



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 - October 2025

A message from Mrs Brett

Welcome!

Once again, it has been an extremely busy half term and we would like to thank you for all your support. We have continued to focus on the 'Wise Words of Jesus' in our worship and further develop spirituality through our curriculum. Our **Worship Squad** have taken a very active role in planning and delivering our worship to the rest of the school and we are deeply grateful to Reverend Jake for his help and enthusiasm. This year, we are continuing to work on equipping the children with the skills, tools, confidence, and opportunity to speak up and take action on issues of justice. As a result, inspired by what they have learnt (inside or outside school), each year group will have a cause that they will champion: this may be a local, national or international cause and may focus on the environment or the natural world or on human needs. We are really looking forward to what the children prepare.

As ever, we are deeply thankful for all your support.

November Highlights

This term, we have welcomed year 2 and year 3 parents into school to take part in our **Handwriting Workshops** which were led by Mr Kenningham. It was wonderful to see parents so engaged, sitting next to their children practising the letters. We know from the smiles and laughter from the children that they really enjoyed seeing mum or dad taking part in lessons. Thank you to those who attended. We know that when schools and parents work together it can significantly improve outcomes for children. We intend to hold further workshops over the coming year so please do look out for them.

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](#)

If you are interested in applying or are just not sure about how the system works, please do not hesitate to call the school in confidence and speak to Wendy Palmer, who is based in the school office, and she will be able to support you through the application process.

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

Check In on Your Child's Learning Journey! ✨



We're excited to let you know that your child's latest Learning Plan and targets are available to view on Provision Map. It's a great way to see how they're progressing and how we're supporting their next steps.

If you haven't logged in yet, please take a moment to do so — we'd love for you to be part of celebrating their progress!

If you need your login details or any help getting started, just speak to your child's class teacher or email us at hello@nsj.hlt.academy.

Together, we can keep supporting every child to shine! ✨

[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.

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](#)



Attendance

This year we have set an attendance target of 96% - we can achieve this if we all work together.

Our attendance so far this year is 94.4%, which is above the national average, but we would like this to

be stronger. Each week we monitor pupil attendance and celebrate the class with highest attendance - please watch out for the text messages.

Strong attendance is a life skill and makes such a difference to achievement in school and future success.

As a reminder, you can find our attendance bands below. We would like all our children to stay in the green bands. In December, we will be **sharing your child's attendance figures** with you in the form of a letter. In the meantime, if you would like to know what their attendance is or how you can help improve attendance, please speak to us.

Attendance Key

98 - 100%	Excellent Attendance
95 - 97%	Good Attendance
90 - 94%	At Risk of Persistent Absence
90% and below	Persistent Absence

Please remember - it is okay for your child to attend school with a cold, cough or other mild illness. If your child needs prescription medications to ease symptoms of minor illness during the school day, like a sore throat, let the office staff know. Please note, we are only able to give prescription medicines, not those sold over the counter and we require you to sign a consent form.

Supporting Families with Attendance - Let's Work Together

We understand that there are a number of factors that can make strong attendance a challenge. We are always here to help with attendance and punctuality. If you know of a reason that stops your child from attending or that makes them late for school, please speak to us. Sometimes the simplest of solutions can make a difference. We use the ATTEND Framework to support families and have seen a significant improvement in attendance as a result. If you feel your child would benefit, speak to any of the team.



We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are a **nut-free school**. Due to the risk of severe allergic reactions please make sure your child is not sent to school with any nuts or foods that contain nuts. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Clubs Autumn 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	3:15-5:15	NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Miss Dulian)	Y5	Free
Monday	3:20-4:20	Gymnastics*	Coach Rachel	Y1/2/3	Free
Tuesday	3:20-4:20	Basketball*	Coach Sonny	Y4/5/6	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:15	Choral Choir*	@choralhull (Mrs. Kirk)	Y4&5	Free
Friday	3:20-4:20	Tag Rugby*	Coach Sonny	Y4/5/6	Free

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

Key Dates - Autumn Term 2025

Date	Event
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 5 trip: World War II Experience Hull Streetlife Museum
Wednesday 3rd December 2:45-3:15	Dormice stay and play
Monday 15th December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December	'Wear Something Christmassy' on Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 16th December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December (pm)	Nativity to Parents at St. John's Church Foundation stage and Y1 and 2
Thursday 18th December	St. John's Newland (9:20-10:20) Christmas Service (Year 5) (Open to all parents/carers but especially those with children in Year 5)
Thursday 19th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	School closes for Christmas

Reflection

Autumn is a time when churches across the country will have Harvest Festival Services, just like the one that our Year 4 children led at St. John's Newland. This is the opportunity to pause and say thank you for the gifts which Christians believe God has given them.

“Thank you God for food, and family, and friends. Amen.

or

“Thank you God for food, and family, and friends,
we remember those who have no food today,
and those who have food, but nobody to share it,

As you have blessed us, help us be a blessing for others. Amen.

This reflection is taken from the Church of England website: [Saying thank you for food | The Church of England](#).