

Spring Term 2 Edition 5

February 2026

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our children have made over the past few weeks. Visitors to our school consistently comment on the enthusiasm our children display towards their learning and their exemplary behaviour in lessons, which always makes us feel proud.

Throughout this half term, the children have engaged in a variety of enriching activities that have fostered both academic and personal growth. Year 1 had a visit from the Magical Toy Museum for their topic on Toys. Year 2 enjoyed a visit from a theatre company for their Great Fire of London topic, and Reception had a wonderful time with their parents and carers making rockets as part of their Space topic. It has been delightful to witness their enthusiasm and dedication.

Additionally, our extracurricular clubs have proven to be as popular as ever, providing children with opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills.

You will have noticed the creation of a new play area at the top of the playground. This has been made possible through the wonderful work of the PTA and the generous donations from families throughout the year. We will be opening this area after half term, which I know the children are eagerly anticipating.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

On behalf of everyone at Nathaniel Newton, we hope you all have a pleasant half term week, and we look forward to an exciting second half of the term.

Mrs Forshew  
Headteacher





## PUPILS OF THE WEEK!



*A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for doing fabulous work this half term so far!*

| Year R  |          | Year 1 |         | Year 2   |            |
|---------|----------|--------|---------|----------|------------|
| Jacob M | Grace B  | Lola   | Jack    | Thea     | Lily-Ann   |
| Effy B  | Balee    | Theo   | Vaiga   | Alfie G  | George C   |
| Dalia   | Olivia B | Theo R | Alannah | Finley J | Harrison L |



## STARS OF THE WEEK!



*Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars this half term so far!*

| 100         | 200        | 300      |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| Lily-Rose B | Emily A    | Archie M |
| Taeya A     | Blanka     | Henry M  |
| Gabriel     | Molly M    |          |
|             | Alex H     |          |
|             | Josie J    |          |
|             | Harry B    |          |
|             | Mila-Grace |          |

## HEADTEACHER'S TEA PARTY

Mrs Forshew had a fantastic time hosting a special tea party for our nominated children! The children shared stories about their week, chatted about their favourite things at school, and of course, enjoyed some delicious sweet treats and a glass of squash.

**Year One:** Reggie F, Josie J, Charlie C

**Year Two:** Lily-Ann, Fadwa, Edie

A big well done to all our **superstars** – we hope you had a truly lovely time!



## Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have been amazed with the children's enthusiasm for reading at home. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

|             |          |            |         |              |        |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|--------------|--------|
| Bumblebees: | Eva      | Hedgehogs: | Millie  | Dragonflies: | Nate   |
| Owls:       | Miles    | Rabbits:   | Alfie F | Squirrels:   | Noah B |
| Foxes:      | Harrison | Deers:     | Henry   | Badgers:     | Erika  |

### Class Leader board



This half term the children at Nathaniel Newton have read an amazing **1443** times!



The children in Dragonflies class were the lucky winners of the class prize for the most reads!



The lucky winners enjoyed choosing a prize from our book vending machine.



## **Friends of Nathaniel Newton (PTA) News**

The 'Friends of' team are absolutely delighted with the fantastic work currently taking place on the school playground to develop the area. This project has only been possible thanks to the many fundraising activities you have all supported so generously — thank you! Very soon, the area will be ready for the children to enjoy to the fullest... if it ever stops raining!

We also have lots of exciting events coming up. Our ever-popular Newton Chocolate Bar fundraiser will take place on March 5th, which just happens to be World Book Day. This date was chosen to celebrate the inspiration behind the event — *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and the famous Wonka Bar golden tickets! Further information will be winging its way to you separately.

Our Easter Chocolate Bingo Night is in the diary for March 20th, with tickets going on sale very soon. To help us create the amazing chocolate prizes, we'll be holding a non-school uniform day on Friday, March 13th, in exchange for chocolate donations. This event is always a sell-out, and we can't wait to spend another fun-filled evening with you.

Of course, Treat Fridays will continue as usual, with details shared during the week of each sale.

We are always keen to welcome new helpers to support our events, so if you have some spare time and would like to get involved, please pop into the school office or give us a call.

As ever, thank you for your continued and unwavering support — it truly makes a difference.

Warmest thanks,

The Friends of Nathaniel Newton Team

## Arbor – School Communication System



Please ensure you have downloaded the **Arbor App** to receive important communications from our school.

Through the app, you can:

- Report daily absences for your child
- Update contact details or address changes
- Add authorised people to collect your child
- Complete all necessary **parental consents**



*Please note:* Missing consents may prevent your child from taking part in certain school activities.

## School Closure Procedures



In the event that school needs to close due to bad weather or any other reason, whether first thing in the morning or during the school day, please follow the procedures below:

1. **App Message / Email** We will send a message via our school App or an email to notify you of the closure.\*
2. **Website Update** Our school website home page will be updated with closure information.
3. **Facebook Update** Our school Facebook page will also reflect any closure information.
4. **Warwickshire School Closures Website** You can check [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures) for a full list of school closures in the area.

### Important:

- If you do **not** receive an App message or email, and school closure is **not** indicated on our website, Facebook page, or the Warwickshire School Closures list, then **our school and Links will be open**.
- **Please do NOT telephone the school** regarding closures.

*\*The App message/email will be sent to the **Priority 1 contact** listed on your child's contact sheet. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.*

Our designated Safeguarding Leaders are: Mrs Forshew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Carey.

If you have any **safeguarding concerns**, please contact them via the **school office**. Your concerns will be treated with care and confidentiality.



## Parent Consultations – Book Your Appointment

Parent consultations this term will take place between **Monday 2nd March – Thursday 12th March 2026**, depending on your child's class. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers.

### Booking your appointment:

- Log in to your child's **Arbor** account.
- Click **Guardian Consultations – Parents Evening**.
- Select **Meetings**, choose which guardian will attend, then pick a suitable day and time.
- Click **Book time slot** to confirm.

You can update or change your appointment directly in Arbor if needed.

If you need help, please visit the school office – we're happy to assist.

## Children late for school

We would like to emphasise the importance of your child's punctuality for school.

Registration begins at 8.45am, and children must be in class by this time to receive their mark. Year group doors will open between 8.40am and 8.45am, allowing students to enter via their designated doors, and the main gate to the playground opens at 8.30 am for early arrivals.

Please note that year group doors will be locked promptly at 8.45am to ensure the school day commences on time. Any child arriving after this time will need to enter through the main school office entrance, where they will receive a late mark. Children arriving after 9.15am will not receive a morning mark.

If your child has been late, we require a reason for their lateness. We have noticed that a number of children have been arriving late regularly, which can affect their ability to start the day effectively. Being present for the start of the day, when the register is taken, is vital for students to feel comfortable and prepared for their activities.

We have had feedback that many children feel uncomfortable about being late, wishing to arrive alongside their friends. Therefore, please be aware that parents of children who are frequently late will receive a letter and may be called in for a meeting with our Attendance Officer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all students arrive on time.

## Thank You for Your Support!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting today's Non-Uniform Day – together we raised **£261.17!**

Today's wellbeing activities were a big hit, and all the children loved taking part in cooking, friendship bracelet making, disco/karaoke, bingo, craft activities, team games, and more.

The funds raised will be used to support **future wellbeing activities and events** for the children, helping us continue to promote fun, creativity, and friendship.

Thank you for helping us make every day a positive and enjoyable experience for all our children!

## PE DAYS

Children should come dressed ready for PE on the following days:

### Reception

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Bumblebees  | Monday   |
| Hedgehogs   | Thursday |
| Dragonflies | Friday   |

### Year 1

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Owls      | Monday and Wednesdays |
| Rabbits   | Monday and Wednesdays |
| Squirrels | Wednesday and Friday  |

### Year 2

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Foxes   | Tuesday and Thursdays |
| Deers   | Tuesday and Thursdays |
| Badgers | Tuesday and Thursdays |



## STAYING HYDRATED

Please ensure your child brings a named drinks bottle to school each day.

## COLDER WEATHER

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child comes to school **dressed appropriately for the season**. A coat or jacket is essential, and hats, scarves, and gloves are recommended for outdoor play and activities.

***Please make sure all items are clearly named.***



## CLASS ASSEMBLIES 9:00 AM

We are excited to invite you to attend your child's upcoming class assembly! It will be a wonderful opportunity to witness the amazing performances and hard work your child has put into preparing for this special event.

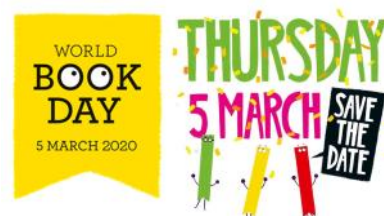
Due to the size of our hall, we kindly ask that you limit attendance to two adults per child. Please make sure to enter via the school office.

|                      |             |                            |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday 24th March   | Rabbits     | Mrs Dicken and Miss Hall   |
| Wednesday 25th March | Squirrels   | Mrs Augera and Mrs Bates   |
| Tuesday 12th May     | Dragonflies | Mrs Doherty and Mrs Taroni |
| Tuesday 19th May     | Bumblebees  | Mrs Hartop and Mrs Hogg    |
| Tuesday 7th July     | Hedgehogs   | Mrs Lowen                  |

## WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Children are invited to **come to school dressed up as their favourite book character** or **in their pyjamas** to celebrate the joy of reading!

Let's make it a fun and imaginative day filled with stories and creativity!





# sharing the studio love this Valentines day!



At Haddon School of Performing Arts we want to share the studio love this Valentines day

We love our studios so much we want to share the love with our community!

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> February we will be opening the doors to our studios and inviting the young people in our community to join us for a fun packed performing arts session.

Under 6 years - 9-11am // 6 years - 11 9-11am // 12 years - 18years 1-3pm



Studio Address HCPA Studios, 73 Coleshill Road, Chapel End, Nuneaton, CV10 ONZ  
Any questions just call / message 07454979648

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Contact us for a wide range of information relating to children and young people aged 0-25, including:

- Childcare
- Money and benefits
- Housing
- SEND
- Health and wellbeing



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[warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)



# February Half Term



Friday 20th February

10:00-12:00

Community Centre and Holy Trinity Churchyard, Church Road, Hartshill

Join us for Spring themed nature crafts!

Explore the early signs of spring, create a story stick and make your own spinning daffodil!



Free event,  
all welcome!



The Churchyard Biodiversity and Heritage Project is made possible thanks to National Lottery Players



## Diary dates for the school year 2025 - 2026

Friday 13th February

Friday 13th February

PTA Valentines Treat Friday

We break up for half term



### SPRING TERM 2

Monday 23rd February

Monday 2nd March

Monday 2nd March

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 5th March

Friday 6th March

Monday 9th March

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March

Thursday 12th March

Friday 13th March

Friday 13th March

Friday 20th March

Tuesday 24th March

Wednesday 25th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March

Children return to school

Foxes (Mrs Fussey) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Owls (Mrs Evans) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Badgers (Mrs Keane) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Deers (Mrs Hancox / Mrs Gordon) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

World Book Day

PTA Newton Chocolate Bar Sales

Dragonflies (Mrs Doherty/Mrs Taroni) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Hedgehogs (Mrs Lowen) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Rabbits (Mrs Dicken / Miss Hall) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Bumblebees (Mrs Hartop / Mrs Hogg) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Squirrels (Mrs Aguera / Mrs Bates) Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Parent Consultations all classes 3:40 pm - 6:30 pm.

Mothers Day afternoon 2:00 pm

Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donations)

PTA Easter Bingo

Rabbits (Mrs Dicken and Miss Hall) class assembly 9:00 am

Squirrels (Mrs Aguera and Mrs Bates) class assembly 9:00 am

Egg Rolling am and Easter Bonnet Parade 2:45 pm

PTA Easter Treat Friday

We break up for Easter holiday

### SUMMER TERM 1

Monday 13th April

Monday 4th May

Thursday 7th May

W/b 11th May

Tuesday 12th May

Tuesday 19th May

Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May

Children return to school

May Day Bank holiday

PTA Movie Night

Sponsored Event

Dragonflies (Mrs Doherty / Mrs Taroni) class assembly 9:00 am

Bumblebees (Mrs Hartop / Mrs Hogg) class assembly 9:00 am

PTA Non-Uniform day (Bottle Donations)

We break up for half term

### SUMMER TERM 2

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

W/b 8th June

Tuesday 16th June

Wednesday 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Thursday 18th June

Friday 19th June

Tuesday 30th June

Wednesday 1st July

Friday 3rd July

Monday 6th July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Friday 10th July

Tuesday 14th July

Thursday 16th July

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July

Staff Training Day (School closed to children)

Children return to school

Phonics Screening Check Week for Year 1 children

Year 2 Sports Morning 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Year 1 Sports Morning 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Year R Sports Morning 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Parent Meeting for pre admissions (due to start September) 6:00 pm

Fathers Day afternoon

Year 2 Leavers Concert 2:00 pm

Year 2 Leavers Concert 9:10 am

PTA Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donations)

Reports go home to parents

Hedgehogs (Mrs Lowen) class assembly 9:00 am

Induction Day

PTA Summer Event

Reception and Year 1 attendance assembly

Year 2 Leavers assembly 9:00 am

Year 2 Leavers Party pm

We break up for Summer holidays

Designated Staff Training Day (School closed to children)

*While we hope to keep to the dates listed, unexpected events may mean a change. We'll give you plenty of notice if that happens.*

# SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



| Week 1  |   |  |  |   | 23/02, 16/03 |
|---|---|--|--|---|--------------|
| Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thur   | Fri   |              |
| <b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b><br><b>Plant Burger in a Bun</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Chicken Fajita Pasta       | <b>Chicken Fajita Wrap</b><br><b>Hearty Roots Chilli &amp; Rice</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Tomato & Meatball Pasta | <b>Roast Chicken</b><br><b>Plant Toad in the Hole</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Mac 4 Cheese Pasta | <b>Pork Sausages &amp; Mash</b><br><b>Cheese &amp; Potato Pie</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Herby Tomato Pasta | <b>Salmon Fishcake</b><br><b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Peppernata Pasta |              |
| Week 2  |   |  |  |   | 02/03, 23/03 |
| Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thur   | Fri   |              |
| <b>Chicken Burger in a Bun</b><br><b>Cheese &amp; Onion Flan</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Mac 4 Cheese Pasta | <b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b><br><b>Veg &amp; Baked Bean Stack</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Herby Tomato Pasta    | <b>Roast Pork</b><br><b>Quorn Roast</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Peppernata Pasta                 | <b>Tomato Pasta Bake</b><br><b>Quorn Dippers</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Mac 4 Cheese Pasta                  | <b>Battered Fish Fillet</b><br><b>Rainbow Risotto</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Tomato & Basil Pasta  |              |
| Week 3  |   |  |  |   | 09/03        |
| Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thur   | Fri   |              |
| <b>Beef Bolognaise</b><br><b>Vegetable Fingers</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Tomato & Meatball Pasta          | <b>Rustic Pizza Wedge</b><br><b>Sweet Potato &amp; Lentil Curry</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Chicken Fajita Pasta    | <b>Roast Chicken</b><br><b>Veg "Meat" Loaf</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Mac 4 Cheese Pasta        | <b>Pork Meatballs</b><br><b>Filled Pastry Crown</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Tomato & Basil Pasta             | <b>Fish Fingers</b><br><b>Macaroni Cheese</b><br>Jacket Potato<br>Peppernata Pasta              |              |

\*Jacket Potato daily—choice of cheese, beans and tuna.

Available Daily-Fruit Cordial Or Semi Skimmed Milk, Bread Basket, Salad Bar and Vegetable of the Day.

**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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