



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 - March 2026

A message from Mrs Brett

Easter is a time of new beginnings and new life. This month has been a true celebration of life at Newland St. John's. We have celebrated nature with our trips to the Deep and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park; learnt about different faiths through our visits to the synagogue; and celebrated our love for reading on World Book Day. We are so proud of the way in which the children have embraced all the opportunities that they have been given.

The Easter Service at St. John's church, which was planned and led by our Y3 children in Rabbits Class was simply beautiful and we are extremely proud of all who took part.

Thank you

Thank you to all those parents who have informed us of any changes to their contact details. Please let us know of any updates to phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, or emergency contact information as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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

March Highlights

The highlights of the month include:

World Book Day

Thanks for your support with World Book Day. It was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed their hot chocolate! It was fantastic to see partner classes reading together - younger children reading to older ones and vice versa - and the enjoyment of stories. We have been asking children what their 'all in' is for the National Year of Reading - why not ask your child how they think they can get more involved in reading?



Beyond the Fairytale:

A NSJ Theatre Club's original performance in association with Hull Truck Theatre
The members of our Newland St. John's Theatre Club devised and performed their own play. Taking inspiration from traditional tales and with characters like Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Giant, the children created and performed a play where differences were resolved through a shared love of a PS5!

The children worked together extremely well and performed with confidence. We were incredibly proud of all who took part and would like to thank Mrs. Marszalek for all the time and work she put in to ensure that NSJ Theatre Club can take place.

The Big Sing at the Albermarle

This year, our Year 2 children had the opportunity to celebrate music by joining other schools at the Albermarle in Hull and enjoy singing a number of songs that they had been taught. The children very much enjoyed the event and their behaviour was exceptional.

A trip to the Synagogue

Our Year 1 and Year 5 children had the privilege of visiting a synagogue this half term. This trip was organised as part of the Religious Education Curriculum: both classes have been learning about Judaism this half term. During the visit, the children were able to see at close hand sacred artefacts like the Torah. Some of our Year 1 children were fascinated by the 'shiny' objects while our Year 5 children asked some carefully crafted and well thought-out questions. The teachers who accompanied the children on the visit were extremely proud of the children and said that they showed a great deal of respect and understanding.

Year 6's visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

As part of the Science Curriculum, our Year 6 children have visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They learnt first hand about how endangered species are protected in the wild and how zoos enhance the work of conservation of species. Quotes from some of our Year 6s are included below.



That was the best experience of my life!

*We got a high five from a monkey! *For context, this was through a glass window.*

I liked how the staff at the park welcomed us so nicely and answered all of our questions.

It was amazing how tall the polar bear was when he stood on his back legs. Their paws were huge.

We were so shocked by the items we saw that had been seized from Heathrow airport - especially the leopard skin and the lizard bag.

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity!



Foundation Stage trip to The Deep

Dormice had a fantastic trip to the Deep. The children loved learning about the sea creatures and were in awe of the swordfish and the giant turtle.



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 class to do their bunny hop. The children have led the work on this charity with enthusiasm and joy and we look forward to their sponsored bounce around the playground.

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](#).

Marvellous Mathematics

Our children really love maths. There are some ways you can help at home:

One Minute App: Download the One Minute App on a range of devices to access some great activities for children in Year 1 and 2. There are also times tables activities on the app that would help children in Key Stage 2. The app is free and safe (no adverts or pop ups). Use the QR codes to download the app.



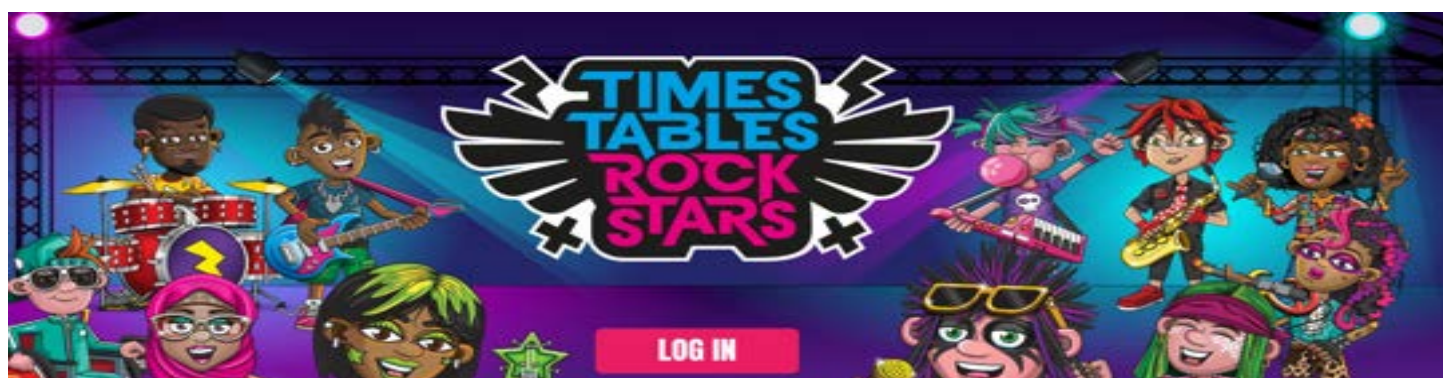
Download the 1-minute maths app

Free to download for teachers, parents and pupils

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Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS). We have relaunched this super resource again and our classes are preparing for battle! TTRS is a fun way to learn the times tables facts that are so crucial for children to be successful in maths throughout Key Stage 2 and beyond. We have set up some battles for Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes - please encourage your child to join in and help their class reach for victory. All children involved have had a username and password sent home - please let us know if you have not received this. To access TTRS click here: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



Healthy Holidays - Easter

This Easter Holiday there is plenty for children to get involved in through Hull's Healthy Holidays programme. There are many free activities to keep everyone busy. Click here to access and book activities:

<https://www.healthyholidayshull.org/>



Building Positive Emotional and Mental Health

TOGETHERNESS

We are excited to share a high quality resource available to families in Hull. **Togetherness** provides support and ideas to help with a wide range of aspects of emotional and mental health, including learning about 'big feelings'; how the brain works; healthy relationships; healthy sleep and much, much more. **Togetherness** is **free** to families in Hull. Click on this link, register for an account and start accessing expert advice and resources. <https://togetherness.co.uk/mul/hull/>

Hull families: Build everyday emotional resilience!

Your free online learning. Big feelings, how the brain works, and relationship ideas for happier lives.

Hull City Council gives families free access to Togetherness resources to support wellbeing. For parents, carers, grandparents, and young people.

Learn from NHS clinical psychologists, practitioners, and other parents. The pathways will help you and your family understand and manage emotions in everyday life.

[Browse pathways](#)

Use the exclusive access code:
FREEDOM



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

Relaxed (SEND)Healthy Holidays Family Crafting- Easter crafts, friendship bracelets and rope art.



@ Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Carr Lane Hull, East Yorkshire HU1 3RA

This is a craft session designed for children and young people who have a disability, are neurodivergent, or experience anxiety. In the session, children can have a go at some of the activities that have been available in drop-in workshops over the Easter holiday but in a quieter setting with limited numbers.

Booking for this session is essential as numbers are limited to keep it relaxed. Please only book a ticket for each child or young person attending. Accompanying adults do not need to book a ticket.

This activity is funded by Hull City Council and the Department for Education's Healthy Holidays Hull, Holiday Activities and Food Programme. Children taking part in the session will all receive a free drink and healthy snacks.

Use this link to book:

<https://www.hullmuseums.co.uk/museum-events/relaxed-send-healthy-holidays-family-crafting-easter-crafts-friendship-bracelets-and-rope-art>

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 - Summer 2026

Date	Event
<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
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)
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	Multisports*	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](#)