



Newall Green Primary School

Aiming High To Reach Our Goals

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolutely wonderful week we've had here at school! There's been such a buzz of activity and excitement throughout our corridors, and I'm delighted to share that lots has been happening this week across all areas of school life.

It's moments like these that truly showcase the vibrant energy and enthusiasm that makes our school community so special. The children have been engaged, excited, and eager to share their experiences, and it's been a joy to witness their enthusiasm firsthand.

Important School Calendar Updates for Next Academic Year

We would like to share some exciting updates to our school calendar for the next academic year that I believe will benefit your children's learning and your family planning.

Key Changes to Our School Calendar

After careful consideration and listening to feedback from our school community, we have made the following adjustments:

October Half Term

- **Two INSET days** will be added to the October half term break
- This will create a **longer autumn break** for families

May Half Term

- Extended to **two full weeks**
- Providing another excellent opportunity for family time

Summer Term

- School will finish one week later in July

- Last day of term: **Friday 24th July**

The Benefits for Your Family

These changes have been designed with your family's needs in mind:

- **Two extended holiday periods** during traditionally cheaper travel times
- **Better value family holidays** - avoiding peak season prices
- **Quality family time** without the pressure of premium holiday costs
- **Reduced financial burden** on families while maintaining educational excellence

Our Request to You

With these **two fantastic opportunities** built into our school year specifically to support cheaper family holidays, we kindly ask that you:

- **Plan your family holidays** during these extended breaks
- **Avoid booking additional holidays** during term time throughout the rest of the school year

This approach will help us maintain the excellent attendance levels that support your child's learning and progress, whilst giving you the flexibility you need for affordable family time.

Why This Matters

As you know, at Newall Green Primary School, we are committed to being inclusive and supporting every child's right to education. Regular attendance is crucial for:

- Consistent learning progression
- Building strong friendships and social connections
- Developing confidence and routine
- Achieving the best possible outcomes for your child

Looking Forward

These calendar changes reflect our ongoing commitment to working in partnership with you to support your child's education while recognising the realities of family life. We believe this approach will strengthen our school community and help every child thrive.

Full calendar details will be shared with you before the end of this term, and the updated dates will be available on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Important Changes to HAF Club

Our HAF club will be running for the first 4 weeks of the summer holidays. Please note, due to changes with funding, we can only take 40 children and those children who are eligible for free school meals, will be prioritised.

In previous holidays, you have been advised that you can turn up on the day to be booked in. This is no longer the case. Please do not do this, as you will be turned away. If you haven't booked via the portal, you do not have a place.

The portal will go live on **Monday 16th June**, so if your child is eligible for free school meals, please book their place as quickly as possible, as it is not just the children of Newall Green Primary School who can book these spaces.

If you do not manage to secure a space for your child, you can still book them on through school spider but there will be a charge of £20 per day. Further to this, as always, if your child is under the age of 5 or not entitled to free school meals, you can also book on School Spider at a cost of £20 per day.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any queries, please do contact us.

Year 6 Leavers Disco

I'm delighted to share some exciting news about our upcoming Year 6 leavers disco. This special celebration marks an important milestone for our eldest children as they prepare to transition to secondary school.

The disco promises to be a fantastic evening filled with music, dancing, and memories that our Year 6 children will treasure as they move forward in their educational journey. It's these moments that truly capture the essence of childhood joy and friendship, creating lasting bonds between classmates before they embark on their next adventure. Our Year 6 children have shown remarkable growth, resilience, and maturity throughout their time at Newall Green Primary School. They've developed into confident young people who are ready to take on new challenges, and this celebration is a wonderful way to honour their achievements and the friendships they've built along the way.

I know our Year 6 families are looking forward to this special occasion, and I'm certain it will be an evening filled with laughter, celebration, and perhaps a few happy tears as we prepare to say farewell to this exceptional group of children.

The event will take place on **Thursday 17th July** from **4:00-5:30pm**. Please note, it will be by ticket only, which must be bought prior to the event, as anyone without a ticket will not be allowed entry. The cost of a ticket will be £5.00 and

included in the price will be hot food, drinks, crisps and sweets. All children will also be entered into a raffle to win a chocolate hamper. No spending money will be needed on the night.

All purchased tickets will be handed out on Friday 4th July.

Manchester Change Programme Partnership

Parents/carers and practitioners in the city of Manchester are invited to attend one of a series of free events as part of the North West Change Programme Partnership. This is a free event about the Change Programme, SEND initiatives in Manchester and what's important to parents and young people.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Get an update on the Change Programme Partnership
- Learn the impact of the feedback from last September's event
- Give your views on SEND matters, including inclusive mainstream provision
- Find out about SEND support in the city

The event will take place on **Tuesday 24th June 2025**, 10am to 2.30pm but please arrive between 9.30 to 10am to register. There will be tea / coffee available to you. Throughout the day, there will be presentations and workshops, as well as a free lunch and stalls.

It will be held at, The Mechanics Institute, 103 Princess Street M1 6DD (use side entrance on Major Street).

Please note, there will be limited number of creche places available.

Please contact Manchester Parent Carer Forum using this link below or you can contact the Local Offer team on 0161 219 2125 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm) if you need support with booking.

[Book your FREE place here!](#)

National Justice Museum

Last week, the National Justice Museum delivered courtroom workshops to our Y6 classes. Some children were in role as the Judge, clerk and usher, with others acting as barristers and solicitors for the prosecution and defence. The mock trial was based around a real-life hate crime and after hearing evidence from five witnesses, the jury deliberated and gave their verdict. In groups, the children then discussed the impact of the case on individuals and the community. They also explored prejudices and stereotyping and its links with hate crime.



House Points

Congratulations to **House Frank** who currently have the highest running total of house points this half term. There is still plenty of time for things to change over the coming weeks!

Acorn

The Acorn Rooms won the attendance award for the last week of summer 1, so we took the children for an extra play on the trim trail in the big playground to celebrate their achievement.



We enjoyed celebrating the end of our fairy tales topic with a 'share a fairy tale' day. The children brought their favourite fairy tales or stories into school and we enjoyed reading them throughout the day with our friends.



Attendance

A big improvement this week with our whole school attendance: 94%

This is much closer to our school target of 95% so well done to everyone for their efforts!

A huge well done to the following classes who win the attendance award for their phase:

2RB – 98.5%

4AG – 99.3%

5BH – 96.2%

Acorn – 98.2%

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



I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to sharing more exciting updates with you soon.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Rudd
Executive Headteacher



Date	Event
JUNE	
Tuesday 17 th June	5BH to Clayton Hotel
Tuesday 17 th June	Nursery meeting for new parents KS1 Hall 3.45pm
Thursday 19 th June	Year 1 to Blackpool
Wednesday 25 th June	Summer Safety Workshop for Parents KS1 Hall 9.00am
Thursday 26 th June	Year 5 Showcase Assembly 9.10am
JULY	
Tuesday 1 st July	NSL/NOT Showcase Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	NDL/NEB Showcase Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 1 Showcase Assembly 9.10am
Friday 4 th July	Year 3 Showcase Assembly 9.10am
Monday 7 th / Tuesday 8 th July	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
Monday 7 th July	RSW Showcase Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 8 th July	RRG Showcase Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 10 th July	Year 2 Showcase Assembly 9.10am
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Production (with children attending) 1.30pm
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Production (no children attending) 5.30pm
Friday 11 th July	Year 4 Showcase Assembly 9.10am
Monday 14 th July	RHW Showcase Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 to Gulliver's Theme Park
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 11.00am
Friday 18 th July	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER