



Newall Green Primary School

Aiming High To Reach Our Goals

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Neurodiversity week. Neurodiversity refers to the way the brain works and interprets information. Estimates suggest that around 1 in 7 of the UK population is neurodivergent, meaning that the brain functions, learns and processes information differently to someone who is neurotypical. Neurodivergence can include ADD, ADHD, autism, dyscalculia, dyslexia, dyspraxia, executive dysfunction, OCD, stammering, Tourette's, tics and stimming amongst others. Neurodivergent people often experience more than one of these conditions.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate neurodiversity and facilitate a school ethos that values difference and fosters a culture of empathy and understanding.

We had a Neurodiversity assembly to celebrate on Tuesday. Earlier in the year we applied to receive a 'See Myself in Books-Neurodiverse book collection' from 'Read Manchester'. We received 35 books a few months ago and we have added them to our KS1 and KS2 libraries. We believe that books are a great way to raise awareness and improve understanding of different experiences. Books can be a helpful tool in opening children up to different realities and perspectives and help to counter misconceptions. They can also help children to feel seen and understood. Here are some examples of our books:



SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our SEND coffee morning on **Wednesday 30th April**, 9am-10.30am in the KS1 Hall. We will have a representative from the School Nursing Team attending to talk about 'Sleep' and 'Continence'. She will be happy to discuss individual cases with parents and give out resources. There will then be chance to have a chat and a hot drink with other parents and the SEND Team.



Easter Holiday Club

🌸 Book Now for Our Easter Holiday Club! 🥰

Spaces are now open for our exciting Easter holiday club! Don't miss out on fun activities, games, and adventures for the kids. Secure your spot today! If your child is OVER 5, please scan the QR Code and book through MCR Active.

📅 Dates: Monday 7th April – Thursday 10th April 2025

📍 Location: Newall Green Primary School

📺 Book Now:



Free School Meals

Please note the below information regarding Free School Meals (FSM) transitional protection.

FSM transitional protection is coming to an end on 31st March 2025, and any pupils identified as eligible before this date will be covered until the end of the school phase. We would encourage you to ensure all pupils' eligibility is therefore reviewed before this cut-off.

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested FSM will end. Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected.

This means any child:

- confirmed as eligible for FSMs from 1 April 2025 will not qualify for transitional protection and will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.
- already confirmed as eligible (prior to 1 April 2025) will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status e.g. year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025.

If you already receive Free School Meals, you **DO NOT** need to do anything and your free school meals **WILL** continue but if you **DO NOT** currently receive free school meals, but think you may be eligible, please apply here before the end of the month: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education_benefits/7355/free_school_meals

Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on **Wednesday 2nd April**. We will have appointments available from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. All bookings will open on School Spider at **8.00am** on **Monday 24th March**.

The appointment times, which are allocated to Parents Evening, are only to discuss your child's progress. If you have any other concerns or outstanding issues, they would need to be discussed at another time by contacting the office and making an arranged meeting with your child's teacher, as time on Parents Evening is limited.

Please note, no spaces can be reserved before the bookings go live. If you do not have School Spider, please contact Siobhan prior to this date, who will be able to assist.

Year 6 Residential

Last week, our Y6 children had a fantastic time in the sunshine on their 3 day residential. From dancing at the silent disco to eating smores at the campfire, the children had non-stop fun. The children challenged themselves to overcome their fears in activities such as 'Trapeze' (leap of faith) and on the climbing wall. They also developed their teamwork skills and support for each other during the sensory trail, raft-building orienteering and survival activities. The children's behaviour was outstanding and the PGL staff were impressed with each and every child pushing themselves to try new things.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 93% and last week was 94%. This is an improvement on previous weeks, however, some way off our school target of 96%. Remember, if your child has a minor illness like a headache or cold, they are often better off being in school learning and with their friends. If they are really poorly, we will contact you to pick them up.

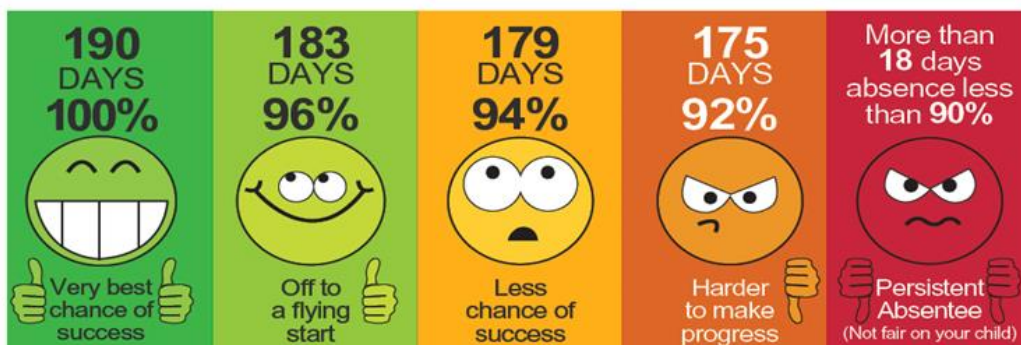
Well done to our class winners this week:

2AC – 95.9%

4AG – 97.1%

5JH – 97.8%

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Oral Health Workshop - please join us on 27th March at 8.50am!

On Thursday 27th March we will be visited by Natasha who is an oral health expert. She will be leading a workshop for parents and carers in the KS1 hall at 9am where she will share valuable tips on how to protect children's teeth from tooth decay. She will cover topics such as how to find a dentist and ways to encourage children to brush their teeth, since many children struggle with this daily task. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Throughout the day, Natasha will be running engaging sessions for children in Early Years and the Acorn room to teach them about the importance of caring for their teeth and gums.



Parents and carers from any year group can attend the workshop - we look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Sarah Rudd
Executive Headteacher



Date	Event
MARCH	
Monday 24 th March	PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS GO LIVE AT 8AM
Tuesday 25 th March	Zoo Lab will be in for the Nursery, Acorn, Rainbow & Hive children
Thursday 27 th March	Coffee Morning / Oral Health Workshop at 8.45am in the KS1 Hall
APRIL	
Wednesday 2 nd April	PARENTS EVENING 3.30PM – 6.30PM
Thursday 3 rd April	Non Uniform Day / Cake & Bake Sale
Friday 4 th April	Year 5 to Beeston Castle
Friday 4 th April	END OF TERM
Tuesday 22 nd April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Tuesday 29 th April	5JH to Clayton Hotel
Wednesday 30 th April	SEND coffee morning 9.00-10.30am in the KS1 Hall