



## Newsletter - December 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

As we find ourselves just a few weeks away from the Christmas break, I can't help but reflect on how quickly this term has flown by! It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students back to school, and now we are gearing up for the festive season.

What a fantastic time we had celebrating 130 years of Newton Road School! It was heart warming to see so many current and previous pupils and teachers come together to mark this special occasion. The atmosphere was filled with nostalgia and joy, and it reminded us of the wonderful community we have here at Newton Road.

I would like to extend a massive thank you to our PTFA for their unwavering support in orchestrating such a lovely celebration. Their dedication, along with the contributions of many volunteers, were crucial in making the day a success. It is truly appreciated!

As we approach the end of the term, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and engagement in your child's education. It has been another great term, filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Your Involvement makes a real difference in the lives of our students, and we are incredibly grateful.

It is with great sadness that will be saying goodbye to Miss Mawby, Miss Ibbertson and Mrs Houghton, who will all be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for their hard work and dedication to Newton Road School, we wish them well in their career development as they move onto pastures new.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful festive season as we prepare for the Christmas break.

Thank you once again for being such an Important part of our Newton Road School community.

Warmest regards,  
Mrs Turner

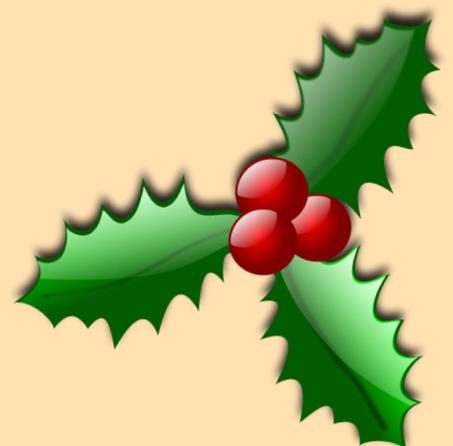




On Friday 15th November, I visited the pupils and staff at Newton Road School with my friend Donna from Asda in Rushden and my trusty shopping trolley.

I had a wonderful time there meeting all of the children, they were fantastic and even managed to raise £192.87!

Thank you so much Newton Road School.





# GREAT Attendance

At Newton Road School, we expect children's attendance to be a minimum of 96%.

Please see the table below which shows the impact absence can have on a pupil

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please send an email to [Office@newtonroadschool.co.uk](mailto:Office@newtonroadschool.co.uk) and a member of the Inclusion Team will contact you.

100 – 97%	96-95.9%	94.9-93%	92.9-90%	89.9-0%
365 days in a year				
190 days in a school year to support children to maintain and even exceed expected attainment levels				
175 days for other activities like holidays, appointments, etc.				
90% equals having a day off every other week. (Would you be happy to lose a day's wages or benefits every other week?)				
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fairly Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Extremely Poor</b>
In a better position to understand what is being taught	More effort needed to catch upon lost sessions	Starting to struggle to stay in line with peers	Feeling a bit lost in lessons. Support needed	Totally lost. Struggling and feeling despondent
Can be supported at the right level	Light support required to bring back to expected level	Starts falling behind peers	With extra support may still struggle to keep on target	Even with intense support may miss targets





## Reminder of our School Uniform

- ◆ Navy blue round neck sweatshirt or navy blue cardigan (with or without school logo)
- ◆ Grey/Black trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress – **NB** tights must not be worn with shorts
- ◆ Blue and white gingham dress (summer only)
- ◆ Plain white shirt/blouse, white logo polo shirt or plain non logo polo shirt
- ◆ Plain white/black socks or black tights
- ◆ Plain black shoes or pure black trainers without markings
- ◆ Black low heeled boots are permitted in the winter but not in the summer term

## Reminder of our School PE Uniform

- ◆ Plain white T-Shirt or a plain white sports top (available from Karl Sports)
- ◆ Plain black PE shorts (Plain black jogging bottoms/plain black leggings are allowed during winter)
- ◆ Plain black/navy PE hoody (logo ones are available from Karl Sports)
- ◆ Suitable plain black trainers for PE



## Cross Country Competition

Recently, Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 boys and girls took part in an exciting running competition, and what an adventure it was! Mr Davies took us on a coach trip all the way to Wellingborough, where we had the chance to show off our athletic skills. The race was tough, but we gave it our all. One Year 3 girl did an amazing job, finishing 5th out of 130 runners! What an incredible achievement—she really made us proud! Our school was positioned right on the finish line and we screamed as every runner came back. What stood out the most, however, was the way everyone worked together as a team. Rather than racing off on their own to achieve the best position, the majority of our runners stuck together, supporting each other every step of the way. One child summed it up perfectly, saying, "We don't leave anyone behind, we are all in this together!" That really showed the true *Newton Road values*— integrity, determination and kindness.

The course was no easy feat, with the runners having to complete two laps around the field and even run up some steep hills. It was challenging, but everyone pushed through and showed great determination. It was inspiring to see how hard everyone worked to reach the finish line. Well done to all the children who took part, and a special congratulations to the top finishers.

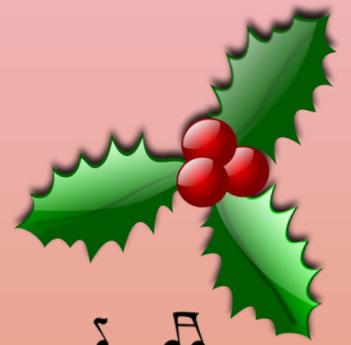
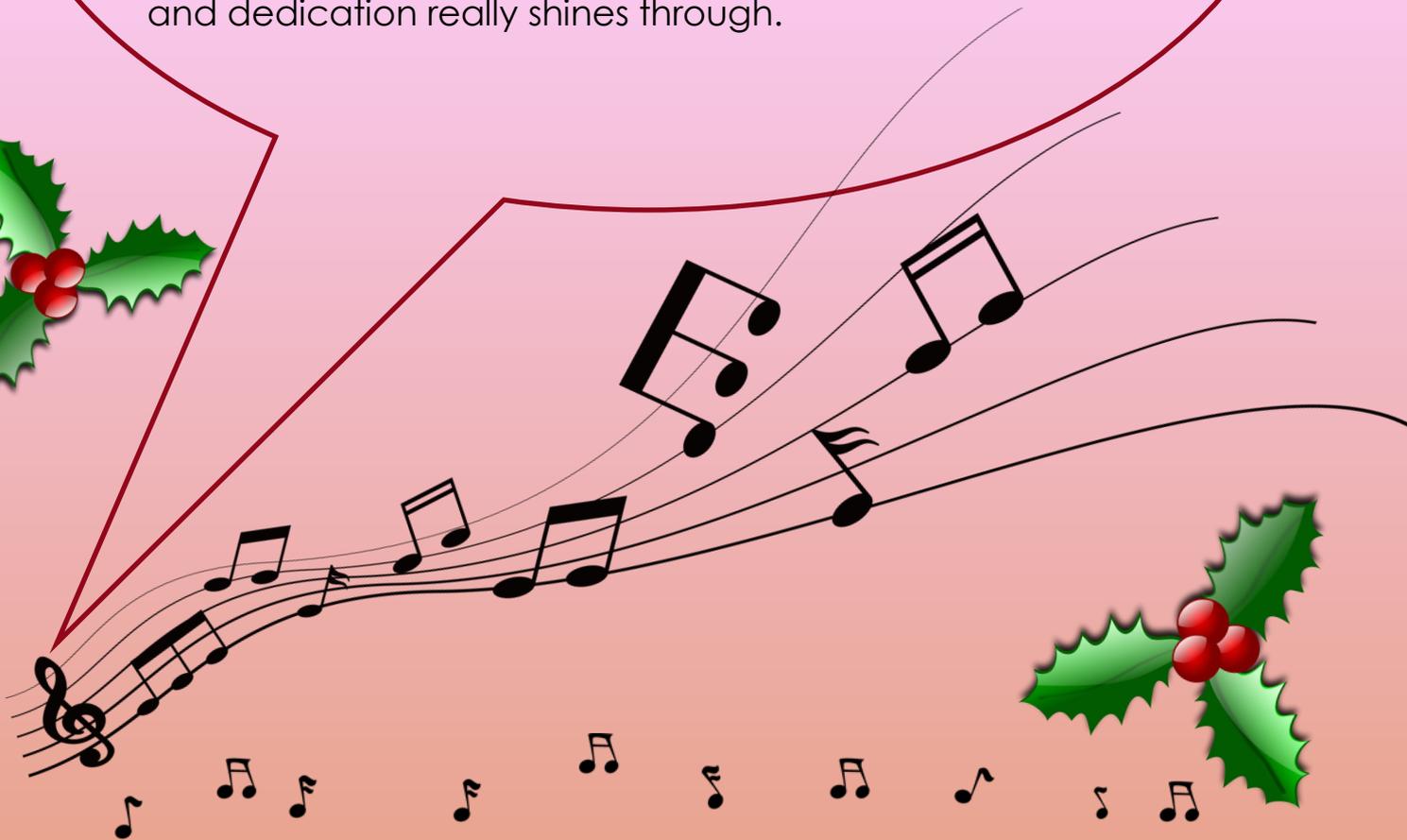
We're looking forward to more sporting events like this in the future!

By Charlie in Year 6



## Nene Education Trust Carol Concert Monday 9th December

On Monday 9th December, our Choir visited Manor School in Raunds to take part in the Christmas Carol Concert. They were joined by schools from across Nene Education Trust and the children enjoyed singing alongside seven other school choirs. Newton Road School Choir were the first to take the stage and performed their energetic rendition of Jingle Bells, they were fantastic ambassadors for our school and showed our 'Ready Performers, Respectful Audience' expectations throughout the evening. A huge congratulations to all our young singers; your hard work and dedication really shines through.



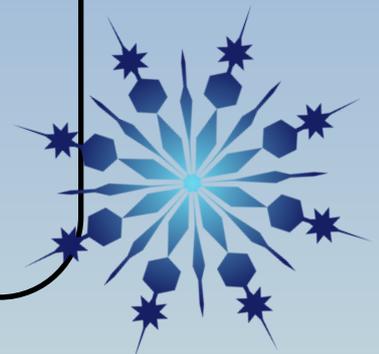


# Newton Road School Council



## Announcement

Welcoming... the Newton Road School Council! Pupils within Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to apply for a position within the school council last week. There was a lot of interest which made decisions very tricky. Year 6 pupils were invited to a short interview with Miss Brown, Mrs Turner and Miss Tongue and the final seven were chosen! We now have a school council of fourteen pupils across the two year groups who will fulfil a range of roles from Lead Councillor to Media Officer to Treasurer. Soon the children across the school will be voting for our Lead Councillor (Year 6 pupil) and our Deputy Councillor (Year 5 pupil) for the children to experience democracy in action! Our first council meeting was held on Tuesday 10th December and the children came forward with great ideas. Well done everyone - we look forward to seeing the actions of the Newton Road School Council in the future!





On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Maple and Cherry class visited St Mary's Church for an Experience Christmas event. We learnt about the Christmas story which was told in parts around the church. We also had the opportunity to complete some Christmas crafts which everyone loved doing! The children represented the school brilliantly on their walk to and from the church as well as at the venue - well done everyone, we had a great time! Due to the children doing so well, the members of the church offered a potential opportunity to complete a similar activity at Easter time.



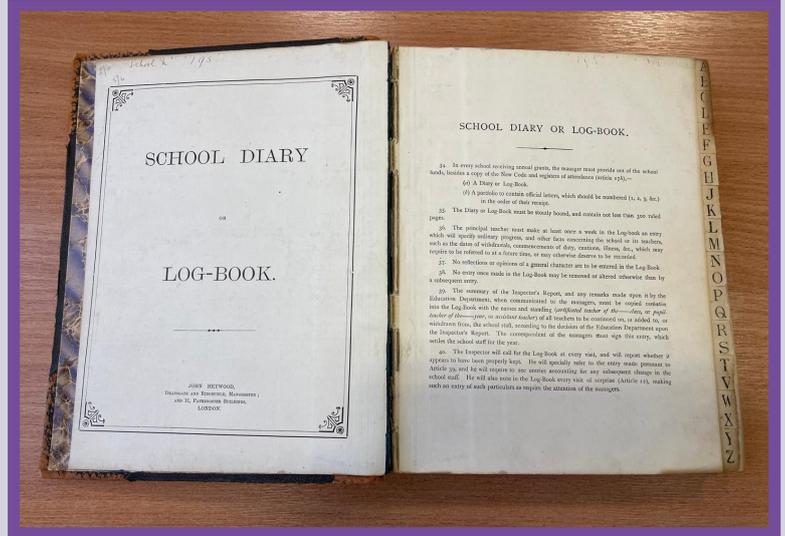
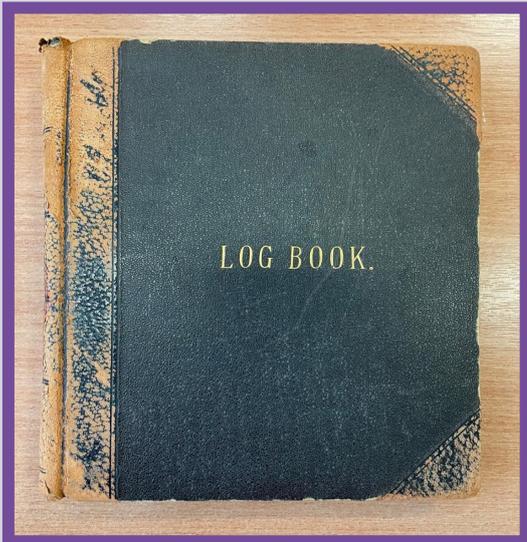
## Newton Road School History

At our 130 Year celebration event held recently, there was a large amount of interest in the history of Newton Road School as parents/carers and visitors looked through the original diaries, log books and record books. There were also many photographs on display as well.

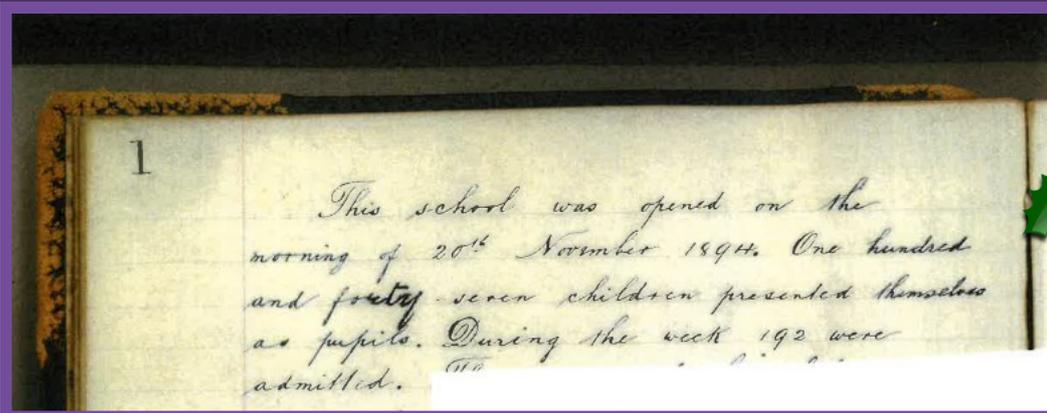
The original diaries dating from 1894 provide a wonderful insight into the history of the school, the pupils and their families and the local community.

I would like to share some of the information with you in our Newsletters.

The first entry in the diary was made by Mr Edwin Jenkins – Certified Master of the School.

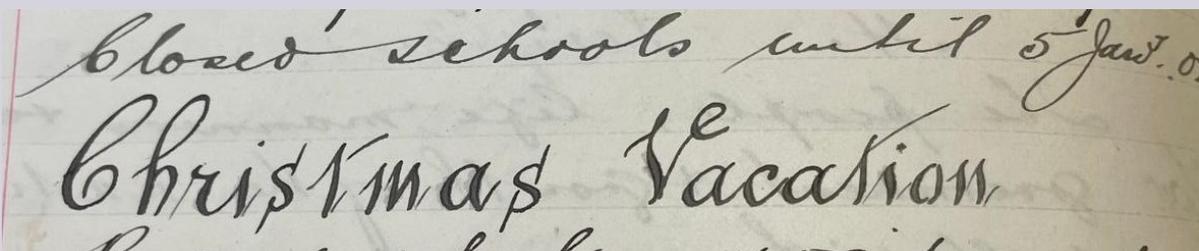


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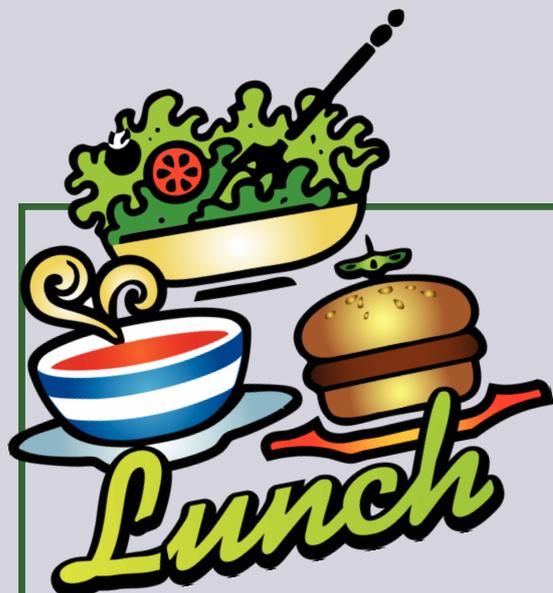


### On this day ...

On 19<sup>th</sup> December 1902 – the last entry for that year was;



More information to follow in the next Newsletter!



School Lunches for after Christmas are now available to order on Arbor.

On Thursday 16th January, we will be having an Italian themed menu (see below).

Please order in the normal way on Arbor.

Meals are priced at £2.65, unless your child is in receipt of free school meals or universal free school meals (Foundation, Years 1 and 2) which are free.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals/pupil premium and would like to check or apply please click on the following link

[Free school meals and pupil premium | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

You can still apply for free school meals/pupil premium even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or 2 and receiving universal free school meals. This means that they will continue to receive free school meals when they go into Year 3 and upwards and you will also be entitled to receive the holiday food vouchers that are sent out for the school holidays.



# ITALIAN DAY

16TH JANUARY 2025



Nene Education Trust

Allergens are listed by meal choice. Meals can be made without the known allergen where possible - eg removing cheese. Please liaise with your school.

Main Meal	Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread, coleslaw & salad	Gluten, celery, dairy
Vegetarian Main	Stonebaked margherita pizza, spiced wedges, coleslaw & salad	Gluten, dairy
Snack or Hot Pot	Tagliatelle carbonara, garlic bread	Gluten, dairy, celery, egg
Salad Pot	Chicken Caesar salad	Gluten, mustard, dairy
Panini	Pepperoni pizza panini	Gluten, dairy
Picnic Lunch	Mozzarella, tomato & basil focaccia	Gluten, dairy
Desserts are selected by the child. Mixed salads are available daily.		
Hot Dessert	Lemon sponge & custard	Gluten, dairy, egg
Cold Dessert	Orange biscotti	Gluten, dairy, egg



SPORTY SCHOLARS



# Newton Road School Spring Term 1 Clubs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School Clubs	Y1-Y6 Football 	R-Y6 Lego 	R-Y6 Arts & Crafts 	R + Y1 Football 	Y1-Y6 Olympics (Football, Floor Hockey, Archery, Tennis, Athletics) 
Price	£3 per child per session	£3 per child per session	£3 per child per session	£3 per child per session	£3 per child per session

**Book**  
*here*



**KEY INFO**

**First time with us?** If you are booking with Sporty Scholars for the first time, you will need to create an online account with us. Which you can do so by clicking one of the above click here buttons, and then selecting which clubs to enrol in.

**Places are limited** first come first serve basis  
To book we require you to book for the whole half term

**Bad weather:** to ensure all clubs go ahead without cancellation due to poor weather we have a wet weather plan to use indoor facilities should the weather be bad.

**To Book** visit our website: [www.sportyscholars.com/clubs](http://www.sportyscholars.com/clubs)



## Key Dates and Events

Date	Year Group	Event	Information
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day	For those who have ordered
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School	Sing a Long	Join us on the playground at 3pm to hear the children sing. Refreshments will be available to purchase
Friday 20th December	Whole School	Last Day of Term	
Monday 6th January	Whole School	Training Day	School Closed
Tuesday 7th January	Whole School	School Re-Opens	
Thursday 16th January	Whole School	Italian Themed Menu	Please order via Arbor

**Wishing you all a wonderful  
Christmas and a Happy New  
Year.  
From us all at Newton Road  
School**

