



Y6 SATs Results

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received their amazing SATs results this month. The results below show the number of children achieving age related expectations and those who achieved a higher standard (greater depth).

Reading 94% and 48%

Maths 97% and 48%

SPAG 94% and 35%

Writing 87% and 10% (teacher assessment)

Combined Reading, Writing and Maths 84%

Good bye and good luck to our Y6 children and families. We wish you all the success in the world as you start your new chapter in your life. Congratulations on the success of your production 'Star Warts', it was absolutely fantastic. You have been an amazing Year 6 class and we are all really proud of you!

**Goodbye & Good Luck
Year 6**



Wakefield Council Let's Talk History - WINNERS!

In June 2025 two representatives from Year 5 took part in the Wakefield 'Let's Talk History' Competition. The children were asked to research and prepare a talk to share the story of a significant individual, from our locality, telling the audience why this person should be remembered. The children did their presentation on the WW1 nurse, Nellie Spindler, who was born in Wakefield. They did an amazing job resulting in them winning the competition! Congratulations!



Future In Mind (FIM) Mental Health Support Team Newsletter

Please find the newsletter attached which you may find useful. It is full of information and offers advice on preparing for change, returning to school and information about some parent/carer virtual sessions.

Transition Events

The children have enjoyed a transition afternoon with their class teacher for 2025/2026. Next year we will be reintroducing class names - this year all classes and rooms will be named after endangered animals.

September 2025

In September, some classes will be using lockers so please send a small bag into school if required. To help assist with our limited storage, please ensure that toys/equipment/balls from home are not brought into school. Children are provided with stationery and therefore do not need pencil cases or notebooks etc. Fidget toys will need to be pre-agreed with school. We have new resources ready to use at lunchtime. Thank you for your understanding.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure you notify us of any change of contact details (address and phone numbers). Please email admin@newton-hill.org.uk with any changes.

Thank you for your continued support this academic year. Newton Hill Community School is a fantastic school which we are all proud to be a part of. We would like to wish you a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 2nd September.



Don't forget to follow our Facebook page, just search for Newton Hill Community School in your search bar.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley and all the staff at Newton Hill Community School

Attendance

Your child's attendance is included in their end of year report for your reference. We will continue to monitor attendance each term and we are here if you require any support to improve your child's attendance.

Outstanding Attendance	97%+
Good attendance	95-97%
Requires Improvement	91-94%
Deemed as Persistently Absent	90% and below

Please let school know if your child is going to be absent from school. If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible by leaving a voicemail through the school telephone system or emailing admin@newton-hill.org.uk. There is an option to leave a message for all absences you do not have to wait until school is open. Thank you for your cooperation.



If we do not know the reason why your child is absent, we will follow our procedures - this is a telephone call to all contacts and if there is no response school will conduct a home visit. If we are unable to make contact with you, we will refer the absence to the local authority.

If you know your child is going to be absent, please complete an absence request form (available from the school office). Please note holidays in term time are not permitted. Following Local Authority guidance, penalty notices may be issued for holidays taken in term time. For more information see the poster below regarding penalty notices.

Please note - school receives no financial gain from referring holidays to the Local Authority.

Entry to School

School gates will be open just before 8:45am. School doors are open at 8:50 and close at 9:00am. The pedestrian gates on East Street and Fourth Ave will close at 9:00am. Please ensure you supervise your child/children in the playground before and after school. **Children who use bikes and scooters should dismount on school premises. Thank you.**

Local Residents

If you do drive to school, please be mindful of where you park.

Dogs

Please do not bring dogs on to the school site or tie your dog to the school gate or fence. Only assistance dogs are permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who follows our uniform expectations. The pre-loved uniform is always available - please contact the school office for further information or support through

admin@newton-hill.org.uk. We have a range of uniform for all ages so please make use of the free uniform available - all requests will be dealt with confidentially.

If you are replacing any uniform ready for the new academic year, we would welcome any pre-loved uniform in September. Please remember to name all new items clearly. Thank you in advance.

Lost Property

All lost property will now be placed in the small plastic shed next to the Year 3/4 classroom. All named property will be returned to classes. If you have lost any items, please feel free to have a look through the items in the shed at drop off and pick up.

PE Kits

On PE days children can continue to wear their PE kit to school all day in 2025/2026. Please note that the PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, plain navy/black shorts and a plain navy/black tracksuit top, football tops/kits are not permitted.

Packed Lunches

In line with our lunch box policy, only cold food can be brought to school. Hot food/liquids are not permitted. Please note that all unwanted food etc will come home in your child's lunchbox. This is to enable you to monitor the contents of your child's lunchbox.

Forms

There is a page on the school website under 'Parent Zone' which has useful forms and information.

Music

There are spaces available for *Get into Guitar* and *Rocksteady* for 2025/2026. If your child is interested, please contact the companies direct. Please ask school if you require the contact details. There is a leaflet attached for *Rocksteady*.

Get Into Guitar

Come for a Trial Lesson! *Get Into Guitar* have a limited number of spaces in their *Guitar Rockers Lessons*. They supply lots of suitably sized acoustic and electric guitars during lessons and use headphone amplifiers and guitar computer games. They also run Band Performances, Battle of the Bands video recordings and Solo Competitions. Lessons are £6 each. Please see some of their students' achievements - www.getintoguitar.co.uk/media/

Visit the link or scan the QR code to sign your child or children up.
www.getintoguitar.co.uk/sign-up/



Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need any support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are: Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Whelerton, Mrs Luck, Mrs Myton and Miss Land. Mrs Walker our School Business Manager has also joined our DSL team.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

This website offers advice and guides for parents which you may find useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

If you need support or advice, you can also contact Wakefield Social Care Direct on 0345 8 503 503. There are other numbers you may find useful on our school website under Safeguarding.

Keeping Safe Online

You may find the following sites and information useful:

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

[What is the metaverse? - What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)

[Social Media Checklists | SWGfL](#)

Mental Health Team

We have a number of staff members who are mental health first aiders who can offer advice and support. Please contact the school if you would like any support.



Dates for your diary	Event
INSET Days 2025/2026 (School is closed on the following days).	Monday 1 st September Friday 24 th October Monday 5 th January Thursday 7 th May (school is used as a polling station) Monday 20 th July *25/26 dates are included on the Parenthub version.



APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/26

August 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025 (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2025 (18 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025 (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025 (15 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2026 (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (20 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

April 2026 (14 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2026 (15 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026 (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2026 (14 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- = NHCS INSET Days
- = Bank Holidays
- = School Holidays
- = District Council Election Day. Schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET. Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET dates.

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.