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#### Headteacher's Welcome

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a super summer holiday and enjoyed some quality time with your families. It has been lovely to see everyone returning with such enthusiasm and smiles this week. A particularly special welcome goes to our 19 new Reception children who joined our North Newton School family today. It was a joy to see them settling into their new classroom so well — they were quickly exploring, investigating and getting to know their new learning environment.

As I walked around school this week and spent time in each class, it was clear that our children are excited and eager to learn. The buzz of curiosity and focus was wonderful to witness. I was especially impressed by the thoughtful questions and insightful answers shared by children during our whole school assembly. Their engagement and enthusiasm truly reflect the positive start we've had to the new academic year.

I'm also delighted to share some wonderful news from the end of the summer term. As part of a special project, our KS2 children were invited to take part in the Lundy Island Seal Competition, designing posters, badges or leaflets to raise awareness about how vulnerable seals are and the ways we can help protect them. We were thrilled to learn that our school won the competition! I had the pleasure of visiting Lundy Island over the summer and was proud to see our school's winning entry, along with several highly commended pieces, displayed in St Helen's Church on the island. A huge well done to all the KS2 children for their creativity and care for the environment — we are so proud of you!

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing the link to our school website where our updated Curriculum Maps and Knowledge Organisers will be available. These are great tools to help you understand what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home. Please do take the time to visit this section of the site as it will help you stay informed and involved in your child's education.

We are looking forward to a term full of exciting events, starting with our "Meet the Teacher" sessions in Foxes, Squirrels and Badgers classes. We will also be holding phonics workshops and a "Stay and Play" session for families of next year's Reception children. Please keep an eye out for dates and further details. In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a super weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning, ready for another fantastic week of learning.

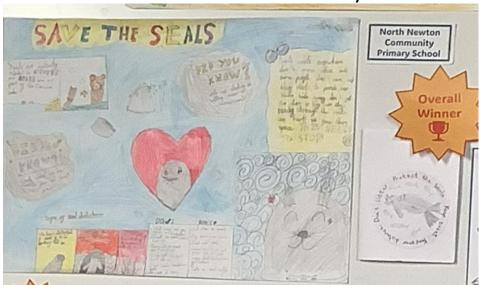
Warm regards,

Mrs Leach





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	Timings
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.

# Autumn 2025 School Uniform -

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays School uniform for all classes
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PE kit for all classes.
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## **Dates for your diary**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September Badgers Fossil Workshop

Y1 Reading workshop 3.30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Y2 Reading workshop 3.30pm – 4pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September Road traffic survey from the DfT outside of school

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September Photos for new starters and children who were absent

last term 9am

Reception reading information session 3.30pm – 4.pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Meet the Teachers Meetings for Y1 – Y6

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September Chilton Trinity open evening for Y5/6 6pm— 8pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

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

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Haygrove open evening for Y5/6 6pm – 8pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September BCA open evening for Y5/6 6pm – 8pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Flu Vaccine for R-Y6

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Autumn Census – please make sure your child attends

school on this day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October Brymore open morning for Y5/6 9.30am – 12pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October Break up for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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** <u>Parents of North Newton Primary School</u> children | Facebook

You must answer the 3 questions to be accepted.

## **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 <a href="mailto:little.steps@outlook.com">little.steps@outlook.com</a> for more details.

Since August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country is £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. No money is received by the school.

# **Healthy snacks**

All Children in EYFS/KS1 are entitled to a healthy snack at breaktime. Children in KS2 are able to bring in a healthy snack for playtime in a named pot. Please send in **fruit only and**remember we are a nut free school.

Thank you.

## **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 Monday 29th 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.

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

Dear Parents,

As I retire I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you all for your kindness and support over my years working at school. It has been a privilege to work alongside the children and watch them grow, learn and gain confidence.

I was truly touched and overwhelmed by the most generous gifts I received. I will treasure them as memories of this special community I have been fortunate enough to work in. I was especially touched by the presentation of the kindness award in my name, presented by the PTFA, to be awarded to the child having shown kindness through their school journey, and it was a privilege to present it to the first recipient.

I will miss all the children, and staff, as I embark on the next chapter in my life, but I am sure we will not be strangers and I will see you from time to time.

Thank you once again.

Sue Stone