

Newton Bluecoat CE News 3

‘Shine from the inside out’ Matthew 5:16

Friday 11th October

Attendance

Well done to Year 1 and 2, who have increased their overall attendance by 2%. Reception class continue to have the highest attendance overall at 99%, well done! Year 4 attendance this week was only 93%.

Please continue to support us by ensuring your child has full attendance unless they are too ill to attend school or have been granted permission to be absent in advance for an exceptional circumstance.

	Weekly attendance	Yearly attendance
Year R	99%	99%
Year 1	97%	95%
Year 2	97%	95%
Year 3	96%	97%
Year 4	93%	94%
Year 5	98%	98%
Year 6	96%	97%

Parking

We have unfortunately had angry neighbours ringing the school office complaining about parents' parking. Please be considerate so that our office staff do not encounter abuse over the telephone.

Mrs Seed

Mrs Seed is absent from school due to medical reasons. Please bear with us during this time and thank you in advance for your patience.

Worship Focus:

People of God/ Harvest

Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity in bringing items for our Harvest. Thank you also to the families who came to the Harvest Service at Lund Church.



Well done and thank you!

We have raised over £100 for our school! Thank you to everyone who has helped us by shopping at Asda.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

There are an increasing number of parents whose children arrive at Breakfast Club without having been booked on the system. This causes problems for the staff and the office. Children must be booked on before turning up.

There are also a large number of parents ringing the school office to book After School Club for that day. This can only be done in an emergency as places are limited.



School Kitchen Vacancy—A vacancy for a general assistant has arisen in our school kitchen for 12 hours per week. If this is of interest, please see the LCC Catering Service website.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th October—Lund St. John's Harvest supper in school at 7pm

Wednesday 16th October—Book Fair in school

Wednesday 16th October—Parents' Evening 1:30-6:00pm

Friday 18th October—School closes at 3:15pm

Monday 28th October—School closed for INSET

Tuesday 29th October—School re-opens

Wednesday 30th Oct—Friday 1st Nov—Year 6 Tower Wood trip

Wednesday 6th Nov—Open day for Reception starters September 2025

Tuesday 26th Nov—Open day for Reception starters September 2025

Tuesday 3rd December—Christmas Concert at Lund Church 2:00pm

Thursday 5th December—Nursery and Reception Nativity—2:15pm

Saturday 7th December—Lund St. John's Christmas Fair in school

Tuesday 10th December—Year 1, 2 and 3 Nativity 2:00pm and 5:30pm

Wednesday 11th December—Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert

Monday 16th—Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th December—KS2 panto trip

Wednesday 18th December—KS1/EYFS panto trip

Friday 20th December—School closes at 1:30pm

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

