



**North Newton
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"Together We Achieve"



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Welcome from the Head,

What a wonderfully busy week it has been here at school!

During my learning walks around the classrooms this week, I have been filled with pride at the sight of our children so fully engaged in their learning. The focused, enthusiastic buzz in each class has been a joy to witness – it truly reflects the hard work and dedication of both our staff and pupils.

Classroom Highlights: Hedgehogs Class have been investigating how to sort objects into different groups. I was particularly impressed with how clearly the children were able to articulate their reasons for sorting, showing great understanding and communication. They have also been practising using their learning talk partners to solve sorting challenges together – fantastic teamwork, Hedgehogs!

Foxes Class have been diving into their history topic by asking, *"What makes someone a History Maker?"* This has sparked some deep and thoughtful discussions. In addition, they've been tackling our 'Wordy of the Week' challenge: *"Is it possible for 2+2 to be anything other than 4?"* and demonstrated some excellent critical thinking. Well done, Foxes!

Squirrels Class have been exploring the question: *"What stories do ancient treasures tell us about the people of the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages?"* Their curiosity and insight into historical artefacts has been very impressive. They've also been stretching their maths brains by working through some complex problem-solving tasks. Well done Squirrels!

Badgers Class have been focusing on the important and thought-provoking question: *"How has the history of African civilisations, slavery, and resistance shaped the world we live in today?"* I was especially proud of their beautifully presented double-page spreads – both informative and powerful. Some very creative learning, well done Badgers!

Next week, some of our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils will be representing our school in a football tournament at Bridgwater College on **Thursday 9th October**. We wish them the very best of luck, we know they'll do us proud!

A reminder that our **Harvest Festival** will take place on **Tuesday 7th October at 9.30pm** in the Church. We are delighted that Pre-School will also be joining us for this special service. We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend and celebrate this season of thankfulness with us.

Uniform Focus – A Polite Reminder

This Autumn term we are placing a renewed focus on school uniform. Please ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform each day. This includes no nail varnish, temporary tattoos or incorrect shoes. A copy of our uniform list is included with this newsletter for your reference. If a child arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform, a reminder letter will be sent home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards across the school. It's been a truly positive start to the term, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival next week.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Leach

Headteacher

School Uniform

We have noticed that some children are coming into school not wearing our school uniform. Please send your child(ren) in agreed uniform as this will help to develop their sense of identity with the school. Only jumper or cardigan need to have the logo on – the rest does not. Items are available from Jual, The Granary, Unit 1&2, King Alfred Business Centre, Petherton Road, North Newton TA7 0BB.



Navy blue jumper or cardigan (with school logo)

Dark grey or black trousers or shorts

Black/grey pinafore skirt

White blouse/shirt or white polo shirt (with or without school logo)

Summer dress (blue/white check)

Hair tied back.

Suitable, sensible footwear should be worn – **plain black or dark grey** school shoes.

Children should have sensible haircuts and no nail varnish or 'tattoos'

PE Kit - Navy blue hoodie/zip up top/school jumper (No Sports logos please), white T-shirt, Black/blue shorts/joggers/leggings (No Sports logos please)

Trainers, long hair tied back for safety reasons

Autumn 2025 School Uniform –

Mondays

School uniform for all classes

Tuesdays

School uniform for all classes

Wednesdays

PE kit for all classes.

Thursdays

School uniform for all classes

Fridays

PE kit for all classes.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 7th October

Harvest Festival in St Peter's Church 9.30am

Thursday 9th October

ESFA Football qualifiers Y5/6 @ BW College

Friday 10th October

Wear Yellow Day 2025

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

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 13 th October	Art workshop with Darrell Wakelam organised by the PTFA
Tuesday 14 th October	Art workshop with Darrell Wakelam organised by the PTFA
Wednesday 15 th October	Disco organised by the PTFA
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cross Country Y3 & Y5 Stay & Play sessions for September 26 new starters
Thursday 23 rd October	Cross Country Y4 & Y6
Friday 24 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school 8.40am
Tuesday 4 th November	Author Visit Hedgehogs and Foxes organised by the PTFA
Thursday 6 th November	Author Visit Squirrels and Badgers organised by the PTFA
Wednesday 12 th November	Stay & Play sessions for September 26 new starters
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need 2025

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

We are delighted to invite you to our **Harvest Festival**, which will take place at **9:30am on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at St Peter's Church**.

The children will soon begin practising, and we would love for you to join us in celebrating this special occasion together.

As in previous years, we will be supporting the **Bridgwater Food Bank**. Donations of tinned items would be greatly appreciated and will be passed directly on to the food bank.

Your generosity in recent years has been incredible:

- In 2023, you donated **69.7kg of food**—the weight of a fully grown female warthog.
- Last year, your **57kg of donations** equalled the weight of a premature elephant.

This year, we hope to build on that success. Please send any donations in with your child(ren) on the morning of the festival, so that they can carry them down to the church.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.



Breakfast Club

Sept 2025-July 2026

Breakfast club is open **Monday – Friday 7.30-8.45am** 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 adhoc 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](tel:07745229438) or email little.steps@outlook.com for more details



**WE ARE A
NUT FREE/
PINEAPPLE
FREE SCHOOL**



Not only do we have children with a nut allergy, but we also now have children who have a pineapple allergy. Please refrain to sending either into school!



YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

🧡 Friday 10th October 2025... Please wear something yellow to support young people's mental health 🧡
Children can wear **Yellow** non-school uniform in exchange for a £1 donation. If they don't want to, they can wear their normal school uniform. 🧡

**Wear it loud.
Wear it proud.**

Wear yellow this World Mental Health Day, 10th October, and donate to YoungMinds to support young people's mental health

All Money raised will go
to YoungMinds

#HelloYellow

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YoungMinds, registered charity in England (1094480) and Scotland (SC0190700)

Ptfa Event

HEDGEHOGS & FOXES HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Oct 15th 5-6:30pm
North Newton Village Hall

£5 PER CHILD





You are invited to



STAY AND PLAY

For children starting School September 2026

Dear parents

You and your child are invited for some Stay and Play sessions on
Wednesday 22nd October 2025 and Wednesday 12th November 2025

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Come along, chat to members of staff while your child explores the classroom.

We look forward to meeting you.

