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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the festive season rapidly approaches, our Newchurch Robins (big and small) are all very excited. Every day, you can hear children practising their Christmas play songs and excitedly walking into the hall to perform their dances on the stage. Newchurch is truly a magical place to be all year round but more so at Christmas time.

### Christmas Plays

Everyone's highlight of the festive period is the chance to watch our Newchurch Robins in the Christmas productions. They are truly delightful and so everyone wants to watch them, but they do cause some difficulties for schools with regards to the number of people who can be in the audience at one time, as we must comply with fire safety regulations.



Once again, the Christmas plays will be ticketed events, with a different coloured ticket for each performance. We need to take into account the number of children in the hall **plus** the spectating adults. We would love nothing more than to invite everyone but we are sure you understand that safety comes first, as is the need to treat everyone equally.

Tickets will be sent home with your child on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. **Each child will receive one ticket** per performance (two tickets in total). This means that there will be a chance for all children to have at least one person in the audience. The distribution of tickets will look different depending on the classes your children are in. For example:

- If you have a child in KS1 and one in KS2, you will receive two tickets for KS1 (one for each performance) and two tickets for KS2 (one for each performance)
- If you have two children in KS1, then you will receive four tickets (two for each performance). This is the same for KS2.
- If you have twins, each child will still receive their allocation.



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- If you have three children in one key stage, you will receive six tickets (three for each performance).

We recognise that some parents work, or are unable to make some of the performances, and should families wish to swap them amongst themselves, this is absolutely no problem. As long as you have the right coloured ticket for the performance you are attending, there will be no issue.

In the past, some people have come to school for the performance but say they have forgotten their ticket or have the wrong colour. We recognise that this can happen; however, please appreciate that organising these events requires military precision and a firm eye on the safety of the children and attendees. If you do not have your ticket on the day, you will be asked to wait until all those with tickets have been seated and if there are spaces available, you will be allowed admittance.

Unfortunately, in the past we have had occasions when someone has forgotten their ticket and when we have asked for them to wait, they have been extremely rude to members of staff who are following the guidance given to them. Just a reminder that respectful behaviour is always expected when entering Newchurch so please be mindful of this. Could we ask that you inform any family members who will be attending of these rules and to avoid this even happening, please just remember to bring your tickets.

For families where parents do not live together, we recognise that there is an extended family who hold special places in the children's hearts. We will hold some extra tickets in reserve and allocate one extra ticket. Please just come to the office and speak with Bev, Michelle or Rachel and they will be happy to help.

Younger children do not need a ticket but will need to sit on an adult's knee. If you have any tickets you do not need, please give them to the school office so they can be redistributed. If you require additional tickets, please speak to the office and they will put you on a waiting list. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee additional tickets.

We recognise also that Year 2 and Year 4 children have the lead parts in the Christmas plays. As we do with our Year 6 parents at the end of the year, the first four rows of chairs will be reserved for parents of these two classes.

### Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers and Winter Coats



As we approach the festive season, there will be lots of additional expense and we would like to try to keep the festive fun alive but be considerate of our families. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we will have our annual Christmas Dinner, Party and Jumper Day. Christmas jumpers are seasonal and quite expensive so we would

like to set up a Christmas jumper swap if possible. If you have any children's Christmas jumpers that are in good condition, but have been outgrown, please could you send them into school on Wednesday



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22<sup>nd</sup> November. We will then set up a stall outside school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November after school until 5:30pm so children who need a 'new' Christmas jumper can take one.

In addition to the Christmas jumpers, if you have any spare winter coats you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them into the office on the above dates. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued and valued support.

### Dress Down Day

Just a reminder that Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November is dress down day for any donations for the Christmas Fair (KS1 – sweetie jars and KS2 – tombola prizes). If you are able to contribute, the PTA will be available to collect your donations on the school carpark in the morning. Any children who come into Robins in the morning can bring them into school and we will ensure they are passed on to the PTA.

### And the other Christmas festivities...

With so many events taking place, it is hard to keep a track of things so here is a 'one stop shop' for all the Christmas activities until the end of term.

When?	What is happening?	Who's involved?	What do you need to know?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	KS1 costumes to be brought to school	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Please ensure that all costumes are brought in by this date to allow the teachers to organise them. Please ensure to label all items. If you need any help, please see your child's teacher before the end of this week.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Fair	All families	The PTA warmly welcomes families to the annual Christmas Fayre between 6pm and 8pm. This year, they can take card payments, payments through your phones as well as good old-fashioned cash. Come along and join in the fun. There will also be some free games.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 costumes to be brought to school	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Please ensure that all costumes are brought in by this date to allow the teachers to organise them. Please ensure to label all items. If you need any help, please see your child's teacher before the end of this week.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 dress rehearsal of Christmas Play 9:30am	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Holcroft Grange, Chatborne Court and local nurseries have been invited to attend the dress rehearsal and the rest of the school will watch it also so it is polished ready for parents to watch.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30am	Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Doors will open at 9:10am. Please have your ticket with you. If you have a disability, please contact the school so we can make arrangements for your comfort.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS1 Christmas Play 9:30pm	Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Doors will open at 9:10am. Please have your ticket with you. If you have a disability, please contact the school so we can make arrangements for your comfort.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Tree Service in church	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and	All parents are invited to join us at Newchurch Parish Church as the children sing in the annual Christmas Tree



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2023	at 11am	Year 6	Festival. Details of the times will follow but if you are able to walk down to church with us, please let the office know.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 dress rehearsal of Christmas Play	All classes	All KS1 classes may attend the KS2 rehearsal.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 Christmas Play 9:30am and 6pm	Parents of Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Doors will open at 9:10am for the morning performance and 5:45pm for the evening performance. KS2 children should return to school for 5:30pm. In order to maintain the quality of performance, and to respect the extensive effort put into practising by the children and staff, please could you ensure your child attends the evening performance.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Party Day	All children	Children to come to school in their Christmas jumpers. The children will have their Christmas lunch (booked through ParentPay), enjoy party games and even have a special visitor. Someone even said it may snow!
THURS 21ST DEC 2023	Christmas Assembly at 2pm	All classes	Doors will open at 1:40pm. The children will perform some Christmas songs or poems for your entertainment. The perfect ending to the term and a great way to start the Christmas holidays. For fire safety reasons, we will need to restrict this event to <b>two</b> people per family.

### Santa's Grotto

A text will be sent out on Monday at 4pm as bookings open for the Father Christmas Grotto at the Christmas Fair on Teachers2Parents. Each slot is for your 'group', so only book one slot per family. Please list the number of children in each year group and ages of any siblings attending in the notes box. Once you have made a booking, payment should be made for the total numbers on Parent Pay. The cost will be £2 per child. To facilitate the preparations for the grotto, the PTA will need all bookings completed by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.



### Christmas Carols for the Community

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, the staff of the Culcheth Arms have asked our Newchurch Robins to sing a few Christmas Carols as they invite their customers to hand their decorations on the Tree of Remembrance. The event runs from 6pm and the children will sing a few Christmas songs (no longer than 20 minutes). We are inviting children in years 4, 5 and 6 to come and represent the school with their singing. Please could you use the following google form to

inform us if your child would like to take part: <https://forms.gle/7piBfkuUjDy488UX7> The children would need to be accompanied by an adult and school staff will be there to lead the children in their singing.

And finally, please see the diary of dates below with new additions in red for your ease of reference.



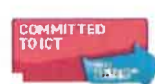
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Kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher

## Diary of Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	Dress Down Day for donations for Christmas Fair	KS1 donations of sweetie jars KS2 donations of tombola prizes
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 @11am	Children attend Culcheth Arts Exhibition	Year 5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Crucial Crew trip	Year 6
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Christmas Journey trip	Year 2 children
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November @10am	Visit to Newchurch Parish Church	Reception
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Christmas Fair	All families
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
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 11am	Christmas Tree Service at Newchurch Church	KS2 classes
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Pokemon and Match Attack swap day	All classes
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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Attendance Award Trip to Cineworld to watch Elf!	Year 5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 2pm	Children singing at Bents	Choir
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner, Christmas	All classes



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2023	Jumper and Christmas Parties Day	
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
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Burtonwood Heritage Museum	Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Warrington Museum – Art and History	Reception
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Closes	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Opens	
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
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Warrington Museum Trip	Year 2
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	TT Rockstars Day	All classes
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Closes	

## Summer Term 2024



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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 @ 11:30am	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch	Year 6 parents
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>Walker Art Museum</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
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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