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September 2# 2025

From the Headteacher

It has been wonderful to see the school so full of energy and excitement as we begin the Autumn term. There is a real buzz of learning across all our classes, and it's been a joy to visit the children and see them so engaged in their new topics. The classrooms are full of creativity, collaboration and curiosity — exactly what we love to see!

Badgers class have made a brilliant start by learning about different climates around the world. To help them remember the definitions of each climate, they cleverly created their own text symbols. It was amazing to see them confidently present their work — such a creative approach to geography!

Over in **Squirrels class**, the children have been busy exploring colour matching and have designed their own repeated watercolour patterns. Their final pieces were very impressive and show a great understanding of colour and design.

Foxes class have been working exceptionally hard on their phonics and are making great progress. They have also been real bookworms lately, thoroughly enjoying the *Adventure Mice* book series. The excitement is growing as they eagerly await the release of the next book! In addition, they've been experimenting with colour mixing using a variety of coloured water — it's been fantastic to see their curiosity and creativity shine through in this hands-on learning.

Meanwhile, **Hedgehogs class** have had lots of messy fun experimenting with hand painting. Their bright and cheerful handprint wall display is a real celebration of their teamwork and imagination. It's lovely to see how proud they are of their contribution to the class display!

Now that we've been back at school for around three weeks, our KS1 children have settled in really well. To help build their independence and ensure a prompt start to phonics, we kindly ask that parents and carers leave children at the wooden gate in the playground in the mornings. This also gives the children a chance to walk in with their friends and start their day with confidence.

Finally, a few quick reminders: some classes will be bringing home letters this week about upcoming learning activities and special dates, so please do keep an eye out for these. Also, to keep all of our children safe—especially those with allergies—please remember that we are a nutfree school. No nuts in snacks or lunchboxes, please. Thank you for your continued support with this important matter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Debbie Leach

| | Timings |
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| Gates open | 8.40am |
| Gates close & register | 8.50am |
| Gates open for home time | 3.20pm |

Timings for September Please make a note of these.

Dates for your diary Autumn Term 2025

Friday 19th September Monday 22nd September Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September

Thursday 25th September

Friday 26th September

Monday 29th September

Tuesday 30th September

Wednesday 1st October

Thursday 2nd October

Tuesday 7th October

Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October

Wednesday 22nd October

Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October

Monday 3rd November

Brymore open morning for Y5/6 9.30am – 12pm

Robert Blake open evening for Y5/6 6pm – 8pm

Haygrove open evening for Y5/6 6pm – 8pm

On Your Bike workshop/repairs – Badgers AM

On Your Bike Course – Badgers all day

BCA open evening for Y5/6 6pm - 8pm

Flu Vaccine for R-Y6

Bridgwater College Academy open morning 1

Bridgwater College Academy open morning 2

Robert Blake open morning 1

Bridgwater College Academy open morning 3

Autumn Census – please make sure your child attends

school on this day

Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church Time TBC

ESFA Football qualifiers Y6 @ BW College

Brymore open morning 2 for Y5/6 9.30am – 12pm

Cross Country Y3 & Y5

Cross Country Y4 & Y6

Break up for half term

Return to school 8.40am

Please make a note of these dates to avoid any confusion and questions left via email or on our Facebook page.





If you would like to join our CLOSED Facebook page use the QR code or Parents of North Newton Primary School children | Facebook

You must answer the 3 questions to be accepted.

Autumn 2025 School Uniform -

Mondays
Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
Fridays
School uniform for all classes
PE kit for all classes
School uniform for all classes
PE kit for all classes

Breakfast Club



Breakfast club is open Monday — Thursday 7.30-8.45am & Fridays from 8.15am-8.45am in the Village Hall.

If you're in **before 8.15am** you can join us for a healthy breakfast (choice of cereal, croissants, muffins, fruit with seasonal treats!) with special diets catered for. Charge £5.50 per child per day.

Or if you're in after 8.15am having had your breakfast at home the charge is £3 per child per day.

You can book in as little or as much as required, regular weekly booking or on an ad hoc basis, we don't mind as long as we know. In an emergency you can always just turn up and we won't turn you away.

Now that's the boring stuff out the way.....

Please come and join us for a fun-filled morning of age-appropriate activities available for example Lego, games, drawing, outside area available, arts & crafts or anything that is requested. The children are able to join their friends for a social play & interaction before being ready to start their school day. You can start work knowing your children are well cared for in a stimulating safe environment.

Please give us a ring on 07745229438 or email <u>little.steps@outlook.com</u> for more details.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents to refrain from parking in the Harvest Moon car park at school pick-up time and during any events in school time and after school, as it's causing difficulty for their customers. They are, however, happy for us to use the space during morning drop-off. Thank you!

On Friday 26th September, Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Y6 will take place.

Please use the following link https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu enter your schools (North Newton Community Primary School) unique code SM123689, this link will close on the morning of the session date, but we request that you do this as soon as possible. 1 form per child needs to be completed.

Please complete the consent form even if you **DO NOT** consent to the vaccination.

A massive thank you to all those who have already registered their preference. Currently I only have 2 children not registered

In 2022, 81% completed the form, in 2023, 92% registered their preference, 2024 – 100%. Can I get 100% again this year?



Thursday 2rd October is school Census Day and the important figure on census day is the children on Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which children get, regardless of household income, in reception, year one and year two (KS1). If, for instance, we have five children from KS1 off sick on Thursday then our funding will be reduced by five pupils' worth of meals!

Can we encourage as many parents in in Reception, Year One and Year Two (KS1) to have their child in school and to order their child a school lunch for this day as every penny counts in school.

Unfortunately, all Allergen children will stay on the normal allergen menu for the day.