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‘Shine from the inside out’ Matthew 5:16

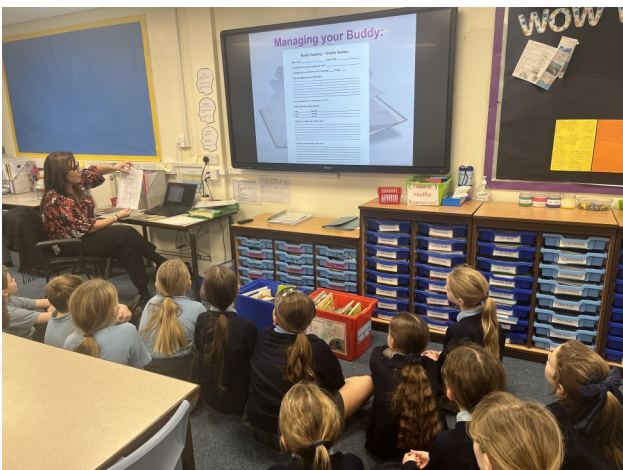
Attendance 6th—10th January

We are receiving an increasing number of holiday requests. Please be aware that holidays of any kind CANNOT be authorised. Please take holidays within the 12 weeks school holidays each year or you may be at risk of fines or even legal intervention. This is Lancashire County Council Policy (see back page).

	Weekly attendance		Yearly attendance
Year R	98.3%	★	97.2%
Year 1	93.8%		95.4%
Year 2	92.8%		95.8%
Year 3	93.2%		96.2%
Year 4	98.9%	★	96.2%
Year 5	96.8%		97.2%
Year 6	93.3%		96.1%

Reading buddies

Year 5 have now had their training to be ‘Reading Buddies’ and have started their very important role within school. Thank you to Mrs Dewhurst and Mrs Dawson for organising this.



Worship Focus:

New Year and Gospel

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year!

Building works

We are due to have some enhancements made to our existing building. This building work will last approximately 16 weeks. We look forward to showing you our new After School Club and Breakfast Club, which will be held within the school building. We will be saying goodbye to the modular building that used to hold these clubs. We will keep you updated as work progresses.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all parents of After School and Breakfast Club for booking so promptly to ensure your child has a place. We really appreciate your cooperation.

PTFA Event for parents

NEWTON BLUECOATS FRIENDS ALONG WITH BRUSH AND TIPPLE INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF PAINTING AND FUN.



Friday 14th March in the school hall.

Time 7PM

£35.00

Bring your own bottle(s) and take home your very own Hairy Hamish.

No experience required as you will be guided throughout.

Tickets direct from the school office or through

Rebecca Armer or Louise Barker

Shining Stars

Star Award



Most Improved Reader

Other School
Awards



Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th January—Year 4 swimming re-starts

Tuesday 21st January—Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics—selected children

Monday 27th January—Assessment week

Tuesday 4th February—Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics—selected children

Tuesday 11th February—Year 3/4 Parents meeting regarding the Multiplication Check in the school hall at 15:30

Tuesday 11th February—Year 5 Tower Wood Parents' meeting in Year 5 at 16:30

Thursday 13th February—Friends Movie night—details to follow

Friday 14th February—School closes for half term at 15:15

Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

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

You can be issued with a penalty notice if your child is absent from school and school have not authorised the absence. This could be because you have taken your child out of school for a holiday or because your child is absent from school for reasons which the school do not feel are appropriate.

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.