

October 2026

A message from Mrs Robinson

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful whole school team and wider community for the incredible support, kindness and encouragement shown during our Ofsted inspection this week. I am immensely proud of the way our staff, children, governors, families and friends of Newton Bluecoat came together. Your positivity, dedication and belief in our school mean so much, and I am truly grateful to each and every one of you.

We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with lots of opportunities for our school community to come together. Thank you, as always, for helping our children shine from the inside out!

IMPORTANT: DRESS AS YOU LIKE DAY – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Children are invited to wear their own clothes next Friday in exchange for ONE ITEM OF CHOCOLATE for our Chocolate Tombola. This could be a chocolate bar, box or bag of chocolates. Thank you for supporting our Friends of the School fundraising!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
FRI 16 OCT	Dress as You Like Day	Bring an item of chocolate for the tombola
WEDS 21 OCT	Parents' Evening	Please check Arbor for appointments
THURS 22 OCT	Break the Rules Day	Further details to follow
THURS 22 OCT	Chocolate Bingo	5:00pm in the school hall; books 25p each
FRI 23 OCT	Half-term begins	School closes at 3:15pm
THURS 19 NOV	Friends Winter Disco	Further details to follow
WEDS 2 DEC	EYFS Nativity	2:00pm
THURS 3 DEC	EYFS Nativity	9:00am
TUES 8 DEC	Year 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert	2:00pm and 5:00pm
THURS 10 DEC	Year 1, 2 & 3 Nativity	2:00pm and 5:00pm
THURS 17 DEC	Whole School Theatre Trip	Beauty and the Beast at Lowther Pavilion

CHOCOLATE BINGO – THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Join us at 5:00pm in the school hall for a fun family evening! Pre-loved books will also be available for just 25p each.

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Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts! ★

We are delighted to see another positive set of attendance figures across school this term! A special congratulations to **Year 2**, who are leading the way with a fantastic **98.9% attendance**, followed by Year 5 with an excellent **97.5%**. All classes have achieved attendance of at least 96%, which is a wonderful achievement!

Regular attendance helps children learn, build friendships and shine!

CLASS	TERM TO DATE
Reception	97.0 %
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 3	96.8 %
Year 4	96.3 %
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	96.0 %

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Christmas performances. Please save the dates for the EYFS Nativity, the Year 4–6 Carol Concert and the Year 1–3 Nativity. Further arrangements will be shared nearer the time.

A reminder for the final week of half term

There will be NO after-school clubs during the final week of this half term. School closes on Friday 23rd October at 3:15pm.

Thank you for being part of our Newton Bluecoat family!