

# NEWTON BLUECOAT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Shine from the inside out* ✦ *Matthew 5:16*

### A message from Mrs Robinson

As we approach the end of our first half-term, thank you for your continued support and for helping to make Newton Bluecoat such a caring, happy school community. We have lots to look forward to this term!

### A fond farewell to Mrs Burton

Mrs Burton, our Family Learning Mentor, will be moving on to pastures new. Her final day at Newton Bluecoat will be Friday 23rd October 2026. We would like to thank her wholeheartedly for her dedication, care and commitment to our children and families. We wish her every happiness and success in her next chapter — she will be greatly missed!

### Out of School Club — information for families

#### Club fees

Our Out of School Club (OOSC) prices will remain unchanged until 31st March 2027, after which they will be reviewed.

### What's on the menu?

BREAKFAST CLUB | A session: a selection of cereals and toast plus drinks.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB | Pittas, crumpets, crackers, rice cakes, sandwiches and wraps, with a selection of hard and soft cheeses and jams. Gluten-free options are available. Children can freely access fruit and water at all times.

#### A-session snacks

Children attending the A session receive TWO snacks: one when they first arrive and another after the B-session children have left.

### OOSC Fun, friendship and activities!

Our children enjoy a wide range of activities, including art and crafts, painting, colouring, drawing, sports, table football, board games, biscuit decorating and movie time — plus seasonal activities and much more!

#### Please book in advance

A friendly reminder to book your child's Out of School Club sessions in advance. This helps us plan staffing and activities, guarantees a place where availability allows, and avoids the additional fee for late bookings. Thank you for your support!

## Attendance Matters — Every Day Counts! ☆

A fantastic well done to Year 2, who are leading the way with an outstanding 99.0% attendance! Year 5 are also doing brilliantly at 97.7%. Every class is above 96%, which is a really positive achievement. Thank you to our families for supporting regular attendance — every school day helps children learn, build friendships and shine!

| CLASS         | ATTENDANCE — TERM TO DATE |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Reception     | 96.6%                     |
| Year 1        | 96.3%                     |
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>99.0%</b>              |
| Year 3        | 96.8%                     |
| Year 4        | 96.5%                     |
| Year 5        | 97.7%                     |
| Year 6        | 96.1%                     |

## Dates for your diary

| DATE                 | EVENT                        | DETAILS                                       |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Friday 16 October    | Dress as You Like Day        | Bring one chocolate item for the tombola      |
| Wednesday 21 October | Parents' Evening             | Please check Arbor for appointments           |
| Thursday 22 October  | Break the Rules Day          | Further details to follow                     |
| Thursday 22 October  | Chocolate Bingo              | 5:00pm, school hall; pre-loved books 25p each |
| Friday 23 October    | School closes for half-term  | 3:15pm                                        |
| Thursday 19 November | Friends Winter Disco         | Further details to follow                     |
| Wednesday 2 December | EYFS Nativity                | 2:00pm                                        |
| Thursday 3 December  | EYFS Nativity                | 9:00am                                        |
| Tuesday 8 December   | Years 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert | 2:00pm and 5:00pm                             |
| Thursday 10 December | Years 1, 2 & 3 Nativity      | 2:00pm and 5:00pm                             |
| Thursday 17 December | Whole-school theatre trip    | Beauty and the Beast, Lowther Pavilion        |

## A reminder for the final week

There will be no extracurricular after-school clubs during the final week of this half-term. School closes on Friday 23rd October at 3:15pm. Please check your Out of School Club bookings separately.

**Thank you, Newton Bluecoat families!**

We look forward to celebrating, learning and making special memories together throughout the autumn term.