

Newton Bluecoat CE News 15

'Shine from the inside out' Matthew 5:16

Thursday 14th May 2026

Attendance

W/B 4/5/26	This school year
Rec — 95.8%	95.6%
Year 1 — 99.6%	97.2%
Year 2 — 95.5%	96.3%
Year 3 — 93.5%	96.2%
Year 4 — 97.6%	97.3%
Year 5 — 95.2%	96.6%
Year 6 — 100% WOW	96.4%

Well done, everyone!

Mrs Watson

We are pleased to say that Mrs Watson will be back teaching Year 3 after the half term break. We would like to thank Miss Helsby for being a fantastic addition to our staff team over the last few weeks.

Singing in Church!

On Sunday, the 14th June, some members of Year 6 and staff will be confirmed at Lund Church. The service will be led by Bishop Philip at 4pm and we would like to invite all of our families to join us. All children are also invited to join the school choir for this exciting occasion. Please could you let the office know if you are able to join us.



Worship Focus:

The Parables of Jesus



Mrs Short retirement

After many years of dedicated service, we would like to thank Mrs Short for the enormous contribution they have made to our school family. Their commitment, kindness and unwavering support for pupils, staff and families have made a lasting difference to so many lives. They will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working alongside them, and we wish Mrs Short a very happy and well-deserved retirement at the end of the Summer Term.

Parent Governor Elections

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Alison Gwilliam to our Governing Body.

Sports Days

Children will need a t-shirt in their house colour for Sports Day, R to Y6.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 15th May—Year 4 Police talk
- Tuesday 19th May—Year 2 trip to Martin Mere
- Wednesday 20th May—No Pens Day
- Thursday 21st May Year 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm
- Thursday 21st May—Class Photographs
- Friday 22nd May—School Closes 3.15pm (Half Term)**
- Wednesday 3rd June—School reopens 8.40am**
- Wednesday 10th June—Reception Class Assembly
- Tuesday 16th June—Year 2 Class Assembly
- Thursday 18th June—Whole School Sports Day 9.30am
- Thursday 9th July—Year 6 Play 5pm
- Tuesday 14th July—Year 6 Leavers Service in Church 6pm

Smartphone Free Childhood

Building a Smartphone-Free Childhood Together

There continues to be growing momentum locally and nationally around supporting children to enjoy a healthier, more balanced childhood away from the pressures of smartphones and social media.

New Department for Education guidance

Last week, the Department for Education made its smartphone guidance for schools statutory. This means schools are now legally required to have regard to guidance which strongly supports schools being smartphone-free during the school day. This is an important step forward. It gives schools and families stronger backing to create calmer, safer and more focused learning environments for children.

Why this matters

Schools across the country are seeing the positive impact of reducing smartphone use during the school day, including improvements in:

- Behaviour and concentration
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Friendships and social interaction
- Safeguarding and online safety

How parents can help

One of the simplest and most powerful ways to support this movement is by signing the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact. Smartphone Free Childhood highlights the importance of the 25% tipping point: research shows that when around a quarter of a community adopts a behaviour, it can trigger a wider cultural shift, with the majority beginning to follow.

The pact is a voluntary agreement between parents to delay giving children smartphones until at least the end of Year 9, helping families feel supported rather than isolated in making this decision.

Sign the Parent Pact We would encourage all families to consider signing the Parent Pact and helping us continue this positive momentum, using the link: [Parent Pact link](#) and [SFC related resources](#) Together, we can create a healthier, happier and more connected childhood for our children.

Signposts



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