



**Newall Green
Primary School**
Aiming High To Reach Our Goals

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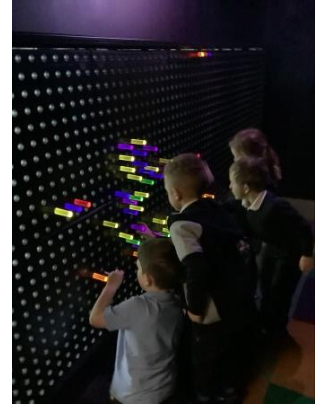


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the February half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this term. Our children have shown remarkable resilience and enthusiasm, embracing every learning opportunity with open hearts and minds. The buzz of excitement is palpable as we prepare for a well-deserved break. It's a time for our children to recharge, spend quality moments with loved ones, and perhaps embark on new adventures. While the classrooms may fall silent, I'm certain the spirit of curiosity we've nurtured will continue to thrive. I encourage you all to use this time to create lasting memories, whether through storytelling, outdoor exploration, or simply enjoying each other's company. Remember, learning doesn't stop at the school gates – every experience is an opportunity for growth.

Reception Trip to Imagine That

Reception had a fantastic day at Imagine That. We were treated to a science show where we used our senses to explore water that changed colour, bubbles and smoke which smelt like lemons and then we made slime. We conducted our own experiments in the science area: investigating light and dark, air, water, bubbles and motion. We painted magnets and a real car in the art zone! Finally, we used our imagination in the village to take on roles such as Fire Fighters, Construction Workers, Hairdressers, and Shop Workers. We had lots of fun and enjoyed it so much that the request came "Please can we come back tomorrow!"



Y6 Workshops

Over the past two weeks Year 6 have been really busy with two different workshops. The first workshop was about gangs and keeping safe in the community; the children learnt about being brave and confident in their choices and not giving in to peer pressure. The second workshop was with students from the University of Manchester. The children completed activities linked to their physical and mental health. This involved exercises, learning about the quantity of sugar in different drinks and analysing photos with and without filters to remind the children that not everything we see online is real.



Year 1 Trip to Weaver Hall

On Tuesday, Year 1 went on a trip to Weaver Hall to learn all about the Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys. We learnt so much about the life of people in 1666 and we made wattle and daub walls, fire marks and tussie mussies! These were used to sniff when there was a bad smelling fog or the plague was about.



Annie did an impressive job at the Greater Manchester Cross Country event, finishing 35th out of 105 participants. Her performance showcased her determination and grit as she pushed through the challenging course. Annie's relentless effort paid off, and her school couldn't be prouder of her remarkable achievements



Fundraiser

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 have now created a video to explain what we need and the impact it will have on our school which has now been shared on the Crowdfunder. 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](#)

Year 6 Residential

By now, you would have received a slip advising of the amount left to pay for your child's residential. Please note, all payments must be made in full by **28th February**, at the latest. If you haven't already completed the medical consent form on School Spider, please do so as soon as possible.

Pens down day

As part of Children's Mental Health week, the children requested another pens down day. The children voted for which activities they wanted to take part in – these included gardening, baking, board games, yoga, mindfulness. A great day was had by all!

Maths Rocks Day - A Fantastic Success!

On Friday we had an amazing Maths Rocks Day at school, filled with exciting maths activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed. In class, everyone took part in fun and engaging maths challenges, making learning both enjoyable and rewarding.

A special highlight of the day was the Times Table Competition finals for Years 2-6. Congratulations to all who took part, and a big well done to our winners! The final was thrilling, with classmates enthusiastically cheering on their friends whilst also taking part answering the questions. Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success!

The winners of the Times Table competition are:

Year 2 - Cairo and Shauna

Year 3 - Baylea

Year 4 - Sara

Year 5 - Jasmine

Year 6 - Dylan



Attendance

Attendance for this week was hampered by a lot of illness. This has affected a lot of our children and staff too. Please be mindful that we may have to cover classes if a member of staff is off sick. Whilst we aim to have the same people cover the class for the children, this may not always be possible.


A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

2RB 96%
3KH 97.86%
5JH 97.1%

House Points

Congratulations to **House Barnardo** who won this week's House Points with a staggering 3,760. The overall winner of House Points for the Spring 1 half term is **HOUSE BARNARDO!** Congratulations to all in House Barnardo who have had a brilliant half term and who will enjoy a treat of their choice this Friday!

February Holiday Club



Newall Green Primary School February Holiday Club

We can confirm that the February holiday camp will run on the following dates:

Monday 17th—Thursday 20th February 2025

The activities on offer will include:

- ICT
- All weather sports
- Indoor Sports
- Crafts
- Outdoor learning activities

Snacks & Lunch will be provided for your child. You will need to provide a water bottle and appropriate weather dependent clothing each day.

There are 2 options available to book, both of which are for the same holiday club run by members of staff from school. Please see the below:


HAF holiday club for children aged 5 and above ONLY

- Free to attend
- 9.00am–2.00pm
- Head to the MCR Active website to register your child and to book spaces.
- Find your activity and provider
- Search for Newall Green Primary School
- View your result and select your preferred days

Holiday club for children under 5

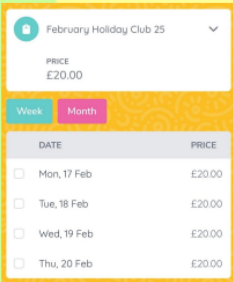
- £20.00 per day
- 9.00am–2.00pm each day
- Booked on School Spider (Instructions overleaf)

If your child is **OVER 5**, please scan the QR Code and book through MCR Active.



If your child is **UNDER 5**, you will need to book and pay for their place in advance on School Spider. In order to do so, please log on to your School Spider account and go to 'Bookings and Payments'.

You will see the following:



If you click on the above, you can select your required days and proceed to checkout.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Siobhan in the School office.

After School Sporting Activities

The following clubs are now open to book on school spider:

After School Sporting Activities at Newall Green Primary

Starting Monday 24th February - Friday 2nd April

MONDAY

- KEY STAGE 1 - MULTISKILLS
- KEY STAGE 2 - CRICKET



THURSDAY

- KEY STAGE 1 - MIXED FOOTBALL
- KEY STAGE 2 - GYMNASTICS



TUESDAY

- KEY STAGE 2 - DODGEBALL



FRIDAY

- EARLY YEARS - FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS
- KEY STAGE 2 - GIRLS FOOTBALL



WEDNESDAY

- KEY STAGE 1 - DODGEBALL
- KEY STAGE 2 - BOYS FOOTBALL



After School Sports Clubs run from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

The cost of an After School Sports Club is £10 for the half term. Spaces are limited so please be quick to book a place.

Log on to your School Spider account to book and pay, or alternatively you can pay at the main office by card or cash.

And finally, can we once again kindly remind you 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
February	
13 th February 2025	3KH Class Assembly
13 th February 2025	Years 3 & 4 Valentines Disco 3.30pm
14 th February 2025	3KS Class Assembly
14 th February 2025	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
24 th February 2025	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
25 th February 2025	SMP to Clayton Hotel