



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 -February 2026

A message from Mrs Brett

It has been another busy half term, and a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning. Thank you for all you do as parents, carers and friends to support the school in this. Consultation Evening was extremely positive. We hope that you found it helpful and enjoyed looking through your children's work.



As we approach Easter, we will be exploring *An Artist's View of God* as a focus for our collective worship. These materials use the work of Eloise Hopkins to explore what God is like. They help us reflect on the Christian belief that we are all made in God's image; the nature of God and the places

we might find God.

God was like an eagle hovering over its nest (Deuteronomy 32:11)
Jumping Fish Publications (Diocese of Gloucester)

A Reminder

This is a gentle reminder to please inform us of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. This includes updates to phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, or emergency contact information.

Keeping your information current ensures that we can reach you promptly in case of emergencies and share important updates regarding your child.

If you have any changes to report, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.

February Highlights

The highlights of the month included:

Pedestrian Skills

Our children in Year 3 were exemplary when they completed their programme of pedestrian skills training. They listened carefully to the instructor and the majority of children demonstrated the skills that they need to stay safe when using the footpaths and crossing the road. We hope that you will see them using these skills when they are walking to and from school.



A Trip to the Mosque



This month our Year 2 children had the wonderful opportunity to visit Hull Mosque and Islamic Centre as part of their Religious Education curriculum. This visit gave our children the opportunity to see *Islam* as a *lived faith* rather than just learning about it in the classroom, deepening the children's understanding of Muslim belief and practice. Visits to places of worship help to build empathy and a greater understanding of others: and this trip helped our non-Muslim children understand the faith of the Muslim children in the school. Both Mr. Kenningham and Mrs.

Guzel were extremely proud of the children who were inquisitive and respectful.

Justice and Responsibility

This term our Year 3 children have asked if they could raise awareness of and support the work of **Dove House Hospice**. Over the years, Dove House has been a very special place offering support and care to members of our school community. Some of the children, who have had personal experience of the amazing work that the hospice does, have decided that they would like to raise awareness of the hospice and also raise funds to support their ongoing work.

This half term, therefore, Rabbits class are organising a sponsored Easter 'hop along'. They will be hopping, running, skipping or bouncing around the field all in rabbit ears.

They have also arranged for an Easter raffle to take place. More information will follow shortly but we hope that you will join with us in supporting this very special cause.

Free School Meals

Our financial circumstances change all the time. In order to apply for free school meals (if you have access to public funds) you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits -

- income support
- income based jobseeker's allowance
- income related employment and support allowance (ESA – IR)
- universal credit if the household is earning less than £7,400 per year
- asylum seekers receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- child tax credit with an annual income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue. If also in receipt of working tax credit you will not be eligible
- working tax credit run on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

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](#).**

Positive Mental Health

On Monday 3rd February, it was **Children's Mental Health Week**. This year the theme is: ***This is my Place***. It was all about feeling that we **belong**. During the week we took part by holding an assembly to explore the idea of belonging. We learned some ways to help us feel like we belong to different groups and in different ways.

Later in the week we looked at belonging a bit deeper in our classes with activities that allow children to express how they belong. In Reception and Key Stage 1, children talked and took part in craft activities that show how they belong. Key Stage 2 children created some wonderful class mosaics to illustrate that they belong in many different ways - families, school, clubs, sports groups etc.



[Here is a link to some information and support](#) about children's mental health and ideas you can explore at home.

As always, we are here to listen and support if your child is having any mental health difficulties.

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



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 for an appointment.

Key Dates - Spring 2025

Date	Event
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17th March	Year 2 to attend 'The Big Sing' at the Albermarle
Tuesday 17th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 18th March	Year 1 and Year 5 Trip to the Synagogue
Wednesday 25th March	Year 6 trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday 26th March	EYFS trip to the Deep
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service led by Year 3
Thursday 26th March	Easter Raffle prizes announced (in aid of Dove House)
Friday 27th March	School closes to children for Easter Holiday
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	
Monday 13th April	Return to school after the Easter Holiday
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday- school is closed
Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs week
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	Y6 Production to Parents (evening)

* Parents / carers are invited to the events in blue

Clubs Spring 2025

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 Rachel	Breakfast club	Free
Monday	Lunchtime	Scooter skills on the playground	Coach Rachel	All	Free
Monday	3:15-4:15	Multi-skills sports club	Coach Rachel	Y1 & 2	Free
Monday	3:15-5:15	NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Mrs Marszalek)	Y5	Free
Tuesday	3:15-4:15	Football Club	Coach Sonny	Y3 & 4	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:15	Choral Choir*	@choralhull	Y4&5	Free
Friday	3:15-4:15	Football Club	Coach Sonny	Y5 & 6	Free
Friday	3:15-4:30	Green Ambassadors	Mr Kenningham	Y3	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](#)

