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Newton Blossomville CE School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2026



Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to the new term and school year. A very warm welcome to all our new families, we are looking forward to getting to know your child and you better over the coming weeks. The new children have settled very well and we are very proud of how the other children have welcomed them and are supporting them as they are learning our routines. The children have been very excited to share their news from the holidays and it is super to see our happy school community back together again. There is lots going on so please keep an eye on the dates list for more information and please do speak to a member of staff or call in to the office if you have any questions at all, we are here and happy to help.

Our value: Generosity

This half-term, we will be exploring the importance and simplicity of generosity with the children. Through stories, discussions and practical activities, we will be

encouraging them to think about how they can do good, show kindness and share with others.



This terms topic: This is me!

What better starting point for learning than the children themselves! In science we will study animals including humans, identifying and naming body parts as well as exploring our five senses. Closely



linked is our history topic where the children will use historical enquiry to learn about significant people who have made a difference to the medical world, including Louis Braille, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We have chosen four super picture books to ignite our writing of factual descriptions, fairy stories and character settings! In EYFS we will be starting by thinking about our faces. We will think about our senses and how our faces can show others how we feel and how a smile can make others feel! Please see our school website for more information.

Belonging

In PSHE and RE we will be focussing on what it means to belong and how we help each other belong. We will explore ourselves, what makes us the same and what makes us unique, families, school life, clubs and activities as well as how people belong to religious groups. We love to involve parents and the community in our learning, so if you'd like to share your experience of belonging please get in touch.





Reading and Phonics

There will be an online VSF reading information evening on **Wednesday 16th September at 7pm**. This will be repeated on **Friday 18th September at 9am**. Please join us to find out how we teach reading and how you can support your child's reading journey at home.

Family Reading

Please join us every Friday for family reading. This takes place from 8.30am to 9am. It is a chance to share a book with your child and catch up with any staff if you need to.



Open Days

We will be holding open days for prospective September 2027 starters on **Wednesday 14th October (1.30-3pm)** and **Wednesday 4th November (9-11am)**. If you have any friends or neighbours with pre-school children please share one of our fliers with all the dates and times. If they can't make that date we are always delighted to show families round and they are very welcome to call the office to make an appointment.

SEND Coffee and Chat

This will be our 3rd year of running federation SEND coffee and chat sessions for our families. Led by Mrs Adey Underwood, VSF SENDCo, our first date is **Thursday 15th October 9.15-10.30am** at The White House, Olney Middle School. Pre-school children welcome to come along too!



Clubs and Wrap Around

We are delighted that our wonderful football coach, Chris, is returning this year to play football with the children every Tuesday after lunch. This is for all of the children so no need to book. Our afterschool clubs are clay, art, lego and yoga. All clubs finish at 4.30pm and we have wrap around care from 8.15 to 5.30pm Mon-Thurs. Please see your parent mail for information on how to book.

Dates for your diary

Reading and Phonics Meeting - Wednesday 16th Sept - repeated Friday 18th Sept

Harvest Festival – Friday 9th October at 9am

Open Days - Wednesday 14th October 1.30-3pm and Wednesday 4th November 9-11am

Family Reading – Every Friday 8.30-9am

End of half-term – Thursday 22nd October

School returns – Monday 2nd November

Please note Autumn Parent/ teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November.

A note from Mrs Wallace



A very warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to those returning for another exciting year. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and hear about their summer adventures.

Our value this half-term is **Generosity**, and I am reminded daily of the kindness and support shown across our school communities. Thank you to our staff, parents, governors, volunteers and local communities whose generosity helps make our schools safe, welcoming and inspiring places to learn. Special thanks to everyone who helped prepare and refresh our schools over the summer holidays.

This half-term, the children will be exploring how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a positive difference to others. We are also excited to continue developing our friendship with Christ Evangelical School in Sierra Leone, helping children learn about each other's lives and experiences. Through this partnership, our pupils will see how even simple acts of generosity and friendship can be valued and appreciated by others.