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Be kind, be fair, be safe whilst learning together to be the best we can.

Dear Parents / Carers



It doesn't seem like five minutes since we returned from our Easter holidays and here we are at the end of Summer 1 and heading into the final half term of the school year!!

Once again, children have been exposed to some wonderful learning opportunities throughout the half term and it never ceases to amaze me how much new learning and knowledge the children take on in such a short space of time. This week saw two fantastic assemblies from RDD and RHa when both classes showcased to their families and other children in school how much they had learned in the last six weeks.

I would like to give a special mention to our Year 2 children who have been completing their End of Key Stage Statutory Tests (SATs) during the month of May. The positive way they have tackled the tests and the resilience they have shown has been superb and I am so proud of each and every one of them. At the end of one of the first tests (special quizzes as they are known to the children), one child excitedly left the classroom saying, 'this is the best day ever!' with another child in quick succession saying, 'I love this school and the work we do!' I do hope they feel the same way when they are doing their GCSE's!!

Thursday's sponsored hula hoop circuit was a lovely way to end the term and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to family and friends who have kindly sponsored children. Every penny raised goes back into school to ensure that we can give children memorable learning experiences and access to resources over and above what our school budget allows for.

This week we launch our annual questionnaire to parents/carers. We would encourage you to take the time to fill it in as it helps us to forward plan and continue to make our school even better. As a thank you each completed questionnaire will be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher (one per year group) Please follow this link

I hope everyone has a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you at the many events that are planned during the last half term.

Mrs Forshew
Headteacher

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for year 2022—2023 is 96%
Whole School Attendance from 7th September — 25th May is 92.9%

Check our figures to see how we are doing!

Please report a child's absence from school by sending us a message on MyEd or telephone the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave a message for the office before 9.30 am.

School Year group doors open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am and children can go into school between these times for registration at 8.55 am. Please make sure your child is on time for school. If they arrive after 8.55 am they will need to come via the main school office entrance. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. **Please help us to achieve our target!**

05.05.23-11.05.23

RDD 97.1%

RHa 96.7%

RIr 98.3% Best Class

1VH 96.6%

1Fu 94.6%

1Lo 94.6%

2Ev 97.5.4%

2Co 96.7%

2McG 94.2%

12.05.23-18.05.23

RDD 96.3% Best Class

RHa 95.0%

RIr 91.7%

1VH 95.7%

1Fu 95.0%

1Lo 94.0%

2Ev 94.3%

2Co 95.7%

2McG 92.3%

19.05.23-25.05.23

RDD 94.0%

RHa 95.7%

RIr 91.0%

1VH 94.3%

1Fu 95.7%

1Lo 96.0%

2Ev 97.3% Best Class

2Co 90.3%

2McG 87.0%

Monty has/will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!



Well Done

Date	Best Class
05.05-11.05	2Co
12.05-18.05	1Lo
19.05-25.05	1Lo



Snow Flake has will be spending the week with the winning

Movie Event Winner

TOP ATTENDANCE WINNERS - RDD 95.8%

Well done to Mrs Doherty/Mrs Dicken class for having the best attendance this half term, both classes have **WON** a Movie afternoon as a reward!! **Enjoy!! And WELL DONE!!**



Our Pupils of the Week!

A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for eg doing good work.

	19.05.23
Reception	Lily G, Ivy, Eloise, Timothy
Year 1	Grace N, George, Christopher
Year 2	Abel, Callum, Molly A, Lola



Our Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars! Well Done

28/04/2023

100 James J, Kimberley, Christopher

200 Mario, Noah MD

300 Florence, Chloe G, Oliver C



Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have welcomed our brand new 'Reading Vending Machine' into our library. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. The winners are awarded a golden coin to spend in the vending machine.

This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

RDD: Timothy R

RIR: Connor M

RHA: Riley S

1FU: Archie D

1LO: Finlay B

1VH: Olivia M

2EV: Connor C

2McG: Jacob S

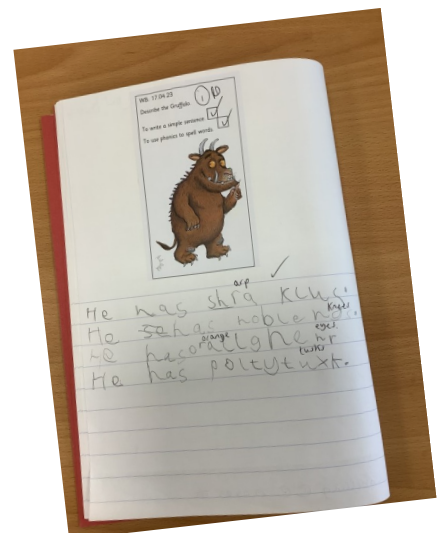
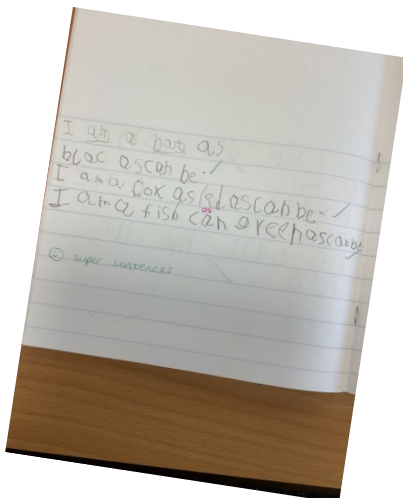
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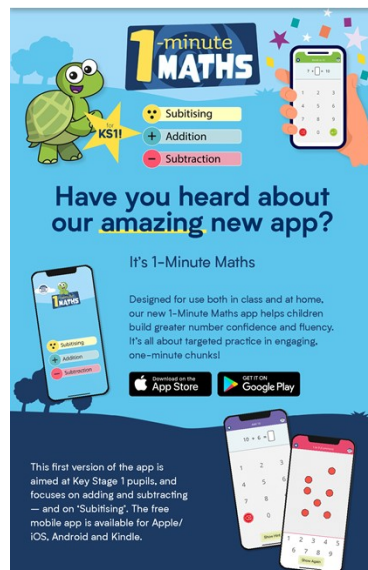
Year R

We have had another busy half term in Reception!

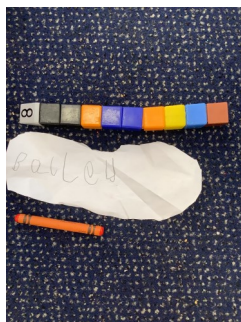
As part of our topic, **The Smartest Gruffalo on the Broom** we have been doing lots of work around stories by Julia Donaldson. We went for a walk in the wooded area of school when looking at the Gruffalo and then compared this setting to the town when reading The Smartest Giant in Town. We have been looking at features in our locality and drew maps to show our journey to school. We made some super pictures of the Gruffalo using different materials. Our writing is coming on very well, we are using our sentence openers to write sentences about different characters from the story.



In maths, we continue to practise our recall of number facts within 10. We are getting much quicker at recalling addition and subtraction facts within 10. A useful app to help with this is **White Rose - 1 minute maths**



We have been using cubes to measure the length of objects and enjoyed finding things that were longer and shorter than our foot!



We are having lots of fun working outside, sharing and taking turns with our friends! Please remember to send a sun hat into school now that the warmer weather is here!



King Charles Coronation

We had a lovely day celebrating the Coronation. We made our own crowns and flags, had a picnic for lunch and then took part in the parade through Hartshill.



Balance Bikes

We have been practising our skills on the balance bikes and strengthening our core muscles. We have learnt to glide and weave through obstacles on the bikes.



Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all after the holiday for our final half term in Reception!



Year 1 Showcase: Knights, Castles & Dragons

Greetings Lords and Ladies from the historians of Year One! This half term we have been time travellers, exploring the concept of castle life in days gone by...

Behold a brave knight...

The children have learnt lots of facts about the role of a knight in the castle, from his in-depth training, his suit of armour for protection, his passion for horses and the protection of the King. We have developed some excellent subject specific language such as gauntlet, chain (mail), visor, helmet and crossbow as well as vocabulary such as squire, knight and archer. We have labelled diagrams of a knight and even made our own tin foil knight, finally this week we are designing our very own coat of arms and painting and making shields.





The concept of a castle...

All our Year one classes have been busy developing their substantive knowledge about castles, the purpose and features of castles, how they were designed to attack the enemy but similarly defend those inside from the enemy when under siege..

Moat, arrow slits, drawbridge, portcullis, battlements, dungeon, defend, attack, are just some of the nouns and verbs that the children have been using in discussions with talk partners, collaborative whole class work and when labelling diagrams.

Life within the castle walls...

What role would you choose in the castle?

This is a question we asked the children to ponder and discuss in groups and they were very animated considering which job they would like to do, from soldier to servant to Gang-farmer! Would you choose Gang-Farmer?! Above are some photos of the children ranking the jobs in the castle in order of importance.

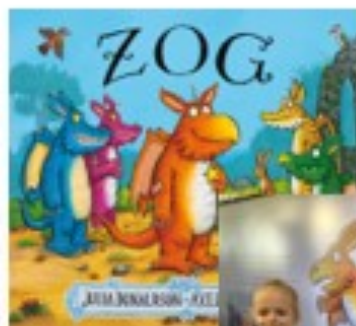




Talk for Writing

Talk for Writing
We have thoroughly enjoyed our Talk for Writing Text for this half term, Zog by Julia Donaldson. We held our very own "Dragon School" Day and we all came dressed up in bright colours, just like the dragons in the story. Like the dragons under the care of several Madame Dragons, we practised our flying, our roaring and (most) as well as our capturing abilities. It was a fun day and as dragons, we felt strongly that we had earned a gold star for working so hard! Here are some pictures of us in action below.

Following our day at Dragon School, the children wrote a fabulous diary entry of a day in the life of a dragon at school. More gold stars followed.



Our second text this half term has been **Tell me a Dragon by Jackie Morris..** If you have never read can speak for Year One children and say that they would highly recommend it. The illustrations and description are outstanding and very evocative. Our classes have enjoyed exploring the language and images that are depicted and were very creative when it came to writing a description of their own dragon.





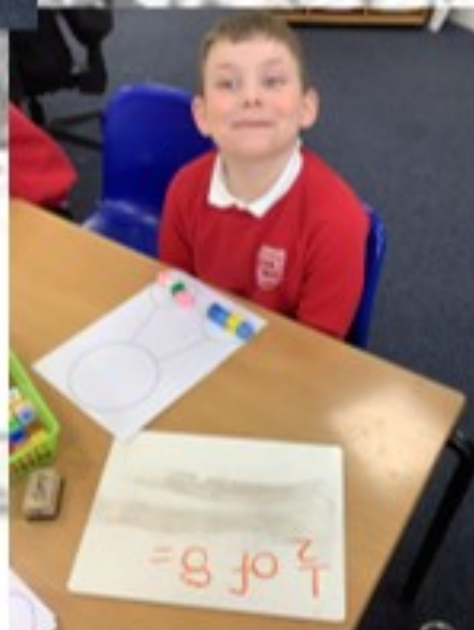
A wonderful addition to our half term saw us marking the King's Coronation in school with a day of festivities including a march with Michael Drayton. We made crowns and flags and marched along to the music, singing some choruses from songs we had learnt. It was a very memorable day.

On behalf of all of the Year One team, can I thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the children's learning. Here's looking forward to the last half term of summer. We are embarking on a new topic called All Creatures Great and Small which heavily supports our Science curriculum. More information to follow very soon.

Wishing you a lovely half term break,
Mrs Fussey, Year One Team Leader and the Year One team

Please see the following page for some more photos to celebrate our half term..

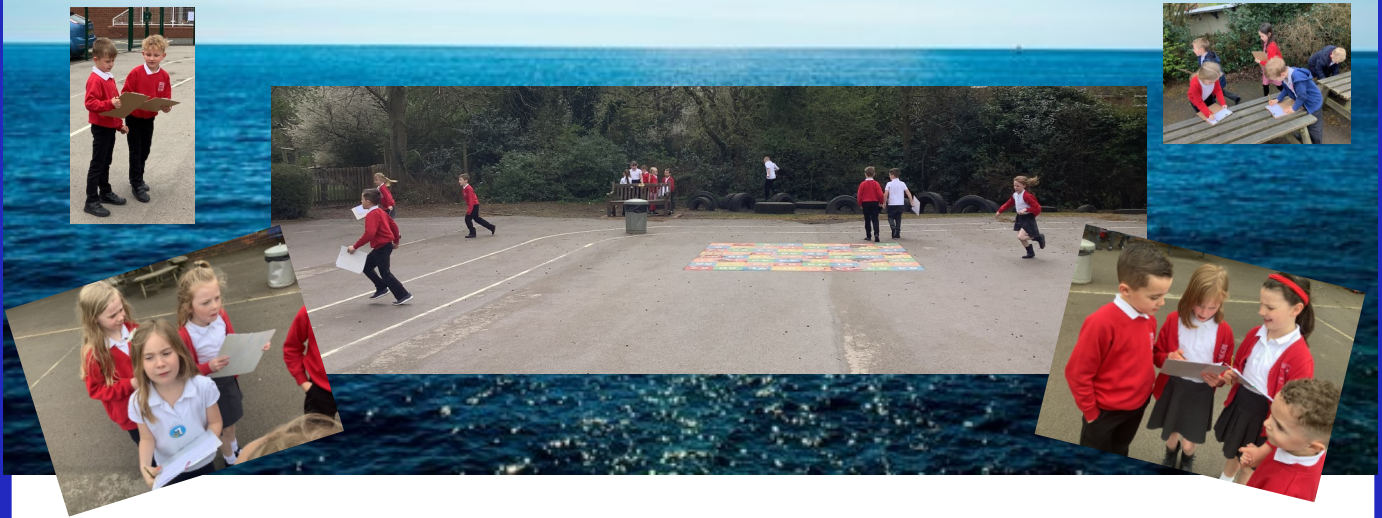




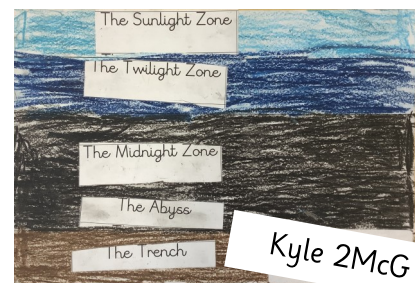
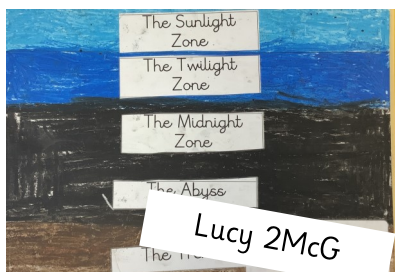
Year 2

Oceans and Islands

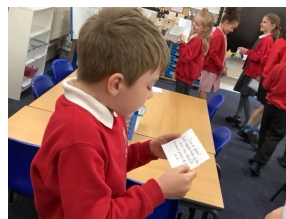
As Geographers we have been learning all about the five oceans of the world and the many islands across the globe. To begin our topic we enjoyed a theme day developing our use of positional language by following directions to find treasure!



We also identified the different layers of the ocean and were amazed at the animals found in the different zones. We used this new knowledge to create our topic book covers.



To identify the shocking facts about pollution in our oceans we have played 'Quiz Quiz Trade' to gather evidence to include in a persuasive letter.





English

This half term we have been exploring the story 'There is no Dragon in this story'. We have loved bringing this story to life through role play and we even had our very own dragon visit us in the classrooms!



The children have developed an amazing stamina for writing this half term, using a variety of sentence types and accurate punctuation to write their own dragon story and reports about the island of Madagascar. They have also used more ambitious vocabulary to bring sentences to life and describe characters, settings and landscapes.



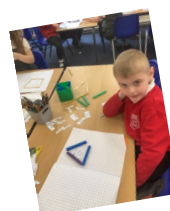
On Friday 5th May we joined the children of Michael Drayton Junior School to parade through Hartshill to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We had an amazing time singing songs and waving our flags in glorious sunshine.



Maths

As mathematicians, we have been working hard on our problem solving skills, exploring problems that include trial and error. The children really enjoyed working out what different shapes could be made using different amounts of lollipop sticks.

We have also been reading scales, telling the time, calculating with money, using written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide! Wow - we have been busy this half term!



Science

As scientists, we have been learning all about animals and humans. We have identified the names of different animals offspring - this was trickier than we thought! Do you know what a baby fly is called? If you don't ask one of our Year 2 scientists!

We classified animals according to whether they give birth to live young or lay eggs.



Our investigation this half term was all about how tall we are! We used our measuring skills from our maths lessons to identify how tall we were.



A big 'Well Done' to Joey in 2McG who represented our year group at the consortium spelling bee competition at Michael Drayton this half term! He was a credit to our school spelling lots of tricky words.



Year 2 Superstars



This half term the children have worked incredibly hard and we could not be more proud of their resilience, positivity and enthusiasm. As a special treat they have had an afternoon of 'Fun in the Sun' on the school field playing team building games, exploring our trim trail and spending time with their friends.

On behalf of all of the Year Two team, I hope you enjoy a fabulous half term break. Fingers crossed for lots of lovely sunny weather to enjoy!

Mrs Carly Evans, Year 2 Team Leader

Children late for school

It is important that your child is on time for school each day.

Registration is at 8.55 am and children must be in their class by this time to get their mark.



Year group doors are open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am when children can come into school via their year group doors.

Year group doors will be locked promptly at 8.55 am in order for the school day to begin. If you arrive after this time you will need to go via the main school office entrance where your child will get a late mark.

If your child is late you will be asked to provide a reason for lateness.

Some children have been arriving late regularly for school, this means that they are missing the start of the school day and if children are in school for the start of the day and for when the register is taken it helps them to start off the day ready to learn and feel comfortable in knowing the routine of what is happening during the school day.

Many children tell us they don't like being late and wish they could arrive at the same time as their friends.

Parents of children that come to school late will be sent a letter and may be asked to come

Sponsored Hula Hoop Event

Children enjoyed the sponsored hula hoop event held in school today.

Please pay sponsor money on ParentPay as soon as possible.

On this occasion if you have collected money from family and friends we will accept cash to be brought into the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.



Friends of Nathaniel Newton (PTA) News



Thank you for all the donations sent in today for the Summer Fayre.

Friday 30th June - Non uniform day.

Summer Fayre - Sunday 2nd July - 11 am - 2 pm.

Preparations for our Summer Fayre on Sunday 2nd July are in full swing and our committee members are beavering away to make it an event to remember. We will soon be sending out raffle tickets for you to buy if you wish. The raffle will be drawn on the day of the fayre and we have some fabulous prizes up for grabs.

If you are able to offer your help to run a stall on the day, we would be very grateful for volunteers. Just ring the school office and let us know and we will contact you nearer the time with more details.

Sports Day (weather permitting).

The times of year group events are as follows:-

Wednesday 12th July	- Sports Day - Year 1	9.15 am.
Wednesday 12th July	- Sports Day - Year 2	1.15 pm.
Thursday 13th July	- Sports Day - Year R	9.15 am.



We are asking parents to bring along their own deckchairs.

Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times as we will be practising the races beforehand. All children must have pumps (or trainers for outside) in order for them to take part. (If its raining on sports day, we will endeavour to re-arrange.)

The PTA will be selling ice cream.

With hopefully warmer weather next half term please apply sun cream before school and send your child to school with a sun hat. Children will still need to wear sensible school shoes. **Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school.**



Open Evening for all Year Groups

Will take place on Wednesday 5th July 3.30 and 5.30 pm.

There will be an opportunity to talk to your child's existing class teacher and an opportunity to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom.

Induction Days

Children will be spending three induction days with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

Monday 3rd July - Induction Day.
Tuesday 4th July - Induction Day.
Wednesday 5th July - Induction Day.

More details to follow nearer the time.

Year 2 children will spend their induction days at their new junior school.

Please see letter that has gone home from Michael Drayton with information about their Meeting for Parents on 29th June at 6 pm and Induction Days for our current Year 2 children.



Vacancy

Would you or anyone you know like to be a
Relief School Crossing Patrol for
Michael Drayton Jnrs and Nathaniel Newton Infants School
in Hartshill (casual contract)
Shift availability: 8.10-9.05am and 2.40-3.45pm daily

Join our team now and make a real difference!
Full training and uniform provided.
Hourly rate of pay £10.79

Please call 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk for further details.



OFFICIAL - Sensitive

**This school is committed
to safeguarding and
promoting the welfare of
children and young people
and expects all staff,
volunteers and parents
to share this commitment**



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The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forsheew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

Upcoming Events



Thursday 25th May - We break up for half term.
Friday 26th May - Staff training day - school closed to children.
Monday 5th June - Children return to school.

Monday 19th June - New Entrants Meeting 6 pm.
Friday 30th June - PTA Non-uniform day.
Friday 30th June - Reports go home to parents.
Sunday 2nd July - PTA Summer Fayre - 11 am - 2 pm.
Monday 3rd July - Induction Day.
Tuesday 4th July - Induction Day.
Wednesday 5th July - Induction Day.
Wednesday 5th July - Open Evening 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Thursday 29th June - RIr Class Assembly. (Apologies for another date change which is out of our control.)

Wednesday 12th July - Sports Day - Year 1 - 9.15 am.
Wednesday 12th July - Sports Day - Year 2 - 1.15 pm.
Thursday 13th July - Sports Day - Year R - 9.15 am.

Tuesday 18th July - Year 2 Leavers Concert 1.30 pm
Wednesday 19th July - Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.15 am.
Monday 24th July - Leavers Assembly.
Tuesday 25th July - Toy Day.

Tuesday 25th July - We break up for Summer holiday.

Friday 1st September - Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
Monday 4th September - Staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 5th September - Children return to school.

Please see school dates for the next school year at the end of this newsletter.

The school calendar is also on the school website.

We will also include this calendar at the bottom of half termly newsletters and include any additional dates added etc so please check for any changes.

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Week 1 W/c Monday 5/6, 17/7.

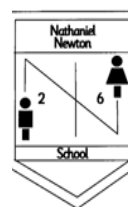
	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Sausages	Veggie Korma	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pasta Peas and Bacon	Veggie Breakfast Pattie in Bun	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken.	Quorn Roast.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thur	Pasta Bolognese	Vegetable Brrito	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 2 W/c Monday 12/6, 3/7, 24/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Dippers	Mac 'n' Cheese	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Chicken Fillet Wrap	Plant Based Meat Balls.	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft Bap
Wed	Roast Gammon	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Thur	Beef Grill in a Bun	Veggie Burger in Bun.	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Tomato Pasta Bake.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap.

Week 3 W/c Monday 19/6, 10/7.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Pork Meatballs	Sticky BBQ Quorn Fillet.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Chicken Korma	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Wed	Roast Beef.	Veggie Toad in the Hole.	Jacket Potato *	Roast Chicken soft bap
Thurs	Chicken Pie.	Breaded Vegetable Fingers.	Jacket Potato *	Ham Soft bap.
Fri	Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers.	Veggie Hot Dog.	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft Bap



You are warmly invited to our Nathaniel Newton Library Café.

Why not:

- ⇒ Pop along and visit our newly refurbished library.
- ⇒ Spend time choosing and sharing a book with your child.
- ⇒ Borrow any books you choose together.
- ⇒ Enjoy refreshments provided.

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Enter through the main school office

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all.

Term Dates for the next school year September 2023 to July 2024

Friday 1st September	- Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
Monday 4th September	- Staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 5th September	- Children return to school.
Friday 27th October	- We break up for half term.
Monday 6th November	- Staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 7th November	- Children return to school.
Friday 22nd December	- We break up for Christmas holidays.
Monday 8th January 2024	- Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
Friday 9th February	- We break up for half term.
Monday 19th February	- Children return to school.
Friday 22nd March	- We break up for Easter holiday.
Monday 8th April	- Children return to school.
Monday 6th May	- May Day Bank holiday - school closed.
Thursday 23rd May	- We break up for half term holiday.
Friday 24th May	- Staff training day - school closed to children.
Monday 3rd June	- Children return to school.
Friday 19th July	- We break up for Summer holiday.