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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are all well and look forward to seeing our Newchurch Robins back in school on Wednesday. We thought we would just make contact and give some reminders regarding policies and procedures, PE days, the expectations regarding personal belongings (including mobile phones), arrangements for letting us know about children who are walking home from school and also information about changes to school meals.

Start and end of the school day



Class doors will open at 8:40am and all children should be in school ready for registration at 8:45am. When registration has closed, any child arriving at school will be marked as late. Gates will close at 8:50am and children will be marked as late before close of registration. All classes finish at 3:15pm at the end of the day and the gates will be opened at 3:00pm.

Punctuality will be monitored throughout the year in line with attendance with support from the local authority. Please let us know of any barriers and we will

be happy to help.

Uniform

Full school uniform should be:

- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Red cardigan, fleece or jumper (with or without the school logo but ask you to aim to have at least one for when the children go on trips and photographs)
- Year Six Red Leavers Hoodie
- Grey (not black) trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores
- Grey, white, black or red socks/tights
- In the spring term, children can wear red gingham dresses



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- Black shoes (not trainers)
- A pair of wellies for outdoor play

Please can we urge you to ensure that all clothing is labelled. Last year, the amount of lost property was unbelievable and we were not able to return it to their owners because there were no names in them.

Ideally, long hair should be tied back. As per the school uniform policy, children should consider the jewellery they wear to school. The school policy is the following:

- **One** pair of stud earrings – looped or dangly earrings are strictly not permitted
- A sensible wrist watch (not a smartwatch as this has safeguarding implications)

Should a child be wearing any other jewellery e.g. bracelets and necklaces, they will be asked to remove them and placed in an envelope for security until the end of the school day. We would appreciate your support with this.

Please could we also remind you that acrylic nails are not to be worn in school and nail varnish needs to be removed on school days.

PE Days

The PE days for 2025-2026 will be as follows:

Reception	Wednesdays and Forest School on Fridays
Year 1	Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 2	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 3	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 4	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 5	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 6	Mondays and Fridays

There will no PE on the first day back so please ensure your child is in their school uniform rather than their PE kit. After the first day, PE lessons will be as detailed above.

Just a quick reminder of the school uniform policy when it comes to PE kits:

- Red polo shirt
- Plain black joggers, leggings or shorts/skorts
- Plain black hoodie (Y6 Black Leavers Hoddie) It is good to get your child's initials printed on these as they are easily identifiable and can be returned if mislaid.
- Trainers (not converse)

Personal Belongings

Children in KS1 only need to bring in their book bag as there is not sufficient room in the classrooms to accommodate any other types of bags. Book bags are just the right size for the things the children need to transport to and from school each day. These can be purchased from the school office. When children move



into KS2, they have their own locker and therefore they can have a backpack as we are able to accommodate them.

Unlike secondary schools, primary schools ensure that the children have all the resources they need for their learning and therefore, your child does not need to bring a pencil case to school.

Soft toys from home and personal belongings are not encouraged and prior agreement with a member of the Senior Leadership Team is needed or the SENCO as part of an agreed provision as part of a sensory need.



Snacks

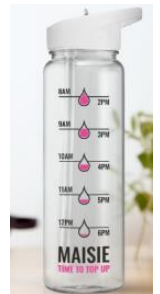
Snack is available on a daily basis from the school kitchen at a cost of £2.50. This includes toast and a drink. Snack must be ordered on a Monday and paid for via ParentPay. If children have not paid for snack, then unfortunately, the school will not be able to provide them with one, although there is always fruit available from the schools' fruit and veg scheme.

If your child brings in their own snack, please can we ask that it is something healthy, again with Friday being a treat day if you wish.

For children moving from Reception into Year 1, there is a difference in the way snack is organised. To help with transition, the school pay for the first week for all children and then following that, you will need to pay via ParentPay and ensure your child tells the staff they want to order snack for the week.

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school every day. Ready for this year, we have worked on a routine to ensure that children are encouraged at regular intervals in the school day to hydrate themselves. A water bottle with markings works well. With the increase in warmer days, we are happy for metal water bottles to be brought into school so water is cool.



Of course, there are some children who do not like water on its own and therefore we accept that some children may need to have sugar-free juice added to it. This is not a problem as the important thing is that they remain hydrated. However, please be aware that should your child need their water bottle to be topped up, this will be done with water.

Please be assured that we will encourage children to drink throughout the day, but we cannot force them to do so.

Mobile Phone Policy



Many of our children have access to a number of devices as part of their daily lives and these include mobile phones and smart watches. As a school, we appreciate that some



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children need mobile phones as a means of communication between themselves and their working parents/carers at the end of the school day, and therefore need to bring their mobile phones to school. We do not have a problem with this at all; however, it is important that we safeguard the children in school as the filter used in school will not protect children accessing inappropriate content on any devices which are not school owned.

In line with the Mobile Phone Policy (available on the school website) and to keep our Newchurch Robins safe and only used when appropriate to do so, we have put some procedures in place. This only applies to children in Years Five and Six; however, we strongly advise that you wait until Year Six as a means of preparation for the transition to high school.

The children will present their mobile phones to the class teacher each morning and these will be placed in personalised bags which will then be placed in a box for each class. The devices will then be stored securely in the school office for the remainder of the day and returned to the children before the end of the school day.

Please complete this google form to confirm the agreement between home and school for your child to bring their mobile phone to school: <https://forms.gle/PKooJZQkuqtmcMeN6> A text link will be sent for ease of completion. Without this signed agreement, the children will not be permitted to bring their mobile phones into school.

Walking Home

Children become more independent as they progress through the school and some parents/carers wish to allow their children to walk home from school. Please could we ask you to complete this form: <https://forms.gle/cfumVbV469us1qSQ7> which indicates that you give permission for your child to walk home on their own after school. Without this confirmation, your child will be asked to stay in school and you will be contacted to confirm they are allowed to walk home. Please ensure this form is completed as otherwise it unnecessarily impacts on staff workload.

School Meals

We have been requested by the Local Authority to share the following information regarding school meals:

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £2.80 to **£3.05** per meal from 1st of October 2025. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £1.25 per child.

This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project and this means that all children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>



The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that they unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. They will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

If your child is eligible for means tested free schools meals you could also be eligible for other funded support, such as [Household Support Fund](#) (funding for food and utility bills) and [Holiday Activities and Food](#) (summer holiday free activities and food). There are also other financial support schemes available, which you can find on the council website: warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme

Following the challenges we encountered with school meals last year, which was out of our control as the school does not employ the kitchen staff, we worked with the kitchen to do the best we could. However, following this request, we have asked for some clarification regarding the menu choices, the stability of staff etc and hope to share this with you as soon as they respond.

Free School Meals

We would like to ensure that any families eligible for free school meals apply and receive the support they need and are indeed entitled to. Pupils eligible for free school meals also receive vouchers for school uniform and subsidies for trips as per our Charging and Remissions policy.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



For further details, please follow this link: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

If you think you may be entitled, please contact Michelle or Rachel in the school office and as always, everything will be handled with high confidentiality.

Finally, please find below our current diary of dates for your information and forward planning.

See you on Wednesday.

Warm regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher

Diary of Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	School Opens	All classes
Tuesday 6 th September 2025 @ 2:30pm	Arete Parents' Meeting	Year 6 parents/carers and children
Monday 15 th September 2025	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND
Thursday 18 th September 2025	World Fitness Day – all children in PE kits	All classes
Thursday 18 th September 2025	Swimming starts	Year 4
Friday 26 th September 2025	Languages Day – children come in colours of the Spanish flag	All classes
w/c 29 th September 2025	Year Six residential to Arete	Year 6
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Harvest Festival – donations for Foodbank	All classes
Monday 6 th October 2025	Reception Parent/Carer Conferences	Reception Parents/Carers
Tuesday 7 th October 2025	Year 2 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 2 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 8 th October 2025	Year 1 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 1 Parents/Carers
Thursday 9 th October 2025	Year 3 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 3 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	Year 4 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 4 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 15 th October 2024	Year 6 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 6 Parents/Carers
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Year 5 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 5 Parent/Carers
Monday 20 th October 2025 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2026



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Thursday 16 th October 2025	Lowry workshop	Year 2
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Academy Photographs	All classes
Thursday 23rd October 2025	School Closes	All classes
Tuesday 4th November 2025	School Opens	All classes
Thursday 6 th November 2025	Outdoor Learning Day	All classes – children in PE kits
Thursday 6 th November 2025 @ 2:30pm	Arete Parents' Meeting	Year 5 parents/carers and children
Friday 7 th November 2025 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2026
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	NSPCC workshop	Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 12 th November 2025 @ 2:30pm	Year 4 PGL Parents' and Carers' Meeting	Year 4 parents/carers and children
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need Day	All class – dress up in Pugsy clothing, yellow or spots.
Monday 17 th November 2025	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND
w/c 17 th November 2025	Bikeability	Year 5
Friday 21 st November 2025 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2026
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Reception visit to Newchurch Parish Church	Reception
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Warrington Museum Workshop	Year 1
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	A Christmas Journey trip	Year 2
Friday 5 th December 2025 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 15 th December 2025 @ 1:30pm and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Party Day	All classes
Friday 19 th December 2025 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	All classes
Friday 19th December 2025	School Closes	All classes

Spring Term 2025

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Tuesday 6th January 2026	School Opens	All classes
Wednesday 7 th January 2026	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Thursday 8 th January 2026 @ 2:30pm	Burwardsley Parents/Carers meeting	Year 2 Parents/Carers and children
Monday 12 th January 2026	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND



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Tuesday 13 th January 2026	Science and Industry Museum visit	Reception
Tuesday 13 th January 2026	Year 4 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 4 Parent/Carers
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Swimming starts	Year 5
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Year 1 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 1 Parents/Carers
Monday 19 th January 2026	Year 2 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 2 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 20 th January 2026	Year 3 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 3 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 21 st January 2026	Reception Parent/Carer Conferences	Reception Parents/Carers
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Year 6 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 6 Parent/Carers
Monday 26 th January 2026	Year 5 parent/carers conferences	Year 5 parent/carers
Monday 2 nd February 2026	Storytelling Week and Reading Café	All classes
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Chicken Wire Workshop	All classes
Friday 13th February 2026	School Closes	All classes
Monday 23rd February 2026	School Opens	All classes
Tuesday 25 th February 2026	Academy Class Photographs	All classes
Monday 2 nd March 2026	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day	All classes
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Book Fair	All classes
Friday 13 th March 2026 @ 9:15am	Thank You Service	All classes
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Year 5 Safety Central Trip	Year 5
Thursday 26 th March 2026	TTRockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 1 st April 2026	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Friday 4 th April 2026	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Thursday 2nd April 2026	School Closes	All classes

Summer Term 2026

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Wednesday 15th April 2026	School Opens	All classes
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Interim Reports	All classes
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Year 2 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 2 parents/carers
Monday 20 th April 2026	Year 1 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 1 parents/carers
Tuesday 21 st April 2026	Year 3 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 3 parents/carers
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Reception Parent/Carer Conferences	Reception parents/carers
Monday 27 th April 2026	Year 5 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 5 parents/carers
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	Year 6 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 6 parents/carers
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Year 4 Parent/Carer Conferences	Year 4 parents/carers



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Wednesday 22 nd April 2026 to Friday 24 th April 2026	Y4 PGL residential	Year 4
Monday 4 th May 2026	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Great Fire of London workshop	Year 1
Wednesday 6 th May 2026 @ 2:30pm	PGL Parents' and Carers' Meeting for when in Year 4	Year 3 parents/carers and children
Friday 8 th May 2026	Outdoor Learning Day	All classes – in PE kits
w/c 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATS test week	Year 6
Friday 22nd May 2026	School Closes	All classes
Monday 9th June 2025	School Opens	All classes
w/c 8 th June 2026	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2
w/c 8 th June 2026	Y4 Multiplication Check	Year 4
Wednesday 17 th June 2026@ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 17 th June 2026@ 1:15pm	KS1 Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 30 th June and Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 2 residential to Burwardsley	Year 2
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Buddhist Temple visit	Year 6
Monday 13 th July 2026	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents of children with SEND
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Reception visit to Blue Planet Aquarium	Reception
Friday 17 th July 2026 @ 2pm	RobinFest	All classes
Tuesday 21 st July 2026 @ 6pm	Year 6 Production and Award Ceremony	Year 6 families
Thursday 23 rd July 2026 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes
Thursday 23rd July 2026	School Closes	All classes



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