



New Pastures Primary School Newsletter

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November 2025

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Autumn Term part two!

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. It is great to see all the children back and they have been telling us all about their Halloween adventures and what they have been getting up to for Bonfire Night. This is the half-term when we really start to feel the dark nights and the cold weather. It's also the time we start to think about celebrating Christmas. We will make sure you get plenty of notice for events—we know you have already started to receive messages about Christmas lunch and party day.

Stars of the Week for September

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week. Please look at our Instagram page @newpasturesprimary to see the range of awards we share in our Celebration Assemblies.

Class	10.10.25	17.10.25	24.10.25
Mrs Rooney - FS2	Carlton Junior	Michelle	
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	Poppy		
Miss Hutt - Y2	Noah		
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	Geri	Pippa	
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	Maddie	Sophia	
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4			
Mr Woodward - Y5	Isabelle	Brodie	
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6		Myla	
Miss Spencer - Y6	Sophie	Scarlett	

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we are looking at different activities to celebrate differences and to show that we will always stand against any forms of bullying. One of the things we are most proud of is the improvements we have seen in children's behaviour lately. Next week will support is in our work to make sure New Pastures children are kind, respectful and a friend to everyone.

Monday 10th November starts the week off with 'Odd Socks Day' and then Friday 14th November celebrates 'Children in Need'. Children can come in their pyjamas (donations of £1) and we will have a bake sale!

Breakfast Clubs

Very soon, we are going to be looking at changing our Breakfast Club and bringing it into the main school building at both sites. Crossing the main road continues to be a risk, so it is our intention that children in EYFS and KS1 can access breakfast club in their school. We will keep you up-dated about when the changes can happen.



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Important Dates

The 'dates' document will be sent separately to this newsletter. Keep a watch out for Christmas dates.

Attendance

We have had queries about exceptional circumstances for taking children out of school. The policy is on our website but this is what is defined as exceptional circumstances:-

1. **Medical emergencies:** Serious illness or injury requiring immediate and/or ongoing medical attention that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours.
2. **Bereavement:** The death of a close family member or loved one, necessitating time off for funeral arrangements and grieving.
3. **Family crisis:** Critical situations within the family unit, such as severe illness of a family member, divorce proceedings, or other significant personal matters requiring the student's presence.
4. **Legal obligations:** Mandatory court appearances, immigration proceedings, or other legal matters that cannot be rescheduled.
5. **Unavoidable transportation issues:** Significant disruptions in travel due to unforeseen events such as natural disasters or severe weather conditions.
6. **Other compelling reasons:** Unique or extraordinary events that are assessed on a case-by-case basis by the school's administration.



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Class	3.10.25	10.10.25	17.10.25	24.10.25
Mrs Loosemore - FS1	92.4%	90.7%	95.7%	96.4%
Mrs Rooney - FS2	97.5%	97%	90.9%	94.8%
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	91.5%	85.6%	98%	94.5%
Miss Hutt - Y2	94.9%	95.2%	93.3%	94.9%
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	97.8%	86.7%	95.8%	90.5%
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	92.7%	93.6%	98%	98%
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4	92.4%	98.5%	98.1%	98.8%
Mr Woodward - Y5	94.6%	99.1%	94.3%	88%
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6	89.3%	88%	97.7%	96.4%
Miss Spencer - Y6	93.1%	96.2%	97.9%	96%

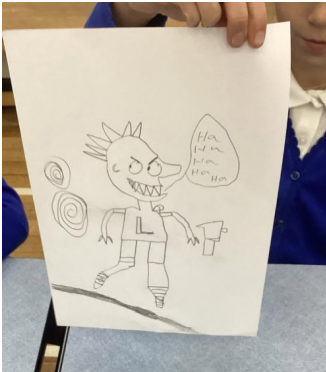
It is very rare, that any long-term absences are authorised due to exceptional circumstances. Even more so, it is very unlikely that a holiday would be classed as an exceptional circumstance.

These are the attendance figures for the latter part of last half-term. Red percentages are below 90%, Amber 90—96% and Green 96+%

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Working in Partnership

The children in Years Five and Six were lucky enough to take part in a workshop with a local author—Phillip Shepherd, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. The children took part in a literacy lesson and then had a chance to draw for the new book called 'Loki'. It's important that our children have a purpose for writing—it's not just something we make them do in lessons—and this opportunity brought writing and drawings to life.

Keeping Our Children Safe—Online

[What do the labels mean? | Pegi Public Site](#)

This is a really useful link to a website that explains what PEGI ratings mean for online games. We have a firewall system in place at New Pastures and Mrs Hall receives any alert when online searches have been blocked by the firewall. We have had children research some of the games they play online, and this leads to images of items such as weapons. Please be mindful of the games that children play and their ratings. Games such as 'Call of Duty' have a PEGI rating of 18 and therefore should not be played by any child who attends New Pastures Primary.

Times Tables

All children in Y4 take a national test in June—this is called the Multiplication Tables Check. We are obviously doing everything we can to make sure the children get the best scores, preferably 25 out of 25. You can help your child by regularly saying the times tables or use the website [Home - Times Tables Rock Stars](#). The children do all have their own logins.

Lest We Forget

You will have noticed that the local area has been decorated with flags and poppies to celebrate Remembrance Day on the 11th November. It is really important that we take part in this event and encourage our children to take a moment to stop and think about all the people who have represented our country in war or conflict. We are selling a range of poppy resources for The British Legion and these are available for a donation. Some of our children will be attending the Cenotaph on the 11th November and we will share photographs in our next newsletter.



Thanks

Thank you to you all for your continued support. We can't do this without you and there are many exciting opportunities ahead for the New Pastures children.

The New Pastures Team