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# Newton Blossomville CE School NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 1 2026



## Welcome back



It is hard to believe last half term we managed to fit so much in; enjoying World Book Day, our trip to London, Take One Picture and Kingston Gym. With the sun starting to appear, we will very much enjoy exploring our school and village surroundings this half term.

I wonder if the Artemis II moon mission has captured your imagination as much as it has mine? It certainly reminds us that human exploration is full of bold dreams and exciting possibilities! Seeing astronauts prepare to journey around the Moon helps make space feel real and within reach, not just something from books or films. In school we want this mission to inspire our children to look up with curiosity, ask big questions, and believe that with determination, teamwork and learning, they too could one day help shape humanity's future among the stars.....

## Our value this half-term is Service

This term will be teaching the children about helping and supporting others by taking on roles and responsibility, acts of service. Be it through the School Council, play leaders at break time or even through watching what you do helping with the Friends of Newton Blossomville School, there are many acts of service they can learn from.

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## This Term's Topic – South America

While we won't be going far from Newton Blossomville, we will be expanding our horizons and looking abroad with a geographical focus this half term. We will be looking at the Natural World, paying a particular interest



to South America. We'll be comparing hot and cold climates, looking at the continent's physical geography, exploring texts; Paddington and the Marmalade Maze and the Great Kapok Tree. In Science children will be taught how to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow in to mature plants and what they need to stay healthy. For more information, you can find it on the VSF website.

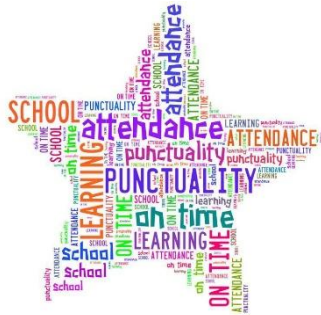
## The Robin Hood Quiz

Thank you to the Friends of Newton Blossomville School and The Robin Hood pub for hosting such a fun-filled charity quiz night and choosing us as the benefactors. We were delighted that the staff table even managed a very respectable third place! Did anyone else know that a chinchilla's gestation period is around 111 days? An amazing £450 was raised, which will go directly towards enhancing the children's learning and widening their opportunities for trips and visits. Your support genuinely makes a difference.



## Attendance

School attendance from the beginning of the school year to the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 was 96% Thank you for all you do to ensure your children are in school and on time. As we move into the summer thank you in advance for not booking term time holiday so there is no lost learning or social time for your child or their classmates.



## Dates for your diary

- Summer Term begins – **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**
- Newton Lodge Farm Visit– **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**
- Bank Holiday Monday – **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**
- Health and Fitness Week – **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**
- Half Term begins – **3.30pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**
- School returns – **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**
- Phonics Screening Week - **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**
- Sports Day – **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**
- Leavers Service – **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 11am**

## Health and Fitness Week 2026



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May sees the start of an exciting week which will focus on health, fitness and well-being. The children will learn in a fun and active way what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and

just as importantly, how to maintain it, including the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health. We look forward to putting the children, staff and parents through their paces with morning activities on the playground. We will be going on walks and we have some other exciting ideas in the pipeline for this week which we will let you know about soon!

## Websites

We are excited to announce that our new school websites will be launching soon, and we look forward to sharing them with parents and our wider community.


The updated sites have been designed to be clearer and easier to navigate, helping parents and carers to quickly find important information, news, and resources. We're confident these new websites will strengthen communication and provide a welcoming online space that reflects our Federation vision and values.

We will let you know the exact launch date in due cause.....watch this space!

## 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

## A note from Mrs Wallace



With the sun beginning to shine, our school community very much looks forward to spending more time outside as we continue to appreciate all that our wonderful village schools have to offer.

Our value for this term is **service**. Such an important value, there is so much to be gained by giving of our time and talents to others. I see acts of service every day, and I know just how greatly our children benefit from the time, care and commitment that others give in our schools.

Service is at the heart of our small communities – within our villages, community groups, churches and schools. These communities are sustained because people choose to give their time and energy to support them.

While life undoubtedly feels busier than ever, it feels more important than ever that we help children to understand, both at school and with your support at home, why giving our energy, time and love to help and support others matters so much. Thank you for all you do in service to support our school.