



Newall Green Primary School

Aiming High To Reach Our Goals

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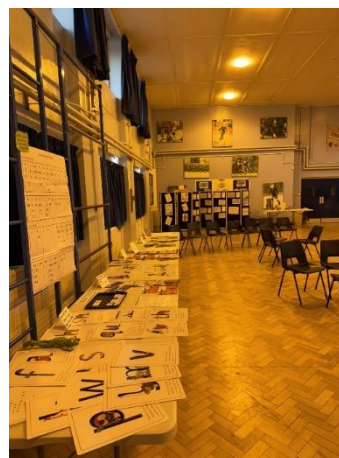


Dear Parents and Carers,

What a delightful first week back we had at Newall Green Primary! Our children thoroughly enjoyed the wintry weather, embracing the opportunity to play in the snow. It was wonderful to see their faces light up with excitement as they explored the snow-covered playground. These moments of joy and discovery are precious, reminding us of the simple pleasures that can make learning and school life so special. While we ensure safety is our top priority, we also recognise the importance of allowing children to experience and interact with their environment. Such experiences often lead to rich conversations and learning opportunities back in the classroom.




Thank you so much to the parents and carers that attended the reading open morning last Thursday. It was lovely to showcase the amazing work of our Reader Leaders and for our parents and carers to see them in action. Our Year 6 leaders have worked so hard to train for this very important role and so it is great to see all of their hard work pay off with the Year 2 children.



Year 6 Residential

We would like to invite all parents / carers of those children attending the Year 6 residential, in for a parent information meeting on **Wednesday 22nd January 2025** at 3.30pm. This meeting will take place in the 6LE classroom and will give you further information regarding your child's stay and answer any queries, you may have. If you haven't already completed the medical consent form on School Spider, please do so as soon as possible.



We are proud to be taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week again in 2025.

This year, Place2Be have teamed up with the characters from Inside Out 2 to explore the importance of expressing our emotions.

Together, we will discover how getting to know who we are and what makes us tick can help us build resilience, grow and develop.

The theme this year is 'Know yourself, grow yourself' and the school council have voted to have a 'Pens down' day on Thursday 6th February.

Each class will vote on the activities that they would like to do with their class linked to improving our mental health and around this year's theme.

Some of the activities may be practical, so we are asking children to come to school in their PE kits on this day and wear suitable footwear.

The wonderful School Council have been working hard on a fundraising campaign to help us improve our KS2 playground. They have worked incredibly hard as a group to listen to the voices of all of our pupils in order to find out

what changes or improvements they would like. As a team, they have put together their campaign aims and we have now set up a Crowdfunder to try and raise as many donations as we can to make our playground a more colourful and equipped area for our children to rest and play. The wish list is big and our target is even bigger – we would love to raise £20,000 to buy a trim trail and shelter for the playground as well as more sports equipment, bins and a lick of paint to brighten the space up a little bit.

The School Council are creating a video to explain what we need and the impact it will have on our school which we will share on the Crowdfunder next week. They have got a number of fundraising ideas for the next few months so please follow our journey and any little help would be very much appreciated.

[More colour and new equipment for our playground. - a Schools crowdfunding project in Manchester by Newall Green Primary School](#)

NSPCC World Number Day

To celebrate the NSPCC World Number Day on **Friday 7th February** we will be having a 'MATHS ROCKS' day in school. On this day, children and staff can dress up as Rockstars (linked to the Times Tables Rockstars app which we use to practise times tables), or as something number related. This could be something simple like pinning a number to their top, having Monopoly money stuck to their clothes, or coming as their favourite shape. Dress up is optional. The day will run as a normal school day but with an extra focus on maths activities. Year 2-6 will be having times tables competitions this half term and the finals will be held on this day too which proved to be very exciting and engaging for our children last year. I hope you can support us and help make this a memorable day for the children to show that Maths Rocks!!

Library

We are very proud to announce that our library is back open again after the Christmas break. Over the past 2 weeks, we have had over 20 pupils from KS2 volunteering, with numerous tasks, including making book bands/book banding, sorting the books, their shelves and so much more. We have also received a very generous donation of throws from St. Paul's that will be used on our bean bags for "Cosy Readers".

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.3% which is some way off our whole school target of 96%. Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as possible to give them the best chance at an excellent education. To assist parents / carers in getting children back to school and who have been struggling trying to get a GP appointment for minor illness check out the **Think Pharmacy First** information [**nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst**](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst). Detailed information about this this service has been emailed out to parents / carers or is available in the News section of our website.

Well done to our weekly class winners:

1RB - 95.2%

4AG - 99.3%

5JH - 96.8%

House Points

The house point's totals were incredibly close this week! Congratulations to **House Frank** for earning a fantastic 2,968 points this week. They are one step closer to earning that end of half term treat!

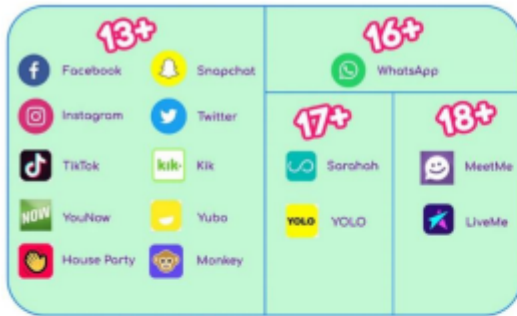
And finally, we kindly request that if you have any concerns or need to discuss your child's progress, please contact the school office to schedule a meeting. This will help ensure that our staff members can provide you with their full attention and support, without interrupting their start time or their important duties during the school day.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Rudd
Executive Headteacher



Date	Event
January	
22 nd January 2025	Year 6 to Gobind Singh Gurdwara Educational & Cultural Centre
22 nd January 2025	3.30pm – Year 6 Residential Meeting – 6LE Classroom
23 rd January 2025	Year 3 walking to Forum Library
29 th January 2025	2AC to Aerozone
30 th January 2025	2RB to Aerozone
30 th January 2025	Reception to Imagine That
W/C 3 rd February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week
3 rd & 4 th February 2025	Reception – Vision & Hearing Screening throughout the day
4 th February 2025	Year 1 to Weaver Hall
6 th February 2025	Pen's Down Day – Come to School in PE Kit (As per the uniform policy)
7 th February 2025	World Number Day – All Children (and staff) are invited to dress up as Rockstars or as something number related
13 th February 2025	Years 3 & 4 Valentines Disco 3.30pm
14 th February 2025	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM
24 th February 2025	SCHOOL RE-OPENS



Apps and their age limits

Before making the decision to allow your child access to social media, please be aware of the age restrictions of the different apps. Should you consider your child responsible enough to act appropriately on any of the apps, please find below a guide as to how to set up parental controls so you remain in control and aware of how your child is using their accounts.

TikTok Family Pairing

Family Pairing on TikTok allows parents to customise their safety settings based on individual needs. A parent can link their TikTok account to their child's and set parental controls including: deciding how long your child can spend on TikTok each day, get a summary of your child's time spent on TikTok, decide when to mute your child's push notifications, select keywords or hashtags to exclude from your child's 'For You' and 'Following feeds', restrict your child's exposure to content that may not be appropriate, restrict who can send messages to your child, or turn off direct messaging completely.

How to set up Family Pairing

To link parent and teen accounts:

1. In the TikTok app, tap **Profile** at the bottom.
2. Tap the **Menu** button at the top.
3. Tap **Settings and privacy**, then tap **Family Pairing**.
4. Tap **Parent** or **Teen**.
5. Follow the steps in the app to link accounts.

How to manage Family Pairing controls

To manage or view Family Pairing controls:

1. In the TikTok app, tap **Profile** at the bottom.
2. Tap the **Menu** button at the top.
3. Tap **Settings and privacy**, then tap **Family Pairing**.
4. Select the account you want to manage.
5. Update the controls, as needed.

Scan for more information



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Snapchat Parental Controls

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls that helps you see who your child is communicating with on Snapchat and set Content Controls. Family Centre reflects the dynamics of real-world relationships between parents and children, where parents have insight into who their child is spending time with. On Family Centre, parents can also easily and confidentially report any concerns directly to Snapchat's Trust and Safety team.

How to set up Family Centre

1. Open the app and tap 'Sign Up' to create an account.
2. Ask your child for their username, so you can add them as a friend. Once you have their username, you can search for it using the search bar at the Camera screen's top-left corner.
3. Once your child has accepted your friend request, you'll be ready to get started with Family Centre.
4. To access family centre, go to Settings (gear icon), located at the top-right corner of your Profile Page (located at the top left corner across all tabs), where Family Centre has a permanent home.
5. Once you open Family Centre, you'll need to invite your child to join. Your child will receive an invitation card, and they must opt in to participate.
6. Your child needs to tap 'Accept', and you'll both be notified that the status of the invitation has been updated.
7. Now, you can use Family Centre to see who your child is talking to and set Content Controls.



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Whatsapp parental controls

Whatsapp does not have parental control settings so please ensure your child's privacy settings are set appropriately.

Parental control app recommended by the Police – Qustodio

Qustodio Parental Control App makes parenting easier with screen time limits, games and app monitoring, app blocking, location tracking and the most advanced reporting. Start by downloading this Qustodio Parental Control App onto your device. Then download the Kids App Qustodio companion app onto your child's device or devices. The two monitoring apps work together to give parents all the tools they need to protect their kids online and encourage a healthy, balanced digital presence.

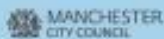
Brooklands Library Opening Hours

Email: brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk

Website: www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries

Monday	10-1; 2-5
Tuesday	10-1; 2-5
Wednesday	10-1; 2-8
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10-1; 2-5
Saturday	10-1; 2-5
Sunday	Closed

Please see a member of staff for more information
Brooklands Library
Moor Rd
Manchester
M23 9BP
Tel 0161 245 7087



The possibilities are endless
manchester.gov.uk/libraries

Brooklands Library Jan-Feb 2025 What's on?

Happy New Year

Highlights

- Keep Warm and cosy with our winter warmer offer
- **New - Men's Health Drop-in and Advice sessions 2-4pm**
1st session 7 Feb 2024
- Baby Rhyme Time 31 Jan
- **Half Term Crafts 17-21 Feb**
- Free Movie 19 Feb



Events

Winter Warmer

Keep warm and cosy during the winter months.

Help yourself to a cup of tea or coffee



Baby Rhyme Time Session for all Non-Walking Babies and their grown-ups Friday 31 Jan at 10:30 – 11am

Unpaid carers information session 2-4pm Fri 7 Feb

Free, Movie Weds 19th Feb 3pm start, free popcorn, and a free drink too

Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb

We have free crafts during our opening hours.

Please note children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult to all library activities

Regular Weekly Events

Tiny Tots and Toddler Time

Monday's 11-12 *Term Time Only*
For all families with a child under 5, join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts. **Welcome back Mon 6 Jan 2025**



Drop –in for basic ICT support Weds 2-4pm

Saturday Lego Club
Every week 10-12:30

We have a fantastic **Lego** collection for all children and a brilliant wooden train set.

Age Friendly Coffee Day

As part of our age friendly offer Every Tuesday we will be offering complimentary refreshments 10-12:30: 2-4:30 we will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits to all our customers.



Regular Monthly Events

Booky Brooky Brew Stop

Join us for complimentary refreshments Friday 31 Jan & Fri 28 Feb 2025

10-1; 2- 4:30 we will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits to all our customers.

NEW -Men's Health drop in & advice Sessions

If you are looking for advice, call in to see Andy & Tim at our monthly drop-in sessions on the 1st Friday of every month 2-4pm (no appointment required).

Brooklands Library Adult Reading Group meet the last Weds every month. The next meetings will be

Weds 29 Jan & Weds 26 Feb 2025 6:30 -7:30

New members are always welcome to our friendly group. Light refreshments included.

