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Dear parent/carer,

What a great start to the new school year we have had! It was wonderful to see so many happy children, including our wonderful new Newchurch Robins who have started with us in Reception. After the summer holidays when the children come back, it feels like the heartbeat is back in the school.

### RobinFest



You may recall us having to postpone RobinFest in July as a result of the weather. Fingers crossed all will be well for **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. The gates will open at 1:30pm. Please come along with your picnic blankets, chairs, etc ready for a great afternoon/evening of entertainment. If you have not purchased your tickets, please do not worry as you can pay on the gate.

There are bouncy castles, refreshment vans and art and craft stalls available for you to enjoy too. The children will perform from 2pm and then there will be many great performers throughout the evening. Children can come in their own festival clothes on this day.

### The Great Newchurch Bake Off

Our annual Great Newchurch Bake Off in aid of MacMillan will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is a change in date to the original date set out as our Year Six are away on their residential visit on the date we had in mind. Key Stage One will have theirs in the morning and Key Stage Two in the afternoon.



For those parents who are new to Newchurch or have never experienced this event, this is how it works...



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For those who love nothing more than a bit of Great British Bake Off and love nothing better than losing yourself in fondant icing and sprinkles, then you are invited to make either a medium sized cake or six small cakes for the cake competition. If the thought of baking a cake brings you out in cold sweats, do not fear...you can send in shop bought cakes (no fresh cream or nuts please) and these can be a donation rather than entering the competition. No competition can be had without a prize! There will be a class winner based on originality of design and they will be awarded the coveted Newchurch Bake Off wooden spoon! **To ensure the safety of our children and families, please can we ask that all things placed on the cakes are completely edible.**

Refreshments will be on offer and the opportunity to have a piece of cake which has been donated. **Please bring a cup with you so we can save on the use of disposable plastic cups.** If you have entered the cake competition and do not wish for your cake to be eaten, please let your child's teacher know in the morning. All we ask is that you make a donation to Macmillan using the ParentPay facility which will be set up next week. Even if you are not able to attend the event, any donation will be welcomed for such an amazing charity.

So that it is a pleasant experience with sufficient space for all families, we will be staggering the arrival and departure of year groups. The organisation will be as such:

Class	Arrival time	Departure time
Reception	9:15am	10:15am
Year 1	9:45am	10:45am
Year 2	10:15am	11:15am
Year 3	1:15pm	2:15pm
Year 4	1:30pm	2:30pm
Year 5	1:45pm	2:45pm
Year 6	2:00pm	3:00pm

We apologise if this feels like a military operation but to ensure we can provide an opportunity for all classes and keep to the lunchtime schedule, we will need to ask you to keep to these times as much as possible.

Younger siblings (not of school age) may attend but could we ask that you keep them supervised at all times.

If you have children in both key stages, please can you select **one** time slot to attend and both children will be able to come out of class to enjoy the event with you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate adults sharing the experience with children who are not their own family. Do not fear! Any child who does not have an adult attending will have the same experience in class with their teachers.

In order for us to be able to ensure there is sufficient safe space and refreshments, please could we ask that you complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/Xbj2RSfZwbz7YkSx9> indicating the time you will be coming.



## PE Days

The vast majority of children remembered to wear their PE kits on the days they have PE. Please could we ask that trainers only be worn on PE days and school shoes for the remainder of the week. For those who did not remember, here are the PE days for 2023-2024:

Class	PE Days
Reception	Tuesdays (Forest School) and Fridays
Year 1	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 2	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 3	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 4	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 5	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 6	Tuesdays and Thursdays

The school uniform policy when it comes to PE kits is:

- Red polo shirt
- Plain black joggers, leggings or shorts/skorts
- Plain black hoodie (Y6 Black Leavers hoddie)
- Trainers

If your child does not have their PE kit, we will contact you in the morning so that you are able to bring it into school.

For children who have hair longer than shoulder length, it will need to be tied back and no earrings worn on these days. Children will be requested to remove their earrings for health and safety reasons so it is probably best they do not wear them at all on PE days.

We also ask that long hair should be tied back. If children have their ears pierced, then earrings must be studs only (no looped earrings) for health and safety reasons. Watches may also be worn but no other jewellery such as necklaces, rings or bracelets unless for medical reasons.

Finally, please see the diary of dates below for your information. Any changes have been made in red for your ease of reference.

Have a great week.

Kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



## Diary of Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	School Opens	All classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 @ 11:30am	Reception Loved One to Lunch	Reception class
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September @ 2:30pm	Arete Parents' Meeting	Year 6 parents and children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023 @ 2pm – 8pm	RobinFest	All classes
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Bike Right	Year 5
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Clubs starts	All classes – booking system
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 2:15pm	Harvest Festival – donations	All classes
w/c Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Arete residential	Year 6
<del>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023</del>	<del>Great Newchurch Bake Off</del>	<del>All classes</del>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 6:30pm	Open Evening	New starters September 2024
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Great Newchurch Bake Off</b>	<b>All classes</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 1 Loved One to Lunch	Year 1 parents
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Book Fair	All classes
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 10am	Open Morning	New starters September 2024
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Academy Photographs – individual, siblings and families	All classes
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open afternoon	New starters September 2024
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monster Mayhem Day and Monster Lunch	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>School closes</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	



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Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch	Year 2 parents
w/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Anti-bullying Week	All classes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2024
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS1 classes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS2 classes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 9:15am and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes and parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	All classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	

## Spring Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch	Year 3 parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	



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Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch	Y4 parents
w/c Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Book Week – details to follow	All classes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day, including lunch	All classes
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 9:15am	Thank You Service	All classes
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Book Fair	All classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 2:30pm	Kingswood Meeting	Year 4 children and parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	

## Summer Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Interim Reports	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Kingswood	Year 4
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch	Year 5 parents
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS - SPAG	Year 6
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS - Reading	Year 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2	Year 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3	Year 6
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>School Opens</b>	
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2 children
w/c Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 @	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents



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Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS1 Sports Day	Key Stage One classes and parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 6:00pm	Year Six Performance and Awards Ceremony	Year 6 children and families
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Key Stage Two classes and parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reports Out	All classes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 2pm onwards	RobinFest	All classes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes and parents
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	



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