

Newton Hill Community School Update
2024/2025

May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs last week. They are now looking forward to planning their end of year show.

It has been an enjoyable half term with lots of different activities and visits taking place. The children have received positive feedback regarding their manners and behaviour when they have been out of school - well done everyone! It has been wonderful to share the talents of our children in assembly for their out of school achievements - we really do have lots of talented children at NHCS. We have lots of events planned for next half term so please have a look at the key dates at the end of the newsletter. Other specific dates for classes will be shared by class teachers.

Year 1 and Year 4 still have their statutory assessments to complete. Please ensure your child is at school for the following dates:

Year Group	Test/Assessment	Dates
Year 4	Statutory MTC - Multiplication Check	Monday 2 nd June-Friday 6 th June
Year 1	Statutory Phonics Screening	Monday 9 th June - Friday 13 th June

Summer Fair

We are looking forward to seeing you at our summer fair on Thursday 19th June at 3:30pm. The details are enclosed within the newsletter. If you still have any donations, please send them into school after half term. Thank you for all your donations so far for our raffle.

Contact Details

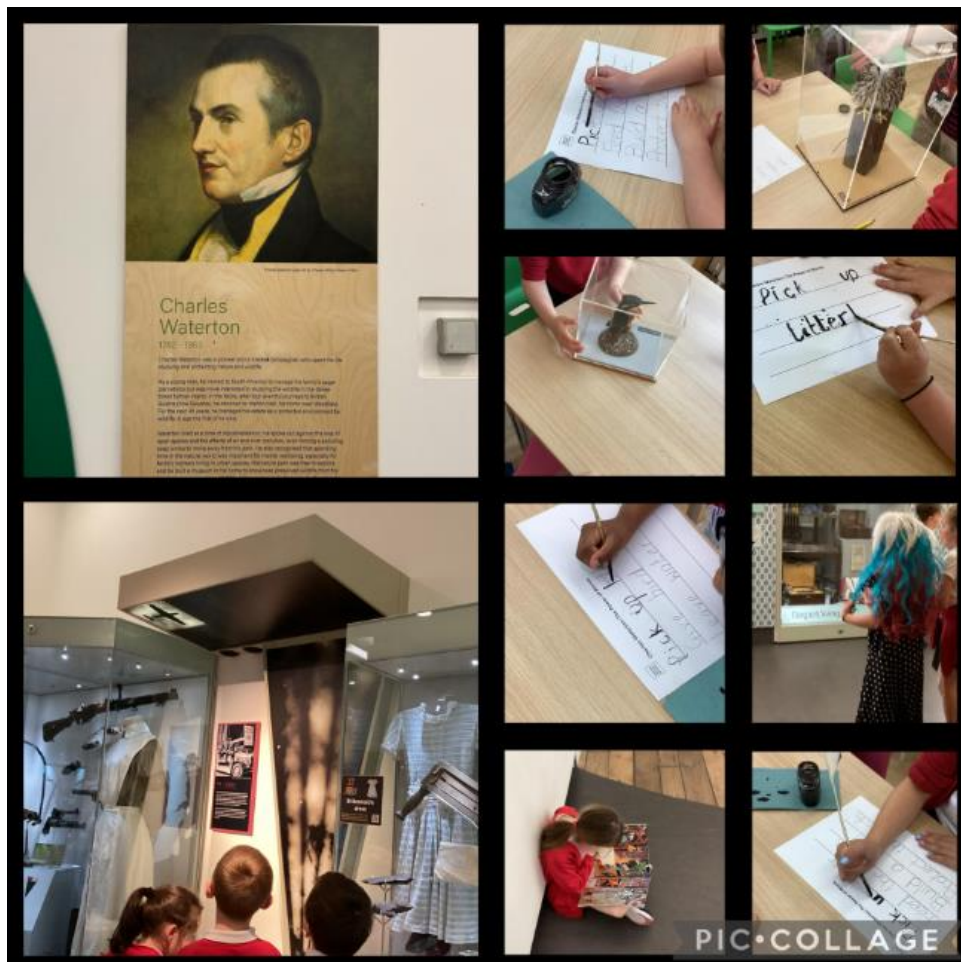
Please can you ensure you notify us of any change of contact details (address and phone numbers). We will be moving to a new administration system in the office in June. Please email admin@newton-hill.org.uk with any changes.

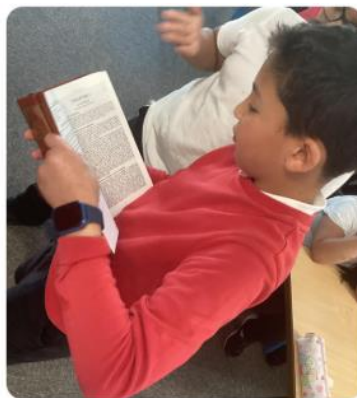
Please remember to send a water bottle each day and apply sun cream as required before school. Children may also bring a hat. Thank you.

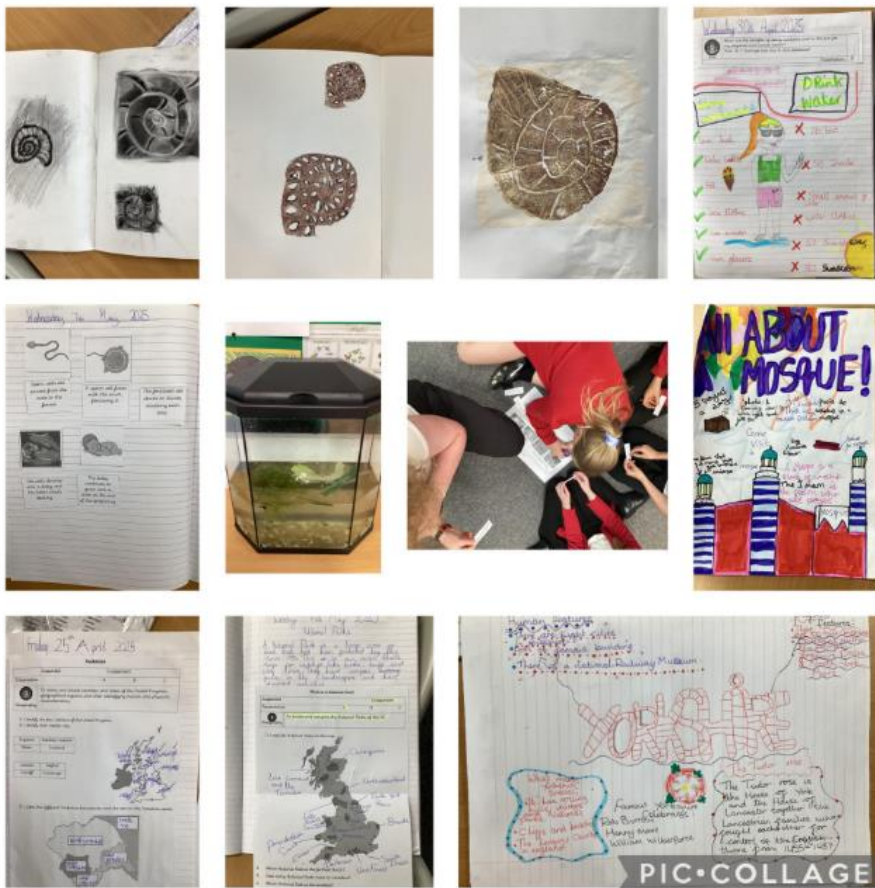
Wishing you a lovely half term. School reopens on Monday 2nd June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley and all the staff at Newton Hill Community School















FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Summer Fair

Thursday 19th June 2025 at 3:30pm

Save the date!

We understand that everyone is always busy, but to make our Summer Fair a huge success we need your help. Please find below ways in which you can contribute. Every contribution counts and the more we receive the more successful our fair will be.



Raffle Prizes






Please ensure that all donated items are new, like-new or unused.

Tombola Prizes

We also need donations for our Tombola.

Here are some ideas:

-  Teddies
-  Sweets
-  Café (cakes, buns and biscuits) - please send these in on the day of the fair - 19th June.



***If you can help, we will also continue to accept donations after half term. Thank you.**

Would you like your own stall?



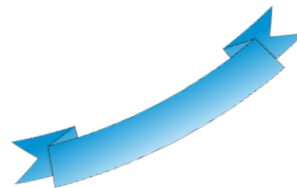
This year we are opening up our stalls to external companies. If you have a small business or would like to have your stall at our Summer Fair then please express an interest by emailing admin@newton-hill.org.uk. As part of this we would ask for a small fee of £25 towards our fundraising efforts and a donation towards our raffle.

Would you like to advertise your business?

If you have a small business or would like to advertise it at our Summer Fair then please email admin@newton-hill.org.uk . The minimum fees for advertising are the following:

- ✓ Logo / brand on the large smartboard in the hall £10
- ✓ Logo / brand on a stall in the hall £20
- ✓ Logo / brand in the Café £30

You may provide your own banners.



Spread the Word



If you work for, or know a business that would like to support our fundraising efforts then this would be great. We are always looking for new partnerships and as much support as possible.

Help with Preparation

We would love for you to get involved with the Friends of the School in preparing for this fundraising event.

If you would like to offer some help towards the Summer Fair then please contact admin@newton-hill.org.uk to sign up for a task.

- Washing the teddies for the tombola
- Labelling the teddies.
- On the day - Set up the stalls and games... see below!



Support on the Day

We need volunteers to prepare prizes and help set up stalls on the big day to make sure that everyone has lots fun! If you are available to help then please let us know by sending an email to admin@newton-hill.org.uk, FAO Mr Paine. We'll need help from 1pm on Thursday 19th June. Thank you in advance.

Even if you are unable to assist on the day, remember to donate and more importantly show your support by coming to the fair. Thank you!

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your family and friends to our Summer Fair.

Kind Regards, The Friends of the School Team!

Local Residents

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

School Car Park Reminder

Please do not use the school car park for any late drop offs or early/late collections. The school car park is for staff and authorised visitors only. There is no access to the school car park for parents/carers. Exceptions will be made if you are collecting your child who has become ill at school. Thank you for your understanding.

Newts Drop off/Pick Up:

There will be no access to the school car park for picking up or dropping off at Newts. Please ensure all family members who collect/drop off are aware of the changes.

Attendance

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.**

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.

PE Kits

On PE days children can continue to wear their PE kit to school all day. 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 still some spaces available for *Get into Guitar* and *Rocksteady*. If your child is interested, please contact the companies direct. Please contact school if you require the contact details.

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.

<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.



<u>Dates for your diary</u>	<u>Event</u>
<p>Please note that other dates specific to your child's class will also be shared via Parent Hub. e.g. educational visits/workshops.</p> <p>Key events are listed below.</p>	
<p>SPORTS DAY EVENTS</p> <p>*Please note there will be no access to sports day events through the main entrance. If you arrive at the main entrance, you will be directed to the Fourth Ave entrance. Please arrive in good time as there will be no access once the gates are locked and the event has started. (See timings below) This is for the safety of our children. Additionally, due to safeguarding, there will be no access to toilets. Thank you for your understanding.</p> <p>Children may wear their school sports kit on their allocated sports day.</p>	
INSET Days 2024/2025 (School is closed on the following days).	Monday 2 nd September Friday 25 th October Friday 20 th December Friday 24 th January Thursday 8 th May
Term 3b Starts	Monday 2 nd June
Monday 2 nd June-Friday 6 th June	MTC - Multiplication Check
Monday 9 th June - Friday 13 th June	Phonics Screening Year 1 Children
Friday 13 th June	KS1's Big Lunch Event - further details will follow from the KS1 team
Thursday 19 th June	Summer Fair at 3:30pm Please collect your child/children at the normal time.
Friday 27 th June	Get Into Guitar Concert for parents at 2:30pm
Tuesday 1 st July	Nursery Sports Day at 9:30am Further details will follow from the Nursery team.
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Sports Day at 1:15pm. Fourth Ave gate will be opened at 1:05 and closed at 1:15pm
Monday 7 th July	Rocksteady Concert for Monday bands 9:30-10:00am Please use the main entrance gate from 9:20am

Tuesday 8 th July	Year 6 Performance at 9:30 Year 6 parents/carers/families only please
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Performance at 5:00pm Year 6 parents/carers/families only please
Thursday 10 th July	Reception Sports Day at 1:30pm Fourth Ave gate will be opened at 1:20 and closed at 1:30pm
Friday 11 th July	KS1 Sports Day at 1:15pm Fourth Ave gate will be opened at 1:05 and closed at 1:15pm
W/C 14 th July	End of year reports will be sent home
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of School. School breaks up for summer.



APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024/25

August 2024						
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September 2024 (21 Days)						
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October 2024 (19 Days)						
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November 2024 (20 Days)						
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December 2024 (15 Days)						
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January 2025 (20 Days)						
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February 2025 (15 Days)						
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March 2025 (21 Days)						
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April 2025 (11 Days)						
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May 2025 (16 Days)						
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June 2025 (21 Days)						
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July 2025 (16 Days)						
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- = Bank Holidays
- = School Holidays
- = There are currently no scheduled elections although schools are asked to consider reserving an INSET day in case of any unscheduled elections. 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

2025/2026

Below is the calendar for 2025/2026.

INSET DAYS

- Monday 1st September
- Monday 20th July

There will be three other INSET dates to be set/confirmed.



APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/26

August 2025							September 2025 (22 Days)							October 2025 (18 Days)							November 2025 (20 Days)						
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December 2025 (15 Days)							January 2026 (20 Days)							February 2026 (15 Days)							March 2026 (20 Days)						
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April 2026 (14 Days)							May 2026 (15 Days)							June 2026 (22 Days)							July 2026 (14 Days)								
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■	= 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.

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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.