

NEWTON BLUECOAT CE

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Thursday 3rd September 2026

Shine from the inside out - Matthew 5:16
Worship Focus : A Welcome!

✳ Welcome back to Newton Bluecoat!

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families. It has been wonderful to see school full of smiles, excitement and renewed energy as we begin a brand-new academic year. The children have settled incredibly well into their new classes and have already made a fantastic start to their learning.

We are especially delighted to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children, new pupils joining us across school and their families. We hope you very quickly feel part of our Newton Bluecoat family.

★ A message from the Headteacher

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and restful summer. We are looking forward to a positive and exciting year ahead, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, grow, achieve and shine.

Our staff have worked hard to prepare classrooms and learning spaces for the new term, and we are excited about the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with school. Mrs Robinson

✳ Our theme: Shine from the inside out

Our school vision continues to encourage every child to recognise their gifts, grow in confidence and use their talents to make a positive difference to others. Throughout worship and school life this term, we will explore what it means to let our light shine through kindness, courage, respect, service and love.

♥ A brilliant start!

Thank you to parents and carers for helping children arrive looking so smart and ready to learn. Please remember that good attendance and punctuality make a real difference. Children can arrive from 8:30am to 8:45am and we encourage children to arrive promptly so they can enjoy a calm and positive start to the day.

! Arbor - our parent communication system

Arbor is now our main system for parent communication. Please ensure you are able to access the Arbor Parent Portal/App and that your contact details are correct. We will use Arbor to share important messages and information throughout the year.

DATES & REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER

A new school year begins - welcome back!

WEDS 30 SEPT

Open Day – 9:00am to 12:00 noon
and 2:00pm-3:00pm

WEDS 23 SEPT

Chocolate Bingo 5:00pm – more details to follow on Arbor

FRIDAY 2 OCT

Lund St. John the Evangelist Harvest Supper in school 7:00pm

SUNDAY 4 OCT

Lund St. John the Evangelist Harvest Service in Church 10:30am

EVERY DAY

School opens at 8:30am - please arrive promptly and before 8:45am

THIS TERM

Look out for class information, curriculum updates and upcoming events on Arbor



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council

● Uniform & PE kit

Thank you for supporting our high expectations for school uniform. Please ensure all clothing, coats, PE kit, water bottles and belongings are clearly named. This makes it much easier for us to return misplaced items to their owners.

★ Reading at home

Reading remains one of the most valuable ways you can support your child's learning. Please enjoy regular reading together at home and record reading as requested by your child's class teacher. Even a few minutes each day can make a big difference.

♥ Keeping children safe

Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. If you have any concerns about your child or something that may affect their wellbeing in school, please speak to us. Good communication between home and school helps us provide the best possible support.

New Department for Education guidance

The Department for Education has made its smartphone guidance for schools statutory. This gives schools and families stronger backing to create calmer, safer and more focused learning environments for children. If your child needs to bring a smartphone into school, please contact the school office on 01772 684415.

The Department for Education has published new statutory guidance on allergy safety in schools. Schools are now required to create a dedicated Allergy Safety Policy which identifies pupils with allergies, reduces the risk of exposure to known allergens, ensures staff are trained to recognise and respond to allergic reactions, and makes sure children with allergies can participate safely and fully in school life.

At Newton Bluecoat, we are currently reviewing our procedures in line with this guidance. We ask all parents and carers to ensure that school has up-to-date information about any allergy or asthma affecting their child, including medication and healthcare/action plans. Where a child requires specific support for an allergy, this will be recorded in an Individual Healthcare Plan developed with parents and, where appropriate, healthcare professionals. School will be in touch with parents and carers of children with identified allergies to work together to create or update an Individual Healthcare Plan, ensuring that each child's individual needs and the support required in school are clearly recorded.

* Working together

We greatly value the partnership between home, school, governors, church and our wider community. Please keep an eye on Arbor and school communications for opportunities to join us for worship, celebrations, events and other activities during the term.

★ Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

We are incredibly proud of our Newton Bluecoat community and cannot wait to see all that our children achieve this year. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Together, we will make 2026-27 a happy, successful and memorable school year.

LOCAL FAMILY SIGNPOST | KIRKHAM FAMILY HUB & THE ZONE

A useful local service for families

Kirkham Family Hub & The Zone offers free information, advice and early help for children, young people and families — from pregnancy to age 19, or up to 25 for young people with SEND. Support is available for a wide range of family needs and no referral is required.

Where: Chapel Walks, Kirkham, PR4 2TA **Telephone:** 01253 741 117 **Email:** fyldefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

Families can contact the Hub directly to find out what support, sessions and activities are currently available.