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# Newton Blossomville CE School NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome back

We hope everyone enjoyed their half-term break and some days when it didn't rain! I think we are all ready for some lighter and brighter days as we move towards Spring! We have a short but busy half term ahead with lots of exciting events to grow our learning – including World Book Day next week and our trip to London by train on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be taking part in the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' and celebrating the festival of Easter.

We look forward to welcoming you in to school for our mid-year parent consultation meetings, a great opportunity for us to talk together about your child's learning and the progress made since November. Please do complete the feedback forms sent before the meetings so we can be as prepared as possible and make the most of the time with you.

### Our value this half-term is Justice

Justice is such an important value. In our school community this means ensuring that every child and adult is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. It is about creating



an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard, and where the rules and expectations apply equally to all. Justice also means standing up for what is right, addressing mistakes with honesty and compassion, and working together to resolve problems in ways that help our community grow stronger.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The day continues to emphasise **reading for pleasure and enjoyment**. In school we want to encourage reading by giving children the time, choice and space to enjoy reading the books they genuinely enjoy!

Our chosen text is *The Bridges* by Tom Percival which celebrates the power of books and reading and champions the importance of our libraries. It's always a happy day where we enjoy a day off the usual timetable with time to talk and celebrate books as a reading community.



### Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for young children because it helps them build strong learning habits and feel confident in the classroom. Newton Blossomville attendance is currently at 95%. When children attend every day, they develop routines, make steady progress with reading, writing, and maths, and enjoy important social time with their friends. Missing days can make it harder for them to keep up and may affect their confidence. By ensuring your child is in school every day, you're giving them the best possible start.

### Clubs this half term

- Monday – Art Club 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Tuesday – Football 12.30 – 1pm
- Tuesday – Wellbeing Club 3.30-4.30pm
- Wednesday – Book Club 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday – Yoga 3.30-4.30pm



## Take One Picture

We will be taking part in this year’s Take One Picture. This is run by the National Gallery and is a programme designed for primary schools, which aims to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning.

This year’s focus painting is ‘**A Muse (Calliope?)**’ by **Cosimo Tura**.

The picture was chosen by children and teachers across the country.



We are particularly interested in the painting’s striking figure, ornate design and rich colours. We have some exciting lessons planned exploring the painting and look forward to sharing our artistic work with you later in the term!



## CAPITAL CITIES

Ensuring the children learn to understand the world around them is really important and so this half term we’ll be using our interest in London and focusing on the geography of the UK. We’ll be looking at Capital Cities, naming and locating the different nations within the UK and helping the children identify landmarks in London. We will also be writing adventure stories and factual sentences from our experiences on our London trip and through texts about London. In science we will be identifying, observing and describing growth in a variety of plants and trees. As always you will find this half-terms planning on the website.

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## Mothers Day Breakfast

Please join us for a Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am. Everyone is welcome. Please bring grandmothers, aunts and any other special ladies in the children’s lives. Dads and Grandads are also welcome. Please let us know who is attending so we can cater for everyone.



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Consultation Meetings

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Breakfast

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – London Trip

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter celebration 2pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Break up for Easter

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Summer Term begins

## A note from Mrs Wallace



With lambs beginning to appear in the fields and golden daffodils peeking through the grass, this time of year reminds us of nature’s ability to reset and renew. We are all hoping that some welcome spring sunshine will follow soon.

As we pass the halfway point of the school year, staff are incredibly proud of how much the children have grown in confidence, resilience, and enthusiasm since September. This half term, as we re-emerge from winter, we will be celebrating the natural world through our much-loved forest school sessions as well as marvelling at the creativity of humans as we visit the City of London.

Our value for this half term is **justice**, and we will be exploring this through the Easter story as well as real examples from school life to help children understand why fairness and treating others with respect matter. If you are able, please do continue these conversations at home.