Newton Burgoland Primary School

Summer 2026

HEAD TEACHER'S SUMMER MESSAGE

It has been a good year with many memorable moments.
As I say every summer, a great school is made of great people: children, parents, staff, friends and governors, working as team in the best interests of the whole community.
This year we say goodbye to Mrs Underwood, Miss Duckworth and Miss Taylor-Clarke. All have played an important role in the lives of our children and we wish them well.
Our successes belong to the whole team: pupils, parents, staff, PFA members and governors.

Together We Stride

Thank you

Congratulations

Miss Taylor Clarke has passed her level 3 teaching assistant apprenticeship with distinction – we are really proud of her.

Cross-country

Well done to all those who participated this year and a huge thank you to our parent helpers.

Review of the Year

What a fantastic year it has been in Class 1! We have packed so much into the year and have loved every moment of our learning journey. We began the year by welcoming our new Reception children to Class 1. They quickly settled into school life, building new friendships and becoming valued members of our class community. Our first topic, 'All About Me', gave us the opportunity to learn about ourselves, our families and our local area. We enjoyed exploring the village and identifying different types of houses, including flats, bungalows, semi-detached and detached homes. Throughout the year, we have shared many wonderful books in English. The children particularly enjoyed our unit on 'The Three Little Pigs', where the Year 1 children innovated the story by changing the characters and the materials used to build the houses. We embraced celebrations, especially in October. From creating spooky potions during Halloween to designing colourful Rangoli patterns for Diwali, the children enjoyed learning about different traditions and cultures. In December, we proudly joined Class 2 for our Nativity performance. It was wonderful to perform for our families and the whole school. The children did an amazing job learning their songs and lines. The spring term brought even more exciting experiences. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a food tasting session and enjoyed trying new foods, while Pancake Day gave us the chance to design, flip and enjoy some delicious treats. In Art, we explored expressive painting techniques inspired by famous artists such as Monet and Van Gogh. One of the highlights of the year has been Drawing Club, which has inspired some fantastic storytelling, drawing and imaginative thinking. Stories such as 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'The Rainbow Fish' sparked endless creativity and enthusiasm across the class. As the weather warmed up, our learning turned towards the seaside. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Sea Life Centre, where we had the opportunity to see a variety of sea creatures up close and learn more about their habitats. The seaside workshops were another favourite, giving us a glimpse into how seaside holidays have changed over time. The children especially enjoyed dressing up in traditional seaside clothing and taking part in our seaside theme printing workshop. Looking back, we have made so many wonderful memories together. Well done, Class 1! You should all be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year. We wish you a happy and relaxing summer and look forward to the adventures that next year will bring.

A well-deserved thank you to:

- The PFA team
- Our forest school and trip helpers
- Mrs Tolton and Mrs Penlington our reading helpers
- Coach unlimited
- Our cross-country parents: Lucy and Melissa

All Back to School: Tuesday 25th August!

A final word from Mrs Underwood:

While I am extremely sad to be leaving the Newton Family, I go knowing that I have been part of a truly unique school, led by passionate people who teach exceptional, brilliant children. I have been blessed to know you all and look forward to hearing about your successes from the many friends I have made here. Keep being brilliant!

THE GOVERNOR'S BIT

As another school year comes to a close, we can all celebrate collective and personal successes. Whether it is sporting activities, school certificates, 'well dones' on homework, getting most of your times tables right, or even just getting to school on time and remembering your school bag, it is those moments through the year that we cherish.

At this time of year we think about the children leaving us from year 6. I recently spoke to a small group of year 6's and I was immensely impressed by the way they talked about the school and the obvious excitement that they have about their next schools. I know that this is reflected across the year group and the governors have every confidence that they are ready to meet the challenges that will come with their next step in the world, that they have been prepared to the highest level by Mrs Underwood and that they will all

What a busy, exciting year it has been for Class 2! They have achieved so much and we are so proud of each and every one of them! We have enjoyed lots of interesting history lessons this year, finding out all about The Great Fire of London as well as what shopping was like in the past. Our trip to the Black Country museum was a highlight for all; we met many historians with fascinating stories to tell! In Geography, we found out about our local area and identified the human and physical features of Newton Burgoland. We had a lovely walk about the village, making observations and talking about what we could see. We did a great unit of work about maps and learned all about the different types. We have also really enjoyed learning about Kenya. The children have been very engaged in finding out about all of the different safari animals who live there and using research skills to find out more. We made links with art, designing and making our own African masks: another highlight of our year – their creations were fantastic and they were so proud of themselves! We have really enjoyed our science topic "Healthy Humans" which culminated with the children designing their own healthy dips and dippers for DT. It was a very tasty unit of work! We used our sewing skills to make some beautiful Christmas decorations and created some fantastic moving pictures based on scenes from the Great Fire of London. The children have also enjoyed finding out about habitats, materials and how to grow plants. We loved planting our own cress seeds and finding out about the best conditions for growth. The children have really impressed us with their writing this year. The effort and care that the children put into their handwriting and presentation is fantastic. Their independence in writing is also something that has wowed us: the children all have such resilience and 'go for it' attitudes! Their stories based on "Stuck" by Oliver Jeffers amazed us all and made for very entertaining reading as well as some amazing instructions based on the book "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth"! Finally, the children have absolutely blown us away with their number sense and ability to link ideas in maths. We have some future mathematicians in our class for sure! It has been wonderful to teach the children in Class 2. They have done a fantastic job this year and are ready to continue to thrive in KS2. We can't wait to see what you can achieve next! Well done Class 2!

This year has been fantastic in Class 3! We have learned so much and had so many exciting learning opportunities. At the start of the year, the children made us all proud by creating a fantastic Christmas animation using iPads and whiteboards. They kept up this hard work and dedication throughout the year, and we have had a great year of learning together.

In English, we have delved into a wide range of texts and learned a wide range of skills. We started the year off by apologising to some disgruntled stationary with the book "*The Day The Crayons Quit*". We then took an adventure to our new planets when writing about "*Beegu*". We wove our learning in history into our English by reading and writing about "*The Stone Age Boy*".

In maths, we covered a wide range of topics. We started with place value and moved on to addition and subtraction. Then, we tackled our times tables to prepare for our times table check. The year 4s made us all proud, and worked incredibly hard to achieve some fantastic results in their MTCs.

In geography, we covered exciting topics such as settlements and the makeup of the globe. In history, we explored a wide range of time periods from the Stone Age people to the Egyptians. Our art covered Stone Age art, birds' nests and exploring patterns; and in D+T, we delved into weaving, water transportation and cooking.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents and carers of Class 3 for their support and help. I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday!

Congratulations to the yellow team!

Many thanks to Miss Eley for organising our sports day.

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succeed in whatever it is that they chose to do. Don't forget us Year 6, but use everything that we have taught you in your future endeavours.

You may be reading this newsletter as a parent that will be joining our family in September. If so, the governors welcome you with open arms. Your journey may just be starting, or you may have children joining part way through the infant or junior years. Whatever the case, we know that your child or children will have an incredible journey with us and will be equally prepared as our current year 6 children, for each of their school steps.
Our school and the success of our pupils is only what it is because the school is a family, a community of parents, carers, teaching and support staff and pupils that support each other and celebrate with each other. The county council has set challenging targets for its schools, and like all families we will all have to pull together for us to meet those challenges. It is you all that make our school so very special, and it is you all that will continue to do so. The governors thank each and every one of you and we will continue to support and challenge the school to be the very best it can be, to make it sure it stays #noticeablynewton.

With another heatwave upon us, and the world cup hotting up it looks like it will be a scorcher of a summer. So whatever you do keep cool and enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you back at the end of the holidays, rested and prepared and raring to go for a new academic year.

Thank you
James Dodds
Chair

Class 4 have had such a busy year 2025-2026!
We have been challenged in RE, resilient in Maths, creative in Art and DT, empathetic in History, curious in Science, respectful in PSHCE… read on to find out more!
In History we learnt all about the Tudor Monarchs and tried to decide if they were heroes or villains! We also learnt all about heroes of WW2 – not the ones we usually learn about… these are often the 'unsung heroes' that didn't make the headlines.
Science lessons have concentrated on forces, living things, habitats and properties of materials.
We developed our knowledge of rivers and river systems in geography and used these to amaze the rangers on our fieldwork trip to Bradgate Park. We sent them some work we did as a result and this is proudly on display at the Visitors' Centre there.
In art we created set designs based on some of the William Shakespeare plays we studied. We then found our voices and made impactful zines and created self-portraits inspired by the work of Mike Barratt. Our most recent artworks have been based on the legacy of the Windrush Generation and has been praised by many Windrush organisation.
We have read and written adventure stories, Shakespeare plays, reports, diaries and summaries in English lessons as well as reading books by some of the most amazing authors from around the world.
We are also expert Mathematicians having mastered addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape, data, position, direction, measures and even protractors!
We have answered some really tricky questions in RE including: Creation and science - conflict or complimentary? Why do Hindus try to be good? What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah? And why is the Torah important to Jewish people?
In PSHCE we have developed an understanding of how to be ourselves, how to stay safe in a variety of situations, how to stand up to bullying, how to aim high and think positively, how to accept people – and ourselves - for who they are. We know about different relationships and understand the changes we will go through as we enter puberty and grow into adults.
Music lessons have been full of singing and playing; steel pans and garage band; audacity and Young Voices! We are computer whizz kids having been successful at knowing how to stay safe online; understanding how we use the internet to communicate and advertise; making videos on i-movies; and amazing animations in vector drawing.
We are sure you will agree that we have achieved an awful lot this year in Class 4 to take with us into the next phase of our education! Wish us luck!
We are sure you will agree that we have achieved so much this year in Class 4!

Goodbye and Good Luck Y6
It has been an honour to watch you grow and learn; to hold your hand and guide you; to cheer you on; to pick you up and dust you down. Know that you are special and that you can do anything you want to.
This year we say goodbye to two families as the youngest child leaves so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support. Please keep in touch.



Have a wonderful summer!