



# Newall Green Primary School

*Aiming High To Reach Our Goals*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Message from Nursery

It's wonderful to see how beautifully our nursery children are adapting to their new routines and environment. Watching them grow in confidence each day truly fills my heart with joy.

As our little ones navigate these early weeks, I'm reaching out to ask for your support with something that would make a tremendous difference to our nursery provision. We find ourselves in urgent need of spare clothes to help when our youngest children have those inevitable little accidents that are simply part of growing up.

If you happen to have any spare clothing items that your own children have outgrown, we would be incredibly grateful for donations. Specifically, we're looking for socks, underwear, skirts, trousers - including joggers and leggings - and shoes. At this time, we're focusing solely on nursery-sized items.

These donations would provide such comfort and dignity for our children when they need a quick change, ensuring they can continue their learning journey without any worry or embarrassment. Simply hand any donations directly to our nursery team, who will receive them with enormous appreciation.

Additionally, if your child has previously borrowed any clothing items from nursery, could I kindly ask that you return these when possible? This helps us maintain our supply for all the children who might need them.

Thank you, as always, for being such wonderful partners in your children's education.

## Parent Meetings

This month, there will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher, to gather information and to learn more about the year ahead.

Please see the below information and only attend on the day of the meeting for your child's year group.

Monday 15th September

**Year 5**

Tuesday 16th September

**Year 2**

Wednesday 17th September	<b>Year 3</b>
Friday 19th September	<b>Year 6</b>
Monday 22nd September	<b>Year 1</b>
Tuesday 23rd September	<b>Year 4</b>

The meetings will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall and will start at 9.00am.

We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

### **School Photos**

I wanted to share some important information about our upcoming school photograph day, which I know many of you look forward to each year. **Thursday 18th September** will be our individual school photograph day, and I wanted to ensure you have all the details to help the day run as smoothly as possible for everyone involved.

As always, we will be starting the morning with sibling and family photographs. If you'd like family photos taken, please bring all your children and join the queue - I do ask for your patience as there may be quite a wait, but it's always worth it for those lovely family memories! To help manage the flow, we'll have two photographers working, so you can go to either hall from 8.15am.

Once you've finished with family photos, please take your child to their classroom via the main office. This ensures we can mark them as present for the day, which is important for our attendance records. Throughout the rest of the morning, we'll be taking individual photographs of all the children in their classes.

A couple of important reminders: please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform on photograph day - it really does make such a difference to their photos. If for any reason you don't wish your child to have an individual photograph taken, please let their class teacher know beforehand.

I'm sure we'll capture some wonderful memories of the children.

### **Swimming**

We are pleased to announce that our swimming programme for our Year 6 children is underway and going well. This week they've been focusing on swimming on their front and backs using different swim strokes and having the right form. They've also been learning swimming skills such as breathing under water and floating when in danger. It's been an absolute joy to see their confidence grow daily as they take to the water. Swimming is such a vital life skill, and I'm thrilled that we can offer this opportunity right here on our school grounds.

I also wanted to share some important swimming dates for our KS2 children that you'll need to pop in your diaries.

Our swimming programme continues with the remaining year groups from the 29<sup>th</sup> September:

**Year 5** will be swimming the week commencing 29th September

**Year 4** will be swimming the week commencing 6th October

**Year 3** will be swimming the week commencing 13th October

All children in the year groups mentioned above, will be having daily sessions throughout their allocated week. Please ensure your child brings their complete swimming kit, including towel, every single day of that week.



### Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. We will have appointments available from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. All bookings will open on School Spider at **8.00am** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

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.



We will be hosting our annual **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday 26th September**, and I would love to see as many of you there as possible.

This gathering will take place in the KS1 Hall between **8.45am-10.30am**, where we'll have a lovely selection of refreshments and delicious cakes available for purchase. All donations will go to Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that provides invaluable assistance to families facing cancer diagnoses. It's a cause that touches many of our lives, and I know our school community will come together to show their generous support.

For your convenience, we're offering two payment options this year. You can bring cash on the day, or alternatively, you can make your donation through School Spider. Simply look for 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' under your payments section, where you'll find a dropdown menu allowing you to select your donation amount.

These events provide wonderful opportunities for parents and carers to come together, share a cup of coffee, catch up with one another, and support a worthy cause.

I do hope you'll be able to join us for what promises to be a lovely morning of community spirit and fundraising.

## School Councillors

I am delighted to share some exciting news from our school community this week. Our school councillors have now been announced, and I couldn't be more proud of the children who have stepped forward to represent their peers. These young leaders will play a vital role in ensuring every voice is heard within our school family.

Our newly appointed councillors have already shown tremendous enthusiasm and maturity in taking on these important responsibilities. They will be working closely with staff to help shape decisions that affect our school community and ensure that every child's perspective is valued and considered.

Congratulations to all our school councillors, Jordan, Devonte, Jasper, Chase, Ruben, Lilly, Ivan, Eliza-Lily, Brooke, Olivia and James - we look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make!



## 6HJ Hate Crime Workshop

Year 6 are continuing their Hate Crime workshops from Y5. 6HJ had their session this week and 6JM and 6MD are having theirs on Monday. The children created placards ready for our Hate Crime exhibition. Keep an eye out on the newsletter for more information soon!

## Acorn Stay & Play

All Acorn RP parents/carers are welcome to join us for a 'Stay and Play' on **Tuesday 23rd September** at 9-9.30am. You will have the opportunity to look round our new classroom, play with your child and speak to the staff.

## Mr Wilson's Class Stay and Play

The parents/carers of Mr Wilson's Class are welcome to join us for a 'Stay and Play' on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at 9-10.00am. You will have the opportunity to look round our new classroom, play with your child and speak to the staff.

## Attendance

This week our whole school attendance is 94.6% which is an improvement on last week so well done to all. We are still under target of 95% for this year so let's continue to make every effort to get our children into school on time every day.

A massive well done to the following classes for a fantastic effort this week winning the weekly attendance award for their phase:

1TB: 98.6%

3KS: 95.4%

5BH: 100%

Acorn: 100%

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



Yours sincerely

Sarah Rudd  
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