters, cubes and our fingers to help us find those number bonds. We have also focused on adding this week. In writing we have written a set of instructions on how to move from the table back to the carpet. In Science we have thought about the seasonal changes that happen in autumn. We also discussed what happens to the trees and what clothes we have to wear during this season. We have started our history unit about how we have changed during our lifeline. We have created a timeline from being a baby, to a toddler and then to a child. Have a lovely half term break, well done for all your hard work this half term.

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

It has been a very busy week in Year 2; the children have written their Harvest poems and completed their hot task in their Writing lessons - writing instructions on how to plant a seed. In our Reading lessons, we have consolidated our learning by discussing The Stinky Cheese Man and how it meets our theme of Heritage. We have continued our learning in PE with more skipping practice. In Science we have been learning about reptiles and amphibians and what they need to survive. Finally, in Maths we have been adding a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number across 10. We have used number lines and dienes to help us. We hope you have a wonderful and safe half-term and cannot wait to see the children on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

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

It has been a very busy week in Year 3! We have been finishing a lot of our learning such as addition and subtraction in Maths and writing up our narratives in our neatest handwriting. In Spanish, we have been adding to our greetings and gaining confidence with this, enjoying being able to say good morning and good afternoon in the register! In English reading we have been coming to the end of our story Malala's magic pencil- the children have found it interesting looking at the life other children live around the world. In Art, we have been developing our drawing skills by looking at different techniques such as shading, adding detail and looking at how you can draw digitally too. A much-deserved half term for how well all Year 3 children have worked this term - we wish you all a wonderful week.

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

This week has been filled with excitement as we prepared for the Harvester assembly! Everyone put in a lot of effort, and it turned out amazing. We also kicked off our swimming lessons, and the children had a fantastic time splashing around. In our Maths class, we focused on calculating the area of different shapes by counting the squares inside 2D figures, which the students really enjoyed. Additionally, we just wrapped up our first-person narrative writing, and we can't wait for everyone to see their stories published! Finally, we had a fun debate about the book "The Firemaker's Daughter" during reading time. It has been a lively week full of learning and fun! We hope you have a lovely and safe half-term.

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

We have had an exciting end to the term in Year 5. In writing, we completed our first-person narratives, showing a huge range of imaginative ideas for voyage- and island-based adventures. In reading, we discussed the major themes of our recently completed class book *The Adventures of Odysseus*, focusing on group discussion skills, with the children identifying how the themes of quest, justice and resilience are woven through the narrative. In maths, we completed our unit on multiplication and division. In history, we compared the decline of the Maya civilisation with the ending of the Anglo-Saxon dominance in England, and the children made group presentations on the different theories explaining the Maya decline. In science we completed our study of forces, looking at how small forces can be used efficiently for large effects. We also further developed our conversational skills and vocabulary for ordering food in a Spanish cafe. We wish all children and families a restful half-term.

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

Another busy week in Year 6 where we have really enjoyed preparing for the Harvest assembly on Thursday. We really enjoyed creating drama scenes around 'giving.' In English we have been looking at active and passive voice in our writing and writing sentences which show both voices. We looked at two chapters of 'Holes' in whole class reading and focused on explanation questions using examples from the text. Fractions have been the focus in Maths and we have been adding and subtracting fractions and looking at creating the same denominators. In Geography, we have been locating deserts around the world and discussing what is the definition of a desert – we were surprised that the Antarctic is actually a desert! We are looking forward to a safe and restful half term after a really good productive start to our year!

<b>Autumn Term 2025 Diary</b>	
<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