

# NEWTON BLUECOAT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 2 • AUTUMN 2026

Shine from the inside out

Matthew 5:16



Friday 18th September 2026

### A message from Mrs Robinson

We have made a really positive start to the autumn term and it has been lovely to see the children settling into their routines and enjoying their learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We have a busy few weeks ahead, so please make a note of the important dates and reminders below.

### Health Care Plans - reminder

A reminder to parents and carers who have been asked to complete or update a Health Care Plan for their child: please return this to school as soon as possible. Up-to-date information helps us make sure that the right support and arrangements are in place for your child throughout the school day.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE         | EVENT                     | DETAILS                                                  |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| MON 28 SEPT  | Meet the Teacher          | 3:30pm-4:30pm                                            |
| FRI 2 OCT    | Harvest Supper in school  | 6:00pm                                                   |
| SUN 4 OCT    | Harvest Service in Church | 10:30am                                                  |
| WEDS 21 OCT  | Parents' Evening          | Look out for an invitation on Arbor to book appointments |
| THURS 17 DEC | Whole School Panto Trip   | Beauty and the Beast at Lowther Pavilion                 |

### Advance notice - Whole School Panto Trip

On Thursday 17th December, the whole school will be visiting Lowther Pavilion to see Beauty and the Beast. Please save the date. Further information about the visit will be shared nearer the time.

### ATTENDANCE - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Good attendance supports children's learning, friendships and wellbeing. We will use this table each week to share both the current week's attendance and the year-to-date figure.

| CLASS     | CURRENT WEEK | YEAR TO DATE |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Reception | 98.2%        | 98.5%        |
| Year 1    | 98.3%        | 97.9%        |
| Year 2    | 99.6%        | 99.6%        |
| Year 3    | 92.9%        | 94.4%        |
| Year 4    | 96.9%        | 96.6%        |
| Year 5    | 96.3%        | 95.8%        |
| Year 6    | 97.8%        | 98.1%        |

### Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts

Thank you to all our families for continuing to support good attendance. We have seen some excellent attendance this week, with Year 2 achieving an outstanding 99.6% – well done! Reception and Years 1 and 6 have also had particularly strong weeks.

Our aim is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance wherever possible. We are therefore keeping a close eye on attendance where it falls below this level. Year 3 attendance is currently a particular concern, at 92.9% this week and 94.4% for the year to date. Year 5's year-to-date figure of 95.8% is also just below our expectation.

We completely understand that children will sometimes be too unwell to attend school. However, regular attendance really does matter: missed days quickly add up to missed learning, routines and valuable time with friends. Please continue to make school attendance a priority and avoid unnecessary absence or appointments during the school day wherever possible.

Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, belong and shine!

#### Parents' Evening - Wednesday 21st October

Please look out for an invitation on Arbor to book your appointment. Further details, including appointment times, will be shared with families shortly.

#### Harvest celebrations

We would love families to join us for our Harvest Supper in school on Friday 2nd October at 6:00pm and our Harvest Service in Church on Sunday 4th October at 10:30am. These are lovely opportunities for our school, church and wider community to come together and give thanks.

Thank you for your continued support. Please keep an eye on Arbor for reminders, booking information and any further details about forthcoming events.

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**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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**

**School transport**

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

**Lancashire County Council**

### Starting Primary School in September 2027?

It may seem a little way off, but applications are now open for children starting **Reception in September 2027**.

We would be delighted to welcome new families to **Newton Bluecoat CE Primary School**. If you have a child due to start school next September — or know a family who does — please share the information and encourage them to come and discover our warm, friendly school community.

Applications should be made through Lancashire County Council by **15 January 2027**.

**Come and see how our children learn, grow and “Shine from the inside out.”**



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**School and Academy places September 2027**

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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**  
**31 October 2026**

**School transport**

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

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### Moving on to Secondary School in September 2027?

For our **Year 6 families**, applications are now open for secondary school places for **September 2027**.

Choosing a secondary school is an important milestone, so we encourage families to take time to explore their options, attend open evenings where possible and check individual schools' admission criteria carefully.

Applications should be made through Lancashire County Council, and the **closing date is 31 October 2026**.

Please make sure your application is submitted by the deadline.

**An exciting next chapter is just around the corner for our Year 6 children!**

**SEND families:** Kirkham Family Hub is hosting a **Lancashire SEND Roadshow on Tuesday 17 November, 9:30am–1:00pm**, offering an opportunity to find out about local SEND services, advice and support.

**Please remember:** you can also speak to us in school. If you're not sure where to turn, we will always do our best to help you find the right support.

# AUTUMN FAMILY QUIZ

**How many can you answer together?**

Have a go as a family - no peeking at the answers until the end!

| No. | Question                                                              |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Which season comes before autumn?                                     |
| 2   | What do we call it when leaves change colour and fall from trees?     |
| 3   | Which animal is famous for gathering and storing nuts for winter?     |
| 4   | What is the name for gathering crops from fields when they are ready? |
| 5   | Which fruit is often picked from orchards in autumn?                  |
| 6   | What do we call the night of 31st October?                            |
| 7   | Which British celebration takes place on 5th November?                |
| 8   | What three colours might you commonly see on autumn leaves?           |

## BONUS CHALLENGE

**How many different signs of autumn can you spot on your journey to school?**

**Answers:** 1. Summer 2. Autumn leaf fall 3. Squirrel 4. Harvest 5. Apple 6. Halloween 7. Bonfire Night 8. Red, orange and yellow (other autumn colours accepted).

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