



New Pastures Primary School Newsletter

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December 2025

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Autumn Term part two - comes to an end!

It's hard to believe that we are well into December and we are at the end of the autumn term. It has been a long one, but in many ways it really has flown by! The children have had some exciting learning opportunities and as we start to think ahead to the new term and to 2026, we feel very proud of everything we have achieved at New Pastures. There have been many changes, but they have all been welcomed and they have ensured New Pastures continues to grow and improve. School finishes at the usual time on **Friday 19th December** and then the children are back in on **Tuesday 6th January**.



Stars of the Week for December

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	1.12.25	8.10.25	15.12.25
Mrs Rooney - FS2	Rio	-Theodor	Whole class
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	Maisie	-Albie	Whole class
Miss Hutt - Y2	George	-Sienna	Whole class
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	Pippa	Ava-Rose	Daisie
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	Isla	Tommy	Luca
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4	Ruby	Harvey	Whole class
Mr Woodward - Y5	Nikita	Anya	Whole class
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6	Tommy-J	Stan	Jayden
Miss Spencer - Y6	Corby	Marek	Logan

Santa Dash



I am sure you are well aware that budgets are tight in schools - they are everywhere. When a member of staff suggested we do a Santa dash to raise funds, we put the date in the diary and hoped we would get some additional funds. However, the support you all gave to this event has been **AMAZING** and we cannot thank you enough. The children and staff looked

wonderful in their Christmas attire and the event, plus concert and raffle raised over a **MASSIVE £1500**.

All this money will be used to replace the children's playtime resources as what we have at the moment is looking old and tired. From the bottom of our hearts—thank you!



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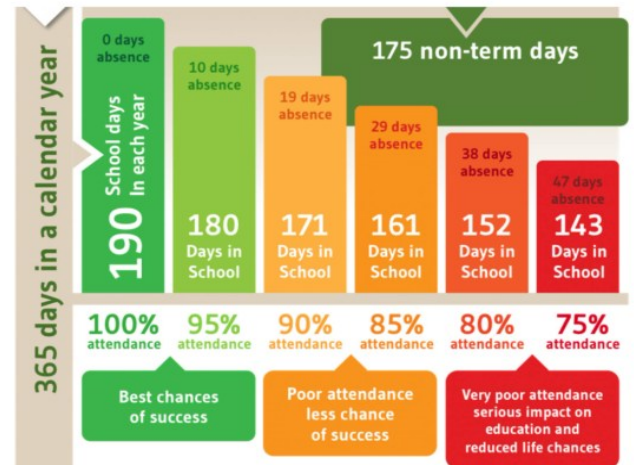
Important Dates

The 'dates' document will be sent separately to this newsletter.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus and we closely monitor any absences and reasons for these. 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	21.11.25	28.11.25	05.12.25	12.12.25
Mrs Loosemore - FS1	92.1%	95%	87.9%	94.3
Mrs Rooney - FS2	92.4%	97.7%	95.5%	94.9
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	93.1%	98.5%	91.8%	90.5
Miss Hutt - Y2	96.8%	98.7%	80.6%	92.7
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	95.8%	94.6%	97.4%	96.3
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	95.6%	94.6%	92.9%	88.5
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4	99.1%	87%	98.6%	90.3
Mr Woodward - Y5	98.6%	98.9%	94.4%	94.1
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6	100%	97.9%	99.5%	92.1
Miss Spencer - Y6	97.9%	87.5%	90.6%	94.8

These are the attendance figures for the first part of this half-term.

- Red percentages are below 90%,
- Amber 90—96%
- Green 96+%

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Curriculum Enrichment



The photograph shows that the children's homemade nachos at cookery club proved to be a great hit last Monday. Thank you for your support with this, enabling us to buy all the additional ingredients.

We have worked hard to provide the children with a range of opportunities to enrich the curriculum, including our after school clubs. We are looking at providing different clubs in the spring term and these will be shared with you when we return.

Keeping Our Children Safe—Online

There is no getting away from online resources and as I talk to children about their wishes for Christmas, top of the lists are computers, VR headsets, Xbox, phones and tablets. There is no denying that these are fun, enjoyable and in some ways educational. However, they can be dangerous if not used appropriately. [Using parental controls](#) This is a link to a website we often use 'CEOP' which stands for Criminal Exploitation and Online Protection, linked to the National Crime Agency. It has a wealth of information for parents and the advice for setting parental controls might come extra handy following Father Christmas' visit to your houses and homes.

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.

Venn Olympics



At the start of this month, Year Six children took part in the Venn Olympics at Sheffield Institute of Sport. All the Y6 children across the trust participated. Not only was it about the sports activities, it also aimed to provide children with the experience of visiting a stadium. There were a few 'wows' when the children entered. The trip was fully funded by Venn. As always, we were very proud of the children's enthusiasm for the activity.

Thanks

Thank you to you all for your continued support; we can't do this without you. We hope you have a fabulous Christmas with your children and that Father Christmas is kind to each and every one of you. See you in 2026!

The New Pastures Team