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Dear parent/carer,

What another great week we had in school last week! Here's to another exciting week full of lots of wonderful learning and of course, RobinFest on Friday. Please keep your fingers crossed for the weather.

Loved on to Lunch

Once again, we warmly welcome you to join the children for lunch on the dates set below. This is an opportunity for you to come to school at 11:30am and join your child for lunch. Bookings for this are made on ParentPay and the cost is £2.60. This is a great opportunity for you to sample our lovely school meals and meet the kitchen and midday team.

Reception parents will notice a change in the original date (which was on Thursday) as ParentPay is not yet set up for this cohort of children.

Reception	Monday 23 rd October 2023
Year 1	Thursday 12 th October 2023
Year 2	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
Year 3	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 4	Thursday 29 th February 2024
Year 5	Thursday 2 nd May 2024
Year 6	Thursday 27 th June 2024

Autumn Term Parental Conferences

Our parental conferences are in the coming weeks and will provide a time for you to discuss how your child has settled into the school year and how best you can support them.

Please see the dates below for references:



Reception	Thursday 5 th October 2023
Year 1	Thursday 12 th October 2023
Year 2	Monday 16 th October 2023
Year 3	Wednesday 11 th October 2023
Year 4	Thursday 19 th October 2023
Year 5	Monday 23 rd October 2023
Year 6	Thursday 26 th October 2023

Bookings for parental conferences will be via ParentPay and work on a first come, first served basis. Booking will go live on Friday 29th September at 9am. As with previous parental conferences, there is an option for a face to face meeting or a virtual meeting. Please indicate your preference when booking as otherwise the teacher will presume you would like a face to face meeting. Each child will be allocated ten minutes. Should you prefer a telephone call, this can also be arranged. Please indicate this when making your booking.

If you opt for a virtual meeting, you will receive an email from teacher@newchurchprimary.co.uk. Please click on the link to take you into the meeting with your child's teacher. Should the link not work, the teacher will ring you.

Extra-curricular Activities

At Newchurch, we are committed to the provision of extra-curricular activities for the children. The staff willingly give up their time to provide these as they are a great opportunity for children from all year groups to get together in a less formal way and develop relationships. At the end of the last academic year, the School Council canvassed their peers regarding the types of clubs they would like and therefore the choice available is based on their interests. We also acknowledge that many children have activities such as football, swimming, dancing etc outside of the school day and are not able to participate in afterschool clubs. Therefore, some extra-curricular activities will be available during the lunchtime break to allow all children the opportunity to participate.



In order to maintain work-life balance for the staff, we have set the dates for the year that clubs will run. The dates are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Start: Monday 25 th September 2023 Finish: Friday 24 th November 2023		Start: Monday 15 th January 2024 Finish: Friday 22 nd March 2024		Start: Monday 22 nd April 2024 Finish: Friday 28 th June 2024	

We are currently finalising the list of choices available to the children. Please keep an eye out for a text this week alerting you to a letter on the website regarding clubs and how to book your child on them.



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Please remember that extra-curricular activities are to broaden the children's curriculum and are not alternative childcare. Children will be accepted on at least one of their preferences and be placed on a waiting list for their other choices if needed.



Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting

We warmly invite parents (old and new) to our PTA annual general meeting on **Tuesday 26th September at 6:00pm** at the Culcheth Arms.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the work of the PTA in raising funds for the school. The group is friendly, motivated and very open to new ideas. Please come along and join in the planning of future events.

Free School Meals Entitlement

Children in Key Stage One receive universal free school meals; however, they could still be eligible for benefits-related free school meals. If a child is eligible for free school meals, the school receives additional funding which is used to support the children's learning and helps to subsidise educational visits and uniform. Likewise, when children enter into KS2, they may be eligible.

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)

If you think you may be eligible, contact Bev Heath in the school office on 01925 763427 or email newchurch_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk. All matters will be dealt with confidentiality.

Children's Achievements

We are always excited to celebrate the children's achievements and hear about their passions outside of school so if your child has won an award, moved to the next stage in swimming etc. please share it with us by **Thursday 28th September** so we can add it to our monthly newsletter.

And finally...please see the calendar of dates at the bottom of this letter. Any changes have been ruled out and any new events added in red for ease of reference.



Have a lovely 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 th September 2023	School Opens	All classes
Thursday 21st September 2023 @ 11:30am	Reception Loved One to Lunch	Reception class
Thursday 21 st September @ 2:30pm	Arete Parents' Meeting	Year 6 parents and children
Friday 22 nd September 2023 @ 2pm – 8pm	RobinFest	All classes
w/c Monday 25 th September 2023	Bike Right	Year 5
Monday 25 th September 2023	Clubs starts	All classes – booking system
Wednesday 27 th September 2023 @ 2:15pm	Harvest Festival – donations	All classes
w/c Monday 2 nd October 2023	Arete residential	Year 6
Thursday 5 th October 2023	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Monday 9 th October 2023 @ 6:30pm	Open Evening	New starters September 2024
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	Great Newchurch Bake Off	All classes
Wednesday 11 th October 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 12 th October 2023	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 12 th October 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 1 Loved One to Lunch	Year 1 parents
w/c Monday 16 th October 2023	Book Fair	All classes
Monday 16 th October 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 18 th October 2023 @ 10am	Open Morning	New starters September 2024
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Reception Loved one to lunch	Reception parents



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Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Academy Photographs – individual, siblings and families	All classes
Wednesday 25 th October 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open afternoon	New starters September 2024
Thursday 26 th October 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Friday 27 th October 2023	Monster Mayhem Day and Monster Lunch	
Friday 27th October 2023	School closes	
Monday 6th November 2023	School Opens	
Tuesday 7 th November 2023 @ 11:30am	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch	Year 2 parents
w/c Monday 13 th November 2023	Anti-bullying Week	All classes
Wednesday 15 th November 2023 @ 1:30pm	Open Afternoon	New starters September 2024
Friday 24 th November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS1 classes
Thursday 7 th December @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Friday 8 th December 2023 @ 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes and parents
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play dress rehearsal	KS2 classes
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 @ 9:15am and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes and parents
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	All classes
Thursday 21 st December 2023 @ 2pm	Christmas Assembly	
Thursday 21st December 2023	School Closes	

Spring Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Thursday 4 th January 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Friday 5 th January 2024	Interim Reports Out	All classes
Monday 8 th January 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Thursday 11 th January 2024 @	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch	Year 3 parents



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11:30am		
Monday 15 th January 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 15 th January 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 17 th January 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Friday 9th February 2024	School Closes	
Monday 19th February 2024	School Opens	
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch	Y4 parents
w/c Monday 4 th March 2024	Book Week – details to follow	All classes
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day, including lunch	All classes
Friday 8 th March 2024 @ 9:15am	Thank You Service	All classes
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Book Fair	All classes
Thursday 21 st March 2024 @ 2:30pm	Kingswood Meeting	Year 4 children and parents
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Monday 25 th March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Thursday 28th March 2024	School Closes	

Summer Term 2024

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens	
Monday 15 th April 2024	Book sharing after school	All classes
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Interim Reports	All classes
Wednesday 17 th April 2024 – Friday 19 th April 2024	Kingswood	Year 4
Wednesday 17 th April 2024	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Thursday 18 th April 2024	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Monday 22 nd April 2024	Clubs start	All classes
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Monday 29 th April 2024	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch	Year 5 parents
Monday 13 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS - SPAG	Year 6
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS - Reading	Year 6



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Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2	Year 6
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Friday 24th May 2024	School Closes	
Tuesday 11th June 2024	School Opens	
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2 children
w/c Monday 10 th June 2024	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Thursday 27 th June 2024 @ 11:30am	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents
Friday 28 th June 2024	Clubs finish	All classes
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS1 Sports Day	Key Stage One classes and parents
Wednesday 17 th July 2024 @ 6:00pm	Year Six Performance and Awards Ceremony	Year 6 children and families
Thursday 18 th July 2024 @ 9:15am	KS2 Sports Day	Key Stage Two classes and parents
Friday 19 th July 2024	Reports Out	All classes
Friday 19 th July 2024 @ 2pm onwards	RobinFest	All classes
Thursday 25 th July 2024 @ 2pm	Leavers' Assembly	All classes and parents
Thursday 25th July 2024	School Closes	



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