



Newbald Primary School

Monday 24th February 2025

I hope everyone had a fantastic half term break and we are delighted to welcome the children back to school. The children have worked incredibly hard last half term, and the teachers have planned another 6 weeks that are jam packed with fun learning opportunities. It is great to see our children enjoying learning about their topics in the classroom. For your information, the topics each class will be learning about this half term are below. We like to share information about what the children will be learning about in their classrooms, teachers share half termly class-curriculum newsletters and there is even more detail about each area of the curriculum shared on the school website.

<https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum.html>



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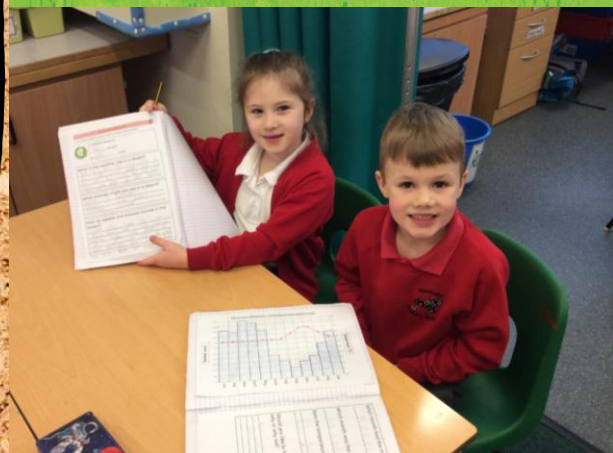
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Hedgehog
Class

Squirrel
Class

Fox
Class

Otter
Class

Spring 2

Traditional Tales



Explorers



England & The
United Kingdom



Mountains



Swimming

Swimming will continue for Children in years 3, 4 & 5 on Fridays. The last session will be Friday 21st March.



FONS Disco

The FONS disco is on Friday 28th February at 5pm - 6:30pm. It is £5 a ticket which includes entry to the disco, a hotdog, a glow stick, and glow face paint. The children can bring extra money if they wish to buy items from the tuck shop. This is a children only disco, so no need for parents to attend. Parents can drop off and pick up from the main office entrance at the above times. More details can be found on the poster on the following page.



FONS
Friends of Newbald School

Parent's Evenings

You will shortly be receiving a letter about the forthcoming Spring Term parent consultation evenings on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March.



GLOW DISCO
FRIDAY 28TH
FEBRUARY



5:00PM - 6:30PM
SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS £5 - INCLUDES A
HOT DOG, DRINK, GLOW STICK
AND GLOW FACE PAINT

PLEASE BRING PENNIES FOR
THE TUCK SHOP!

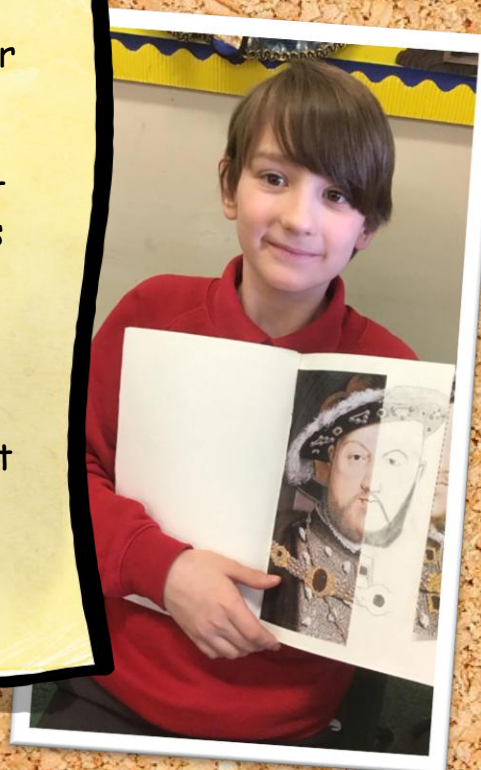
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

ADULTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO
ATTEND



Attendance

We are approximately halfway through the academic year and at this point we share your pupil's attendance with you via email. Please do not be alarmed by this. This is purely to raise everyone's awareness of this important statistic. I will always contact any individuals where I have concerns over attendance, and we understand that there can be many reasons that impact on a child's attendance. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss strategies which may help improve this. A guide to your child's attendance is shared on the following page.



Some School Statistics

The school's attendance for this academic year so far:

97.41%

An outstanding attendance figure for our school! We work towards a goal of the highest attendance possible for all children and aim for individual attendance to be 97% or higher.

62.64%

of pupils are on track for an attendance of 97% or better. Well done!

33 pupils

have 99% attendance or better!
Wow this is fantastic!



Attendance

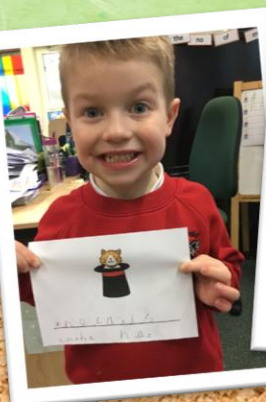
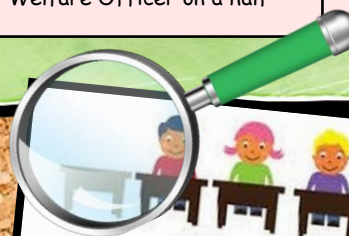
As I'm sure you are aware, there continues to be an increase in scrutiny from the Department for Education into pupil attendance. We recognise that when a pupil isn't well, the best place for that child will be at home to recover, but we do encourage that pupils come to school if at all possible.

Statistics nationally show that those pupils with higher attendance achieve higher academically and our own data shows that this is also true at Newbald.

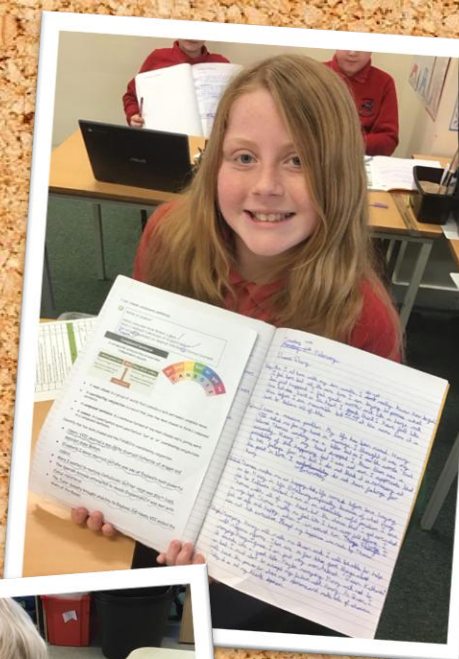
We have taken great care in planning our exciting and engaging curriculum so that the children at Newbald have great fun in learning and build upon previously learnt skills. Our curriculum is ambitious and each and every day is packed full of fun learning opportunities. **Every day matters!**

A guide to attendance is below:

	Attendance Descriptors	Details	Whole Days absent (approximate guide)
 Exceptional	Attendance is 99% or higher. Always in school on time.	Perfect attendance is always the aim. No (or very few) learning opportunities or experiences are missed.	0-2
 Good	Attendance is 97% or higher. Very rarely late to school.	At Newbald we have high expectations and aim for each child to have an attendance of 97% or higher. We have a class attendance trophy that is awarded to the class with the highest attendance in our weekly special mention celebration assemblies.	3-6
Room for Improvement	Attendance falls below 97% or occasionally late to school.	We understand that sometimes children can be ill or emergencies happen and this can affect attendance. Statistically, attendance of less than 97% gives children less chance of success. Every effort should be made to improve attendance, for it to be as high as possible.	6-18
Cause for Concern - Persistent Absence	Attendance is below 90% or frequently late to school.	Attendance below 90% is considered poor attendance and is regarded as persistent absence by the Department for Education. Attendance below 90% has a serious impact on education. Attendance will be monitored closely and each individual case will be discussed with a Local Authority Educational Welfare Officer on a half termly basis.	19+



Every School Day Counts



History of Newbald Project

We are very excited that classes 2, 3 & 4 will be working with East Riding museums on a project to learn more about the history of Newbald. We will be visited from a curator from the museums team and each class will be time detectives solving the story of North Newbald.

Class 2 will have their session on Monday 17th March where the children will look at the village today and recent historical changes. They will look at the skills historians use to discover what happened in the past.

Class 3 will have their session on Thursday 1st May where the pupils will be finding out about life in North Newbald in time before history was written down. They will be looking at what archaeology can tell us about the lives of those who lived here before us and how to record any findings.

Class 4 will have their history session on Monday 9th June, where they will be examining the settlement in the Victorian, Stuart, Tudor and Medieval times using primary and secondary sources. They will investigate how and where the people of North Newbald lived and where they came from.

After School Clubs

Due to high demand, we are pleased to confirm we are able to extend our Box2bFit club on a Monday and Street Dance on a Thursday after the half-term break. Chess will also continue on a Wednesday and Sunshine Club sessions continue to run before and after school every day. To secure your child's place, please book via Parent-Pay. More details about next half term's clubs are on the following page.



This Half Term's Clubs



Box 2 B Fit
Limited to 14 places

Every Monday
starting 13th January - 31st March
Must be booked in advance via ParentPay up to 24 hours before the club starts. £5 per session
Miss Alcock - Years 1 to 6

Chess Club

with Hull & East Riding Chess Association

Every Wednesday starting 26th February

Must be booked & paid for in advance via ParentPay up to 24 hours before the club starts.

3:30pm to 4:30pm - £5 weekly

Year 3 to Year 6

LIMITED to 14 SPACES



Don't Forget...

Clubs can be booked one session at a time, so if a child wants to try out a club, they can. A session can be booked up to 24 hours before the session starts. It is important to cancel any bookings where pupils cannot attend, especially for the free clubs as this will enable other children to have a place when the club is full.

Every Thursday starting 9th January - 3rd April

Must be booked in advance via ParentPay up to 24 hours before the club starts.

FREE of CHARGE - Years 1 to 6

STREET DANCE with First Steps
Limited to 20 places

Free of charge!

Uniform, Earrings & School Shoes

The children look very smart on their return to school and I wanted to thank you for sending your children in the appropriate uniform. We ask that all the children, including those in our nursery provision, wear the traditional uniform and follow the school's uniform policy. This policy, in line with the DfE guidance, can be found on the website or by clicking on the link below.

<https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/parents/uniform/uniform.html>

Whilst we have not made any changes to our uniform, we would ask you take a minute to view the expectations we have relating to jewellery, shoes and hair.

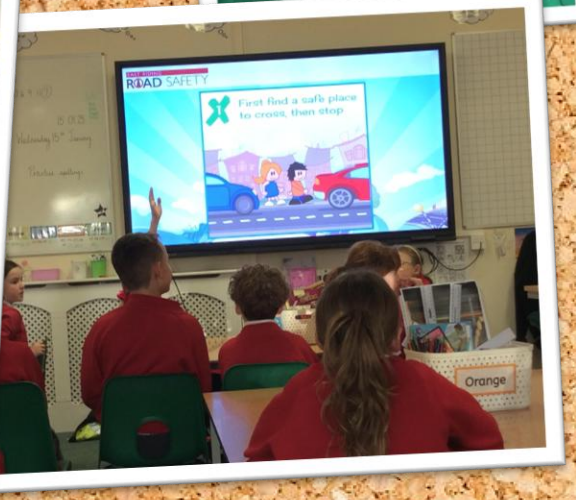
- Jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn in school. One pair of stud earrings are acceptable - these should be removed for PE. In the event that earrings cannot be removed for PE, they will need to be covered during the lesson with plaster or tape.
- Shoes should be black, smart sensible footwear. These should have a good tread (no heels) and not sports trainers.
- We ask long hair to be tied up. This is both practical and prevents any potential spread of hair lice. Should we be informed that we have new cases in school, we inform parents.





Trips & Visits

The children have enjoyed some super trips and visits over the last half term. Here are some pictures from the indoor curling workshops, Year 4 Pedestrian Skills, Class 1 Dino Star workshop, Class 4's Tudor trip to Gainsborough Old Hall and Class 3 & 4's trip to The Market Weighton School to see their production of Beauty and the Beast. There are also more pictures on the following page.





Messages from School Council

School Council



We have been very busy as a school council. We meet regularly and we have been organising some events that we would like to share with you.

Rose & Ruby

Miss R. Fenton & Miss R. Hardy

(Joint Chairs of School Council)



World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025



World Book Day is once again nearly with us. On Thursday 6th March, we are planning to celebrate World Book Day. We would like to invite children to dress up as a book character for the day.

There is no need to go and spend on costumes. Children are welcome to create or adapt clothes they already have. There are also plenty of great ideas online that don't involve having to buy an outfit, but it would be great if all the children could get involved.

World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading and it provides a great opportunity for the children to talk enthusiastically about them. Once again, the teachers will be planning lots of exciting activities to help us celebrate reading!

As in previous years, children will be receiving a free £1 Book Token, which can be exchanged in all participating bookshops for one of some specially published £1 books. These books cater for a wide age group. If you wish, the token can be put towards the cost of a book with a value of over £2.99. **Top Tip! Keep your voucher safe to use at the school book fair in March!**



Red Nose Day Red Noses



Whilst Friday 21st March will already be an Easter Egg - Non-uniform Day, School Council are keen to raise money for the charity Comic Relief. We will be selling red noses in the days before Red Nose Day. The noses cost £2 each. There will be a limited number of noses that School Council will have to sell, so please purchase early to avoid disappointment.



Scholastic School Book Fair

In an ongoing effort to promote a love of reading in school, we will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair.

The Book Fair is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 12th March, Thursday 13th March and Friday 14th March.**

Please see the end of the newsletter for further details of some of the book titles that will be available (although many more will be available on the day).

Please note that this will be a cash only event!

Top Tip! Keep your World Book Day voucher safe to use at the school book fair!



Easter Bingo



Eyes down for a full house!

The School Council is excited to announce that Easter Bingo is back! This, family-fun event will be on Tuesday 1st April.

Arrive from 5:15pm

Eyes down at 5:30!

On Friday, 21st March, School Council are asking children to bring a chocolate egg (nut free please) in return for wearing clothes of their choice.

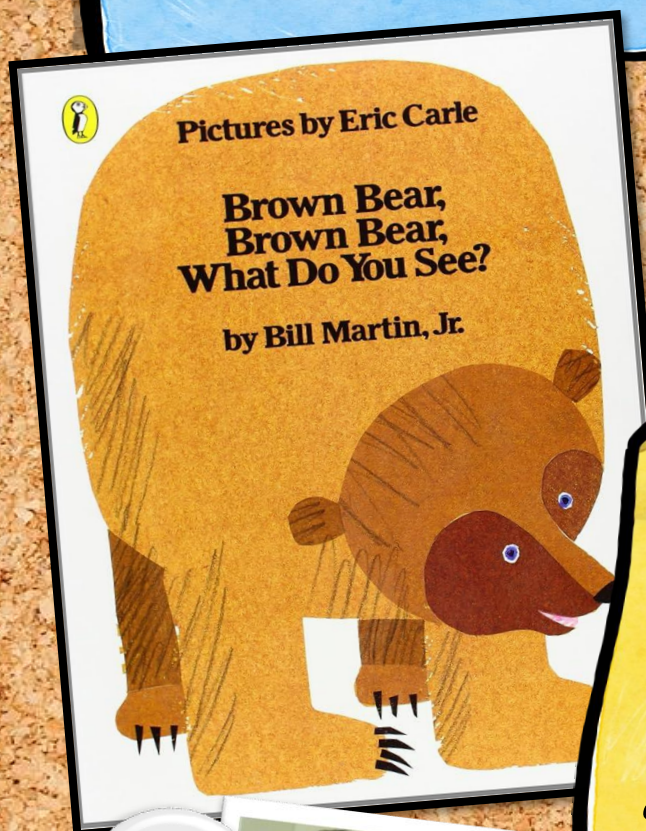
All the eggs will go towards prizes for School Council's Easter Bingo Evening.

At the event, there will be the opportunity to purchase bingo books & refreshments, take part in the big bingo experience and win Easter Egg prizes.

Book Reviews & Recommendations



We love reading and many of our children and staff like to recommend fantastic books they have enjoyed, so that other children may be inspired to read even more. We hope to include more recommendations from our children (and staff) in future newsletters. This time School Council have interviewed some children about some much-loved books that they would like to recommend.



Class 1 Book Recommendation
Book: Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Author: Bill Martin Jr

Recommendation by: Ivy

Brown Bear, Brown Bear is a great book. It has lots of animals in the book. The pictures are very bright and interesting. It is about lots of colourful animals and we find out what they see. It has a red bird, a yellow duck and a brown bear in it. I really like this book.

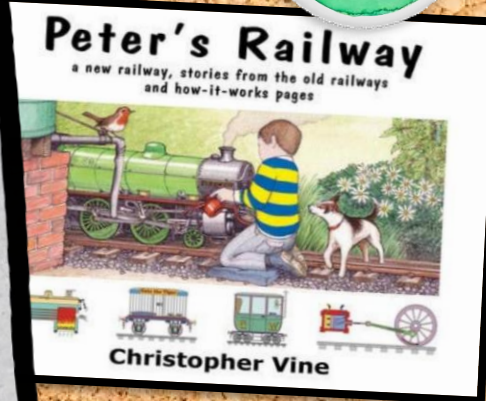
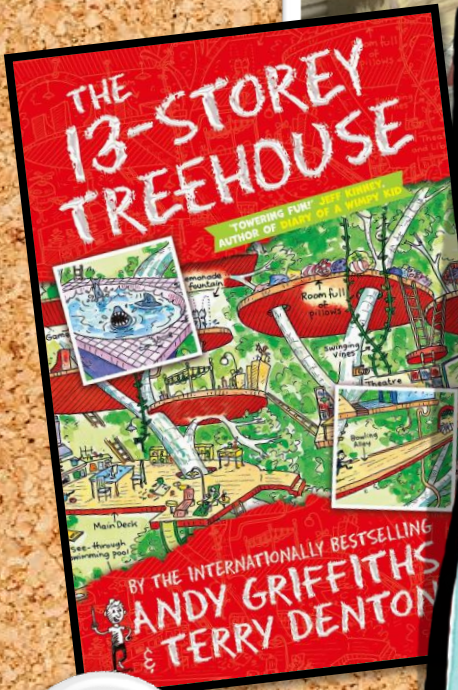




Class 2 Book Recommendation
Book: Peter's Railway
Author: Christopher Vine

Recommendation by: Isaac

This is a great story about a grandpa and his grandson, Peter. Peter's grandpa doesn't like cars very much and he doesn't own one. His bike has only got one seat, so together they build a miniature steam railway to make visiting each other easier. Anyone who likes trains would love reading this book. It has lots of pictures and it also has lots of facts and technical information in it too, so it is both fiction and nonfiction.

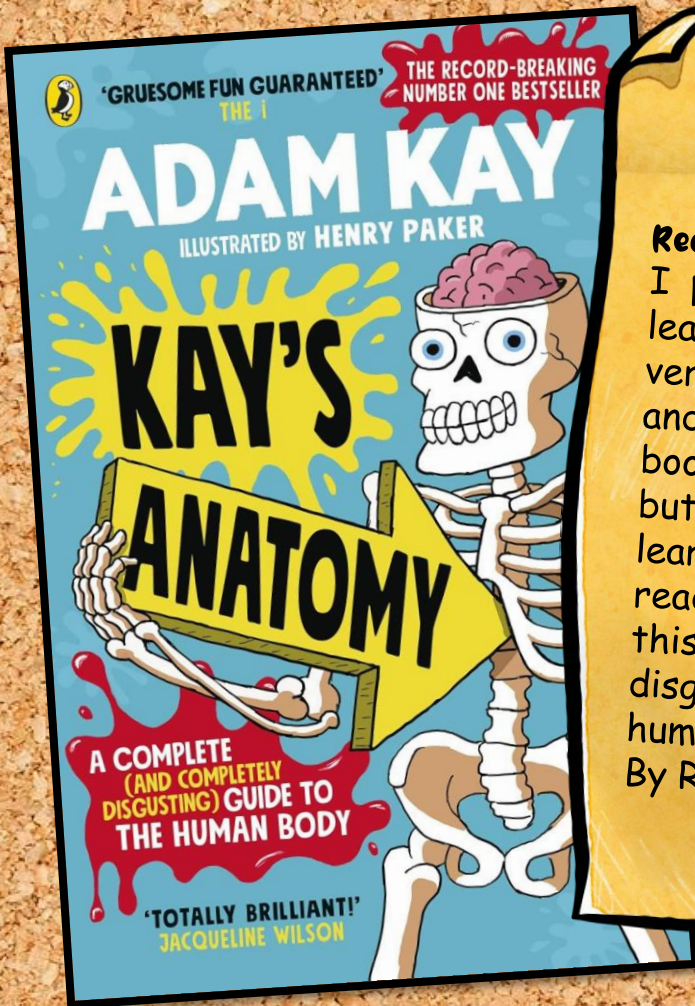


Class 3 Book Recommendation
Book: The 13-Storey Treehouse
Author: Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Recommendation by: Isabel

Andy writes the words and Terry draws the pictures in this fantastically funny book. What is especially good about the book is that the authors that write the story are also the characters that are in the book! Although the 13 Storey Treehouse is quite long and it may take you a while to read, but the time will fly by as it is filled with great little stories that make you laugh and smile. It is so funny at times that you just can't stop reading. What makes it even better is there are many more books in the series to read about the fun adventures of Andy and Terry!





Class 4 Book Recommendation

Book: Kay's Anatomy

Author: Adam Kay

Recommendation by: Ruby

I picked this book because you can learn all about the human body. It is very interesting. It has lots of jokes and is very factual. It is a very long book it also has a lot of chapters, but there are so many fun facts to learn that it doesn't take long to read. I would definitely recommend this book as it is a completely disgusting and funny guide to the human body!

By Ruby



A great website for finding new and exciting books is: **Books for Topics**. They suggest some super books for each year group. Please find the links below:

Nursery:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/preschool-nursery/>

Reception:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/reception/>

Year 1:

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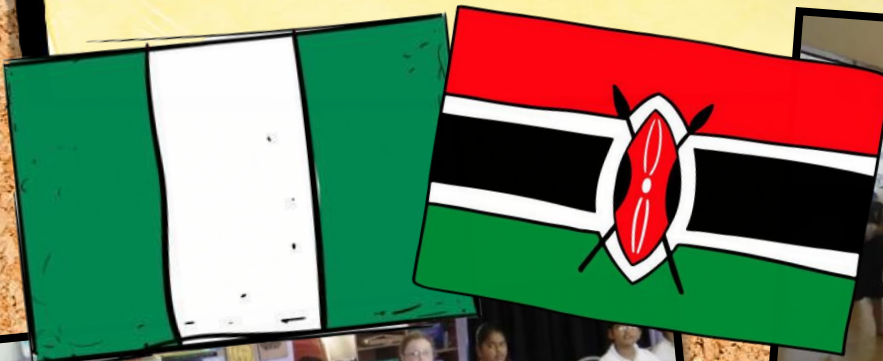


Africa Days



We are very excited to be organising our very first Africa Days Mini Topic. The teachers are busy planning and organising a mini topic for all classes which will run for two days at the end of the Spring Term on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April. The whole school will dedicate these days to learn about the geography and culture of Africa. Each class will learn about an African country and learn about the continent. There will be some fantastic activities happening throughout the days where the children will also take part in dance and African drumming workshops led by visiting experts.

- Class 1 will be looking at the continent of Africa.
- Class 2 will be learning about Kenya and Africa.
- Class 3 will be learning about Nigeria and Africa and
- Class 4 will be learning about South Africa and Arica.



THIS SCHOOL IS A



Nut Free!

A reminder that our school is nut free. All items on our school menu are free from nuts. Please ensure that any items that children bring with them in a packed lunch also do not contain nuts. We also ask that grapes are cut in half.



D&T Week



We love our Design and Technology weeks at Newbald Primary School! The children had a great time in the week before half term working on their projects. Here you can see some pictures from all the classes. Class 1 started looking at traditional tales and the story of the gingerbread man. They then designed and baked their own gingerbread men. Class 2 learnt about how some fruit and vegetables are grown such as tomatoes and strawberries and used these to cook savoury starters and fruit smoothies. Class 3 have cooked an Indian curry with rice and Class 4 used their woodworking skills to create Tudor houses using similar building techniques that would have been used in Tudor times. There are more pictures on the following pages.







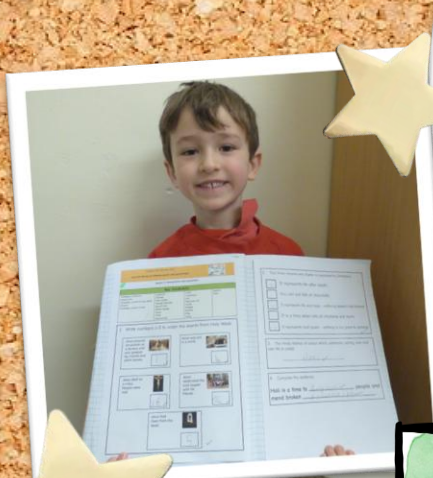
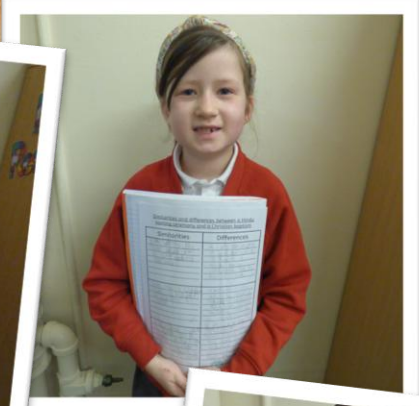
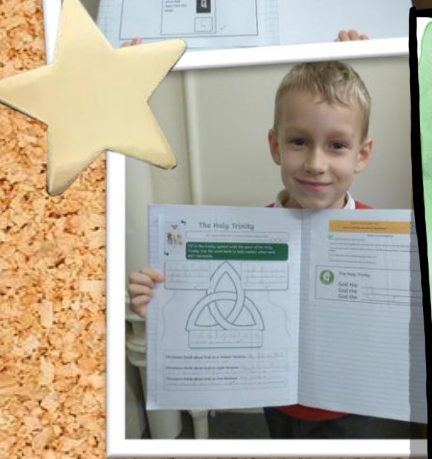
MURPHY'S Message

Hi everyone,

Now that spring is on its way I'm looking forward to getting outside and going on some extra walks. The children in Class 4 have been telling me all about the Tudors, so I went to see Bamburgh Castle during half term. My favourite part was the beach though! Woof!

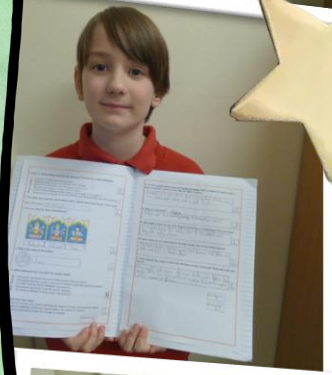
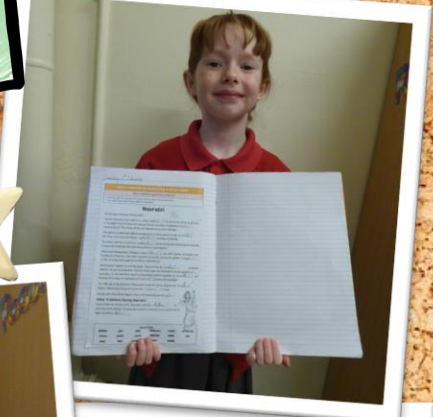
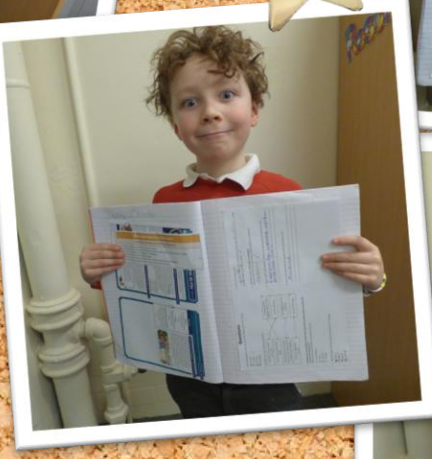
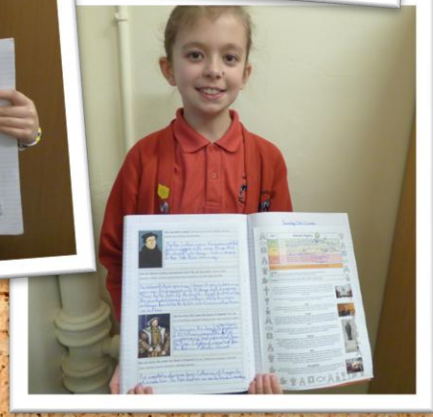
I love it when the children at school read to me. Lately I have really enjoyed reading The Giraffe the Pelly & Me with Class 3 and Some Dogs Do with Class 1. Keep up the great work! Woof!





Some Fantastic RE & Worldviews Work!

Some pupils from classes 2, 3 & 4 recently came to talk about what they have been learning about in their RE & Worldviews lessons. I was extremely impressed with their outstanding knowledge and amazing work they have produced in their books. Here are some pictures of the children with work they are especially proud of.



Diary Dates

(We will let you know about any forthcoming dates as soon as possible)

February 2025

Fri 7 th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
WC Mon 10 th Feb	Spring Term D&T Week
Mon 10 th Feb	Class 4 Visit to Gainsborough Old Hall
Tues 11 th Feb	Classes 3&4 Visit to TMWS to see Beauty and the Beast
Fri 14 th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 14 th Feb	Break for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Return to school after half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Class 4 Nurse Talk - Being healthy
Fri 28 th Feb	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Fri 28 th Feb	FONS Disco (5pm-6:30pm)

March 2025

Thurs 6 th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 7 th Mar	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Wed 12 - 14 Mar	School Book Fair
Fri 14 th Mar	Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Mon 17 th Mar	Class 2 History of Newbald Workshop (pm)
Wed 19 th Mar	Parent's Evening
Thurs 20 th Mar	Parent's Evening
Fri 21 st Mar	Easter Egg - Non-Uniform Day
Fri 21 st Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 21 st Mar	Last Swimming for Years 3,4 & 5 (pm)
Mon 24 th Mar	Classes 3&4 trip to Pocklington Buddhist Centre and Willerby Synagogue
Mon 31 st Mar	Spring Term Awards Assembly (9:15am)

April 2025

Tues 1 st April	Easter Bingo
Thurs 3 rd April	Africa Day
Fri 4 th April	Africa Day
Fri 4 th April	Break for Easter
Wed 23 rd April	Return for Summer Term
Tues 29 th April	Class 1 Trip to Acorn Hollow Farm TBC

May 2025

Thurs 1 st May	Class 3 History of Newbald Workshop (pm)
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 5 th - Thurs 15 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Mon 19 th - Fri 23 rd May	Key Stage 1 SATs Week
Wed 21 May	Class 4 Trip to Driffeld Showground
Fri 23 rd May	Class 4 Nurse Talk - Growing up



Regular Dates for this half term

Daily

Sunshine Morning Club
Sunshine Club After School Session
Sunshine Club After School Late Session

Mondays

School Council Meetings
After School Box 2B Fit Club

Tuesdays

Bark & Read with Murphy
Specialist French teacher sessions in Fox & Otter Classes
Guitar & Music sessions in Fox & Otter Classes

Wednesdays

After School Chess Club

Thursdays

Bark & Read with Murphy
After School First Steps
Street Dance Club

Fridays

HSS Sports & Gymnastics specialist sessions for Hedgehog & Squirrel Classes
Special Mention Celebration Assemblies



Link to the 2024-2025 term dates:

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Link to the 2025-2026 term dates:

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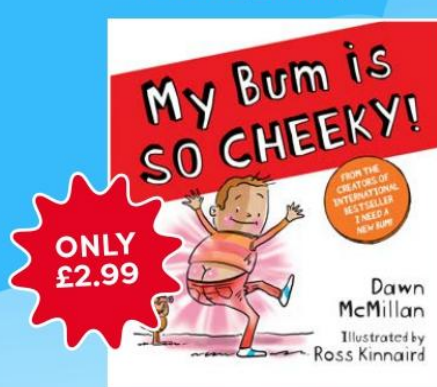
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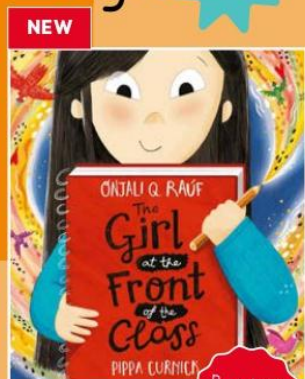
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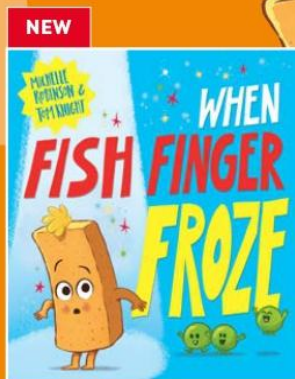
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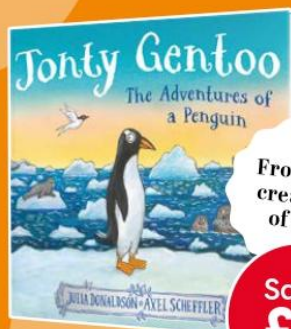
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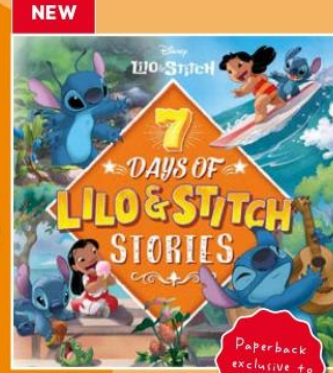
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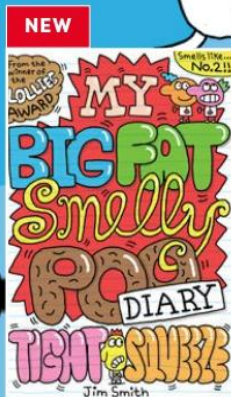
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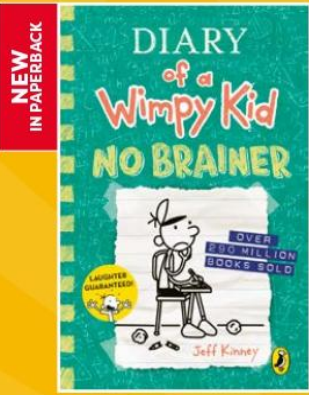
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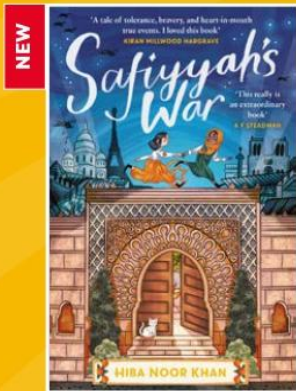
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