



# Newland St John's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

**Living Together, Learning Together and Shining Together in the Love of God.**

*'...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'* **Matthew 5:16**

## Newsletter -April 2026

### A message from Mrs Brett

As part of our programme of worship, we have been reflecting on the Christian belief that God made a beautiful and precious world. On Earth Day our green ambassadors led our worship thinking about how we look after this world.

With the arrival of spring, it has been a joy to see the children enjoying their world: playing in the sunshine at lunchtimes and breaktimes and making the best use of our wonderful school grounds. It has also been wonderful to see the awe and wonder of the children in Foundation Stage as they created a nest for a dinosaur egg; and to watch the excitement on the faces of the children in Year 2 as their dragon eggs begin to hatch. Year 3 have become expert tea tasters and Year 4 have been learning about Pentecost. Another highlight over the last three weeks was the animated discussion that took place in Year 6 over the trial of 'The Three Little Pigs'- the children have to decide who the real villain is in the story.

Our year 6 children have been working extremely hard to prepare for their SATs which take place in the second week of May. We are extremely proud of all of them: they have shown dedication, determination and resilience.

Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for all you do to support the school. Without this support, we would not be able to achieve all that we do.

### Keeping contact details up to date

Please let us know of any updates to phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, or emergency contact information as soon as possible. Keeping your information current means we can reach you promptly in case of emergencies and share important updates regarding your child.

## April Highlights

The highlights of the month include:

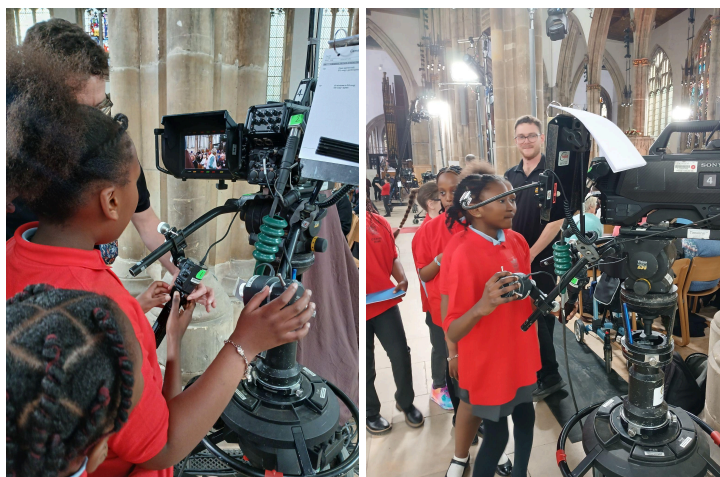
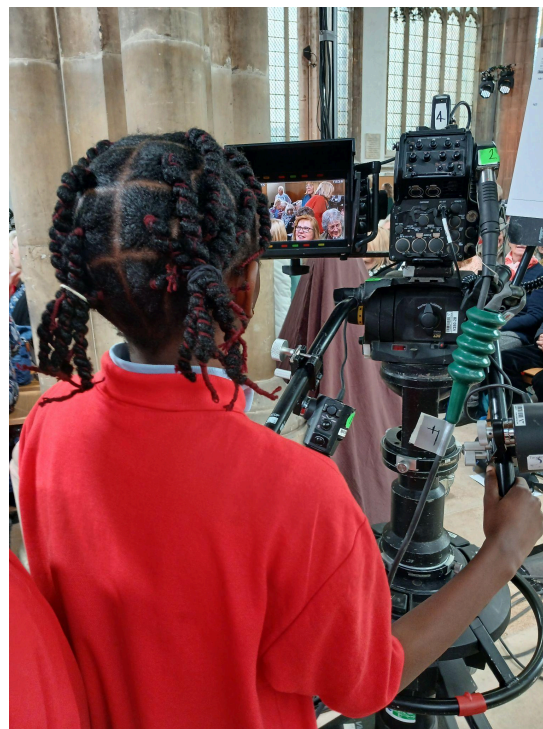
### Songs of Praise

During the Easter holidays a selection of children from our Choral Choir were invited to take part in singing for 'Songs of Praise' which was filmed at Hull Minster. The children performed '**A Gaelic Blessing**' alongside children chosen from other primary school choirs. The singing was beautiful and the children were given a round of applause when they reached and held a '*high c*'. The children then joined with the congregation in singing hymns that will be shown in different episodes of Songs of Praise over the next six months. It is intended that two of the songs be shown on the Remembrance Day episode so all the children were required to wear poppies- which felt a little unusual this time of the year.

A particular highlight of the day was meeting the cameraperson who allowed the children to have a go at filming. Although it was a long afternoon, with no long breaks, the children behaved exceptionally and sang with confidence and joy. It was a true celebration.

We look forward to the shows airing and will keep you updated about the times and days that they air. Once again, we extend our thanks to @choralhull for giving our children this amazing opportunity.

The date for broadcast is **Sunday 19th July**, with two further Hull items on **Remembrance Sunday**.



## Free School Meals

Every family wants the best for their child—and if you're entitled to free school meals, it's important to apply and make the most of that support.

Applying means:

- You get help with costs – School meals are covered, saving you money each week.
- Your child is supported – They'll receive healthy, filling meals that help them stay focused and ready to learn.
- The school benefits too – Your application can bring in extra funding, which helps improve resources, activities, and support for all pupils.

Even if your child already gets free meals in KS1, you still need to apply to unlock these extra benefits. It's not just about today—it can help your child in the future as well.

If you think you might qualify, don't miss out. Applying is quick, simple, and could make a real difference.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits :

- Universal Credit (the current income cap of £7,400 will be removed from September 2026)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of no more than £16,190 and not receiving Working Tax Credit)
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The Department for Education has permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households. This includes households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)\*, subject to maximum income thresholds.

To do so register on the My School Portal and complete the online form. You can apply using the portal: [Free school meals | Hull](#).

## Justice and Responsibility

Thank you for helping our **Rabbits** class in both raising awareness of the work that **Dove House Hospice** do and raising funds for the charity -whether by buying the Easter Egg raffle tickets or sponsoring the children in their Bunny Hop. It was a joy to see them hopping through the school led by a giant rabbit!

Although we do not have the final total raised for Dove House as yet (the donation boxes are to be processed by the charity itself),we are proud to announce that so far the class have raised **£415.60**

- **The Sponsored Bunny Hop raised £340.60**
- **The Easter Egg Raffle raised £75.00**

This half term, our Green Ambassadors are leading the school in considering how we can look after our planet.

## Attendance

**Every child is an important part of our community: when they are not in school we miss them.**

**Attendance means coming to school every day and on time.**

**It is important because:**

Children learn more when they are in school regularly.

They don't miss lessons, so it's easier to keep up.

They build friendships and feel part of the class.

Good habits start early, helping them in later school years and in life.

**Try to:**

Bring your child to school every day unless they are unwell.

Arrive on time so they don't miss the start of lessons - the doors open at **8:45am** and children should be in school by **8:55am**.

Avoid holidays in term time, as this can affect learning and cannot be authorised.

## Mathematics - Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) is an exciting resource to help children learn their times tables facts by heart. To be successful in maths at KS2, children need to know all the times table facts to x12 by the end of Year 4. If your child is in Year 2 - Year 6, please encourage them to take part in the games and battles to help build their speed of recall. If your child does not have a login for their TTRS account, please speak to their class teacher. Each week, we will set new battles for children to join in with. We announce the winners every Friday during worship - good luck everyone!



## Safeguarding

### Our Safeguarding Team:



### What to do if you have a concern about a child:

#### During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Brett or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

#### Out of school hours and during school holidays:

If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub on 01482 448879 or the Emergency Duty Team 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends)

For more information, click on the link: [Worried about a child | Hull](#) Please remember that if a child discloses anything that is worrying them, we may need to speak to parents and carers. This is part of our duty of care.

## SENDCo Spotlight - Miss Jones

### We want to hear from you!

At NSJ, we're always looking for ways to improve our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) provision. Your feedback is vital in helping us provide the best support for your child.

Please take a few minutes to complete our online feedback form and share your thoughts on how we can enhance our SEND offer. [Parent/Carer SEND Voice](#).

Your opinions matter and your input will help shape a more inclusive and supportive environment for all our students.

Thank you for your time and support!

### Where can I get SEND advice?

- **Hull Local Offer** [The Hull Local Offer website](#) is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.
- **SENDIASS (Special Educational needs Independent Advice Service)**  
Telephone: [01482 467 541](tel:01482467541) Email: [hullsendiass@kids.org.uk](mailto:hullsendiass@kids.org.uk)



If you have any queries regarding this update, or would like to speak to the SENCo about anything to do with your child, please do not hesitate to email [hello@nsj.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@nsj.hslt.academy) for an appointment.

## Key Dates - Summer 2026

Date	Event
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday- school is closed
Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 18th May	Year 3-4 Football Sport Festival @Hull KR Sewell Group Craven Park
Friday 22nd May	School closes to children for half term.
<i>Half Term</i>	
Monday 1st June	Return to school after half term
Monday 1st June- Friday 12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window.
Wednesday 17th June	Lower Key Stage Two Sports Morning
Wednesday 17th June	Key Stage One Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18th June	Nursery and Foundation Stage Sports Morning
Thursday 18th June	Upper Key Stage Two Sports Afternoon
Monday 22nd June	Year 6 Production to Parents (evening)
Wednesday 24th- Friday 26th June	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 25th- Friday 26th June	Year 6 Residential
W/c Monday 6th July	Year 6 Transition Week
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service
Friday 17th July	School Closes for summer

\* Parents / carers are invited to the events in blue

## Clubs Summer 2026

Day	Time	Club	Led by	Year Group	Cost
Monday-Friday (daily)	8:00-8:45	Breakfast Club*	Staff	All	£1 per session
Monday-Thursday (daily)	Lunchtime	Lunchtime crafts and games	Mrs Williams	All	Free
Monday	8:30-8:45	Yoga session	Coach James	Breakfast club	Free
Monday	Lunchtime	Scooter skills on the playground	Coach James	All	Free
Monday	3:15-4:15	Football club*	Coach James	Y1 & 2	Free
Monday	3:15-5:15	NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Mrs Marszalek)	Y5	Free
Tuesday	3:15-4:15	Tag Rugby*	Coach Sonny	Y3 & 4	Free
Tuesday	3:15-4:15	Green Ambassadors	Mr Kenningham	Y3	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:15	Choral Choir*	@choralhull	Y4&5	Free
Friday	3:15-4:15	Basketball*	Coach Sonny	Y5 & 6	Free

\* Booking essential. If there are no places available, your child may be added to a waiting list.

\*\*All other Sports Clubs will be confirmed in the new year- please look out for details.

## Help for Families

Help for Families - a reminder the cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help.

Food Banks:

[Hull Foodbank](#)

[Hull Vineyard Church](#)



## Reflection

Dear God,

Thank you for the beauty and wonders of your world,  
and for the signs of spring that show us that life goes on.

Help us to take the time to stop and look for the beauty that is all around us

Amen

[Springtime fun | The Church of England](#)