



Newland St John's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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

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and glorify your Father in heaven.'* **Matthew 5:16**

Newsletter - September 2026

A message from Mrs Brett

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year! We are delighted to welcome back our children, families and staff, and to welcome those who are joining our school community for the very first time. It has been wonderful to see how our very youngest children have settled in to school life but what has given us even greater joy is seeing how our older children have demonstrated the Christian value of **generosity** by giving their time at lunchtime and playtimes to welcome others- a theme that we have been exploring in Collective Worship since our return.



As we begin this new chapter together, we are reminded of our Christian vision:

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

Our school is a place where everyone is valued, cared for and encouraged to flourish. As we live together, we celebrate our diversity, show kindness and compassion, and support one another as a school family. As we learn together, we encourage curiosity, courage and a love of learning, helping every child to discover their God-given gifts and talents. And as we shine together, we seek to be a light to those around us through our words, our actions and the way we care for others.

Our Bible verse for this year reminds us of the difference each one of us can make:

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

As we look ahead to the year, may we encourage one another to let our lights shine brightly. May our school community be a place where every child feels safe, known and loved, and where together we reflect the love of God in all that we do. We look forward to all that we will achieve, discover and celebrate as a school family.

Living Together Well



As we begin the academic year, we have been thinking about our role as citizens of our community and how we can serve within our school. Our Green Ambassadors Team has expanded this year- building on the work that was done last year- so that there is a team of Green Ambassadors Apprentices alongside the senior team. Meanwhile, our playground buddies continue to generously give of their time to ensure that all children have a safe and happy playtime. This term, we have expanded the leadership responsibilities further- developing the role of the *Scooter Leaders* who, through their enthusiasm and determination, have enabled the Friday Scooter Club to continue to take place. Trained by Mrs Marszalek these children give their time to enable others to practise their skills and have fun. Another new addition to the team are the *Pop-up Librarians*. Under the oversight of Miss Briggs, these children are setting up an outdoor library to enable those who long to read at a breaktime the opportunity to do so. Alongside the Head Boys and Head Girls, School Councillors and the Worship Squad, these children help to make our school a better place for others and we are incredibly proud of all they do.

Free School Meals

As a school, we are determined to ensure that families get the financial support they are entitled to. Eligibility for free school meals changed in September.

Eligibility

If you receive the following benefits your child is entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

If you think you are eligible for free school meals, you can apply online –

[Apply for free school meals \(opens in new window\)](#)

Free school meals **can** also be provided to families who have **No Recourse to Public Funds** if the annual income is less than:

- £22,700 (for families with 1 child)
- £26,300 (families with 2 or more children)

For more information about providing free school meals to families under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 who have no recourse to public funds, visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

To apply contact school for the relevant documents.

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 we will be happy to support you through the application process.

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](#)



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 - Mrs Fox

Introducing our new SENDCo

Hello everyone!

My name is Kayleigh Fox, and I am delighted to have recently joined Newland St John's as the school's new SENDCo.

I have worked in education for over 15 years, with experience across both secondary and alternative provision settings. Throughout my career, I have particularly enjoyed supporting children who may need additional help to feel confident, included and successful in their learning. I am passionate about working alongside children, families and staff to understand each child as an individual and find ways to help them flourish.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff across our school community. As SENDCo, I will be working closely with children, families, teachers and outside professionals to make sure that pupils receive the right support at the right time.

I am very excited to be part of the Newland St John's team and look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks. Please come and say hello if you see me around school!

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.

Attendance

Making a Strong Start

In our first four weeks back our whole school attendance was **96%** - this means that nearly 96% of our children made a **strong start** to the new school year. Recent data for the DFE shows that good attendance in the first week back leads to stronger attendance throughout the year.

We are so happy with this attendance so far and want to thank children and their families for helping to make this such a positive beginning to the academic year.

This year we would like to have attendance of above 96% - we can achieve this if we all work together.

Good attendance is a life skill, and for your child's future, it will be required in all jobs and careers. Just as important is the fact that we miss them at school when they are not here because they are part of our school community.

Below, you can find our attendance bands. We would like all our children to stay in the green bands. Research shows that being here in school every day really makes a difference because children build on their learning from one day to the next. **Missing days** throughout the year means they miss out on key learning that won't always be revisited. **This puts children at a disadvantage.** Research also shows that children with persistent absence (yellow and red bands) are at higher risk of not meeting the age-related standards. This means that poor attendance at primary school can affect success at secondary school, e.g. GCSE results, and therefore their future success as adults.

Attendance Key

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

Staying in touch

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please let the school office know by 8:30am, by calling us on 01482 305740. If we do not hear from you, we will always call to find out why your child is absent. If we do not hear from parents/carers or we are unable to make contact with you, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. Please note that **5 days of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks** could result in a **local authority fine**.

Please remember - it is okay for your child to attend school with a cold, cough or other mild illness.

Supporting Families with Attendance - Let's Work Together

We understand that there are a number of factors that can make strong attendance more of 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.

Reminders

Please remember that we are a nut free site. This helps to keep our whole community safe.

Please make sure that young children are carefully supervised when on the playground at the beginning at the end of the school day.

Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.



Clubs Autumn 2026

Day	Time	Club	Led by	Year Group	Cost
Monday-Friday (daily)	8:00-8:45	Breakfast Club*	Staff	All	£1:50 per session
Monday-Thursday (daily)	Lunchtime	Lunchtime crafts and games	Mrs Williams	All	Free
To be confirmed		NSJ Youth Theatre*	Hull Truck (Mrs Brett)	Y5	Free
Monday	3:20-4:20	Sport- multi-skills*	Coach Josh	Y1/2/3	Free
Tuesday	3:20-4:20	Girls Football*	Mrs Marszalek	Y4/5/6	Free
Tuesday	3:20-4:20	Boys Football*	Mr Lewis	Y4/5/6	Free
Thursday	3:15-4:00	Choral Choir*	@choralhull (Ms Briggs)	Y4, 5 & 6	Free
Friday	Lunchtime	Scooter skills on the playground	Scooter Leaders	All	Free
Friday	3:20-4:20	Tag Rugby*	Coach Sonny	Y4/5/6	Free
Friday	3:20-4:20	Green Ambassadors* (Junior Apprentices)	Mr Kenningham	Year 3	Free

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

Key Dates - Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
Thursday 1st October	Special Menu Day - 'Space Day' 🌟
Thursday 1st October	Harvest Festival (planned and led by Owls) Newland St. John's Church (all invited but particularly parents/ carers Year 4)
Thursday 1st October 15:30 and 17:00	Year 4: Multiplication Event for Parents
Wednesday 7th October	Year 4: Vikings and Anglo Saxons Visit
Thursday 8th October 15:30 and 17:00	Year 1 and 2 Number Facts for parents
Tuesday 20th October	FS2 - Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20th October	Consultation Evening
Wednesday 21st October	Consultation Evening
Thursday 22nd October	Year 6: Trip to Hull Combined Court
Thursday 22nd October	School closes for autumn half term
<i>Half Term</i>	
Monday 3rd November	School opens to the children
Thursday 5th November After school	Handwriting Workshop for Parents of children in Year 2
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Service (at school)
Thursday 12th November After school	Handwriting Workshop for Parents of children in Year 3
Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week: Break the Silence
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November	FS2 - Year 6 Follow-up Flu Vaccinations
Friday 20th November	Year 3: Pedestrian Skills 10:30-11:30 (part 1)
Thursday 26th November	School Photographer - Individuals & Siblings
Friday 27th November	Year 3: Pedestrian Skills 10:30-11:30 (part 2)
Wednesday 2nd December	Dormice stay and play

2:45-3:15	
Monday 14th December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity to Parents/ Carers at church
Tuesday 15th December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th 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 17th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December	School closes for Christmas

Reflection

Autumn can be an incredibly beautiful time of year, and a time when farmers can finally collect in the crops after a hard-working year of sowing and growing. There's so much to be thankful for, and this is what Harvest Festivals in churches are all about.

We look forward to the Harvest Festival at St. John's church led by Owls Class.

This reflection is taken from the Church of England website:



[Out and about | The Church of England](#)

which has wonderful ideas for families

A Benediction

God, the source of all around us, earth
and seas, and stars above,
Grant us grace that we may honour all
you give in perfect love.