



Newbald Primary School

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Tuesday 15th September 2026

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! The children have made a fantastic start to the Autumn Term and we have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks.

We are delighted to welcome some new children and families to our school community and hope they already feel very much at home at Newbald Primary. As always, if we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Welcome to our newsletter

For those who are new to the school, our newsletters are usually sent out half termly. We use them to keep everyone up to date with what is happening at Newbald Primary and to share useful information, reminders and upcoming events.

We appreciate that newsletters take time to read, so we try to make them easy to dip into and find the information you need. They are always emailed to families and a link is also available on our school website if you ever need to refer back to one.

Our first newsletter of the school year is always a little longer than usual as we include some general information for our new parents and families, as well as all the latest news and updates from around school.

We hope you enjoy catching up with everything going on at Newbald Primary!



Ofsted Update



As many of you will be aware, we had our Ofsted inspection on 14th and 15th July. Thank you to our whole school community for everyone's efforts, comments and support during the inspection. It was a thorough and challenging process and we are now expecting the final report to be published shortly. We will, of course, share it with everyone as soon as we are able to.

I also wanted to explain a little about how Ofsted reports and judgements have changed. The new style of reports is different from the previous inspection framework and is not designed to be directly compared with the old system of overall one-word judgements.

Rather than giving the whole school a single overall judgement, the new report looks at a number of different areas and gives a judgement for each one.

Ofsted have produced a short video for parents to help explain how the new-style reports work. I'll also do my best to explain it when we share our report because, in trying to simplify the process, I think they may have unintentionally made parts of it a little more complicated!

Please click the link below to watch Ofsted's helpful video explaining the new approach:

<https://youtu.be/kbl0FvY976g?si=rCorkJJpcbK0Mi8e>

We expect our report to be published shortly and look forward to sharing it with you.



Ofsted

MND Non-Uniform Day - Friday 25th September

If you haven't already heard, Sir Kevin Sinfield is about to take on his seventh and final 7 in 7 challenge, raising money and awareness for people affected by Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

Kevin has been an incredible supporter of the MND community, inspired by his great friend and former Leeds Rhinos teammate Rob Burrow CBE, who lived with MND before sadly passing away in 2024.

As part of 7 in 7: The Grand Finale, Kevin and his team will complete an ultra-marathon every day for seven days. Even more excitingly for us, his route on Sunday 27th September will bring him through Newbald!

Unfortunately, it isn't a school day, but if you are around, it would be fantastic to see lots of Newbald families out supporting Kevin and cheering him on as he passes through the village.

You can find out more about the challenge and view the route here:

👉 [Sir Kevin Sinfield's 7 in 7: The Grand Finale](#)

🧡💙💜 Non-Uniform Day - Friday 25th September 🧡💙💜

We would also like to do our bit to support this fantastic cause. On Friday 25th September, pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for a donation towards MND charities.

Children can wear clothes of their own choice. We know there may be a few Hull colours, and perhaps a few other clubs too! However, if children would like to link their outfit to Kevin and Rob, they could choose blue, yellow and white.

We hope we can raise a fantastic amount while also showing our support for Kevin, Rob's legacy and everyone affected by MND.



Christingle 2026

We love our traditions at Newbald, and our Christingle Concert at St Nicholas' Church is always a special date in the school calendar.

Traditionally, Otter Class have taken the lead in our Christingle Concert. This year, however, we wanted to give Fox Class an opportunity to further develop their speaking, listening and performance skills, so they will be taking the lead in this year's service.

Otter, Squirrel and Hedgehog Classes will all still have a part to play in the Christingle, and they will also have their own opportunities to take centre stage later in the school year through their Nativity or end of year productions.

We are currently finalising the date with the church, but the provisional date we have pencilled into the diary is Tuesday 15th December 2026.

We will confirm this date with families as soon as we can.



More PE with Harry Each Week

We're delighted that we have been able to increase the time Harry Sheader, from HSSS Sports, spends with us each week.

Children across the school will now enjoy a weekly session led by Harry, our specialist sports and gymnastics teacher. This will give pupils even more opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of PE and gymnastics.

On Wednesday mornings, Harry will lead PE sessions for Fox and Otter Classes, while on Fridays he will work with Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes.



Mobile Phone Policy & School Policies

A quick reminder that our Mobile Phone Policy, along with a range of other school policies, can be found on our website:

School Policies

Pupils should not normally bring mobile phones into school. If there is a genuine reason why a child needs to bring a phone, for example because they are going to a different address after school, the phone should be handed in at the school office at the beginning of the day. It will then be kept safely and switched off until the end of the school day.

Mobile phone use in schools continues to receive a lot of national attention, so we wanted to take the opportunity to remind families of our expectations.

We are pleased to say that we have not experienced any issues with pupils bringing mobile phones into school, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping us keep it that way.

Thank you for your continued support.



Collection Arrangements

We want to keep all our pupils safe please keep us informed about who has permission to collect your child and if possible they should know the unique collect password that we have for each pupil.

To keep our pupils safe we have some guidelines about who is allowed to collect children of different ages. Details of this can be seen on our website :

<https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/parents/collecting children from school/collecting children from school.html>



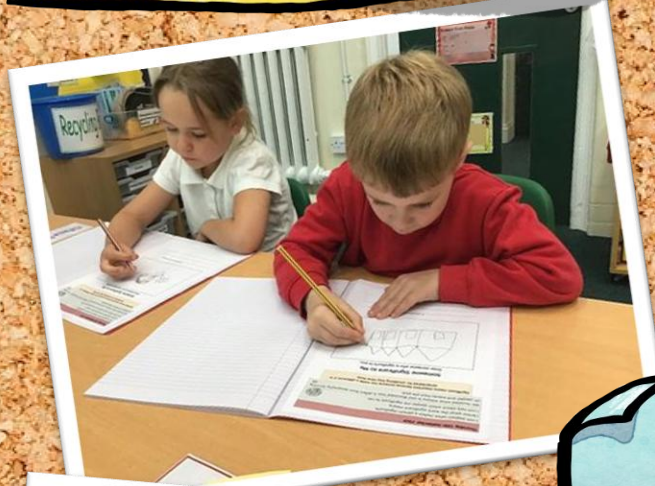
Things to spot

We know that some children, and quite a few adults too, enjoy spotting little things hidden in our newsletters!



 **The Newbald horse** appears on every page, sometimes more than once. Can you count how many horses are hiding in this newsletter?

 **Where's Wally?** We've also noticed that Wally has started sneaking into our newsletters. He's always hiding somewhere! Have you spotted him in any of our previous newsletters? Keep your eyes peeled... 👁️



Christmas Cards

It may feel early, but Christmas is already on the horizon! Very soon, the children will be creating their festive designs for Cauliflower Cards. We like to get these completed nice and early so that orders arrive well before the festive season.

Keep an eye out for your child's Christmassy masterpiece coming home. Details about how and when to place your order will be sent out soon.



Contacting School

Just a reminder that we cannot see replies to text messages sent out through our school system.

If you need to contact us, please email the school office or give us a call:

Tel: 01430 827612

Email: admin@newbaldprimary.co.uk

We are always happy to help.



Cancelling After School Club Places

If your child is unable to attend an after school club, such as First Step Handball, please give us at least 24 hours' notice wherever possible.

Our clubs are often very popular and some have waiting lists. Giving us as much notice as possible means we may be able to offer the place to another child who was disappointed not to get one.

Thank you for your help and consideration.



Healthcare Plans

If there have been any changes to your child's healthcare plan, medical needs or dietary requirements, please let the school office know so that we can make sure our records are up to date.

Thank you.



Car Park



Just a reminder that the school car park should not be used for drop off or collection, unless you are accessing a disabled parking space.

The car park and entrance area are busy with children and families at the start and end of the school day, so keeping vehicle movements to a minimum helps us keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support.

Parking Considerately

We occasionally receive messages from local residents asking families to be mindful when parking near school.

Please do not leave engines idling while waiting and take care to park considerately, making sure that driveways, access points and neighbouring properties are not obstructed.

Thank you for helping us to be good neighbours within our village community.

Morning Supervision.

A reminder that children remain the responsibility of their parents or carers before the school day begins. School staff are outside to welcome and supervise pupils from 8:45am, so children should not be left unsupervised on the playground before this time.

We have recently had a small number of pupils arriving considerably earlier than 8:45am. It is lovely that they are keen and want to be at school, but unfortunately, we do not have staff available to supervise children on the playground before this time.

If a child arrives at school unaccompanied before 8:45am, we will bring them into Sunshine Club so that they can be safely supervised and the usual morning session charge will apply.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who already ensure that their children are appropriately supervised before school, and thank you for helping us to keep all of our pupils safe.

Prescribed Medicines

Only prescribed medicines should be brought into school. These must be handed directly to the school office and must not be kept in pupils' bags.

The appropriate forms must also be completed before we can administer any medication.

Please contact the school office if your child needs prescribed medicine during the school day.



Safeguarding at Newbald Primary

Safeguarding is of paramount importance at Newbald Primary School. Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do, and their welfare and safety are our highest priority. We firmly believe that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - anyone who comes into contact with children, their families, or carers has a role to play.

Mr Flintham is the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** for the school. Mrs Taylor continues in her role as **Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)**.

If any visitor, parent, or member of staff has a concern about a child, or if a child makes a disclosure, they should speak to a member of our safeguarding team straight away.

You can find more information about our safeguarding policies and procedures on our website:

 [Safeguarding at Newbald Primary](#)



Safeguarding

For full details please refer to the leaflet on display in the entrance

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Paul Flintham

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Louise Taylor

Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor:

Mrs Sally Wightman

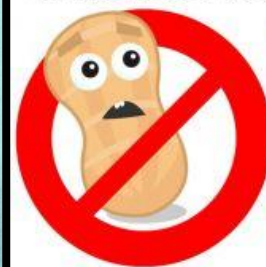
Early Help & Safeguarding Hub (EHaSH) Office hours: 01482 395500
Children's Emergency Duty Team outside office hours: 01482 393939

Nut Free!

A quick reminder: Newbald Primary is a nut-free school. All items on our school menu are already nut-free, but we ask that any packed lunches from home are also free from nuts to help keep all our children safe.

 We also kindly ask that grapes (and any other potential choking hazard such as tomatoes etc) are always cut in half before being sent in, to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you for your support with this.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



**NUT
FREE
ZONE!**

Keeping up to Date & Class Dojo

We like to keep our parents fully up to date with everything happening at Newbald Primary. Alongside our half-termly newsletters, we also use email, text messages and ClassDojo to share news and reminders. For our youngest children in Class 1, we also use Tapestry.

Newsletters and key documents are always posted on our website too, so you can find important information whenever you need it. And of course, if you're ever unsure about anything, just ask. We're always happy to help.

We do love a good photo at Newbald!

Celebrating what the children are doing and achieving is important to us, so you'll often see photos, updates and messages shared on ClassDojo, and on Tapestry for Class 1.

ClassDojo has been refreshed over the summer, so pupils should now be in their new classes. Teachers will be using the app to share class updates, reminders and plenty of snapshots of learning in action.

Can I please ask parents to use email rather than the ClassDojo messaging function if you need to contact school directly, as I do not always receive ClassDojo messages reliably.

Many of you are already signed up and using ClassDojo, but if you haven't yet, please do log in as there's lots more to come! If you need any help logging in or need new details, just contact the school office and we'll get you set up.



YouTube

Newbald on YouTube!

Did you know we have our very own YouTube channel? Throughout the year we love to share videos and photo montages of the children, capturing special moments and celebrations. If you haven't taken a look yet, you can find us here:

 [Newbald Primary YouTube Channel](#)

Topics for the Year, Curriculum and Contact

On the next page, you'll find an overview of the topics your child will be learning about this year. At Newbald, we're proud of our bespoke curriculum and want to share as much information as possible about the exciting learning journey children experience as they move through school.

You can also explore our full curriculum on the school website using the link below.

Class teachers provide half-termly newsletters with key information including PE days, homework and details of what children will be learning. Teachers also share their email addresses so parents can contact them directly if needed.

If you need to contact school more generally, please use the school office details below. At busy times, staff may not always be available to answer the phone straight away, but you can leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Useful Links

https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/curriculum/long_term_plan_curriculum/long_term_plan_curriculum.html

Contact Details

Tel: 01430 827612

Office Email: admin@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Address: Newbald Primary School, Beverley Road, North Newbald, East Yorkshire, YO43 4SQ



If you would like to send a photo of your child's achievements or an important message directly to your child's class teacher, or to me where appropriate, please use email rather than ClassDojo. I can sometimes miss messages sent through ClassDojo and email helps to make sure your message reaches the right person.

Please be aware that emails will normally be checked during usual working hours and, for class teachers, at times when they are not teaching.

Teacher Emails

Class 1 - Mrs Drinnan: cdrinnan@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Class 2 - Mrs Taylor: ltaylor@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Class 2 - Mrs Killerby: lkillerby@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Class 3 - Miss Alcock: halcock@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Class 4 - Miss Morris: cmorris@newbaldprimary.co.uk

Headteacher - Mr Flintham: pflintham@newbaldprimary.co.uk



Newbald Primary School - Long Term Plan



Cross Curricular Topic Overview 2026 - 2027

	Hedgehog Class	Squirrel Class	Fox Class	Otter Class
Autumn 1	People who help us 	Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole 	Prehistoric Britain 	Ancient Egypt 
Autumn 2	The World 	Australia & Oceania 	The Victorians 	Europe 
Spring 1	Dinosaurs 	Weather & Climate 	India & Asia 	The Tudors 
Spring 2	Traditional Tales 	Explorers 	England & The United Kingdom 	The Tudors 
Summer 1	Growing (Eric Carle / Life-cycles) 	Our Local Area: Yorkshire 	Coasts 	Mountains 
Summer 2	Houses & Homes 	Inventors & Inventions 	The Anglo Saxons & Vikings 	Britain Since 1945 

Information Update

Have you updated any of your information over the holidays? If you've moved house, changed your phone number (home or mobile), or started using a new email address, please let us know so we can keep our records accurate.

Email is now our main way of communicating with families, so it's especially important that we have the correct address for you.

IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



Key DfE Assessment Dates

Please find below some key Department for Education assessment dates for this school year:

- **Reception Baseline** - Tuesday 15th September 2026
- **KS2 SATs (Year 6)** - Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May 2027
- **Key Stage 1 Assessments (Year 2)** - Week commencing 18th May 2026
- **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** - Week commencing 14th June 2027
- **Year 4 Multiplication Check** - Week commencing 14th June 2027



PE Kits

We ask children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 to bring their PE Kits on a Monday and then take them home, to be washed on a Friday.

Children in Class 1 do not need to change to a PE kit. More details of each classes' PE days will be shared in class newsletters.



Volunteers

We are always extremely grateful to anyone who can offer their time to help out in school. Volunteers make a real difference, whether it's listening to children read, helping them practise times tables, or supporting learning in other ways.

If you'd like to volunteer in one of our classes, please speak to or email the office staff to begin the process. We do ask that volunteers support in classes other than their own child's, as we find this avoids distractions.

As with staff, all volunteers are subject to our safeguarding procedures. This is an important part of keeping our children safe, and we thank you for your understanding as we complete these checks.

School Lunches

Please make sure school lunches are paid for in advance. If you experience any difficulties or need support, just get in touch with the school office. We'll be happy to help.



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

There have been some important changes to Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026.

Free School Meals

From the start of this academic year, all children whose household receives Universal Credit are entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings.

If you receive Universal Credit, we strongly encourage you to apply through East Riding Council, even if you are unsure whether you qualify.

East Riding Free School Meals



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

However, it is still really important to apply if you receive Universal Credit or think you may meet the eligibility criteria. Depending on your circumstances, registering could also help the school receive additional Pupil Premium funding to support your child.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools to help improve educational opportunities and outcomes for eligible children.

For 2026/27, Newbald can receive **£1,550 per year for each primary-aged pupil who qualifies through the Free School Meals Pupil Premium criteria.**

We use this funding to provide additional support, resources and opportunities for children across school.

You can read more about how we use Pupil Premium here:

Pupil Premium at Newbald Primary



An important change for 2026/27

Although Free School Meals have now been extended to all families receiving Universal Credit, the criteria for Pupil Premium are different. Not every child receiving a free school meal under the new expanded scheme will generate Pupil Premium funding for their school.

The simplest thing to do is **apply and allow East Riding Council to check your eligibility.**

Children registered for Free School Meals do not have to eat a school dinner if they would prefer to bring a packed lunch.

Apply through East Riding Council

If you need any help applying or have any questions, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.

Parent's Evenings



Our first parents' evening of the year will take place after half term, once the children have had time to settle into their new classes. The provisional dates are Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December 2026.

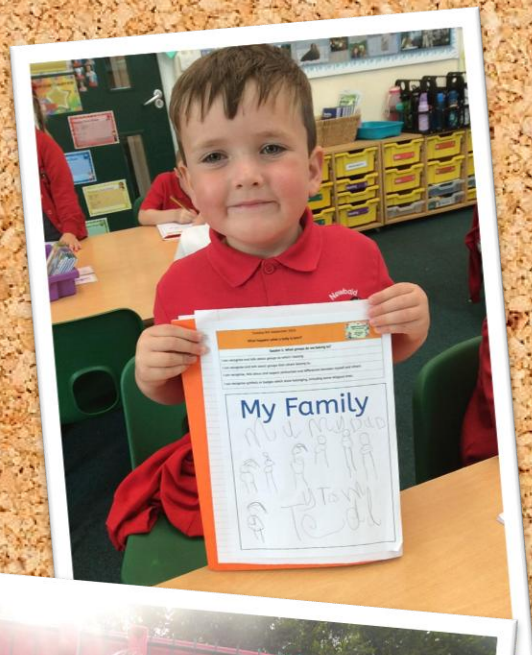
A letter will be sent home after the half term break with details on how to book an appointment. Parents' evening is also a lovely opportunity to see the classrooms and look through your child's books.

Please don't feel you need to wait until then if there's something you'd like to discuss. Teachers are rotated so that one is usually available for a quick chat on the playground before or after school, and you can always contact them by email if that's easier.

Individual Photographs Day

Don't forget to brush your hair on Wednesday 30th September! The school photographer will be visiting to take individual photographs of the children. We're looking forward to lots of smart smiles and happy faces!

As the photographer will be using the school hall, Fox and Otter Classes will have their PE sessions outside that day. Please make sure children bring suitable warm PE clothing for the session.



Nursery Places

We're delighted that interest in our nursery continues to grow. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for recommending Newbald Primary and Nursery. Your kind words are truly our best form of advertising. Please do keep sharing your positive experiences with others, it really does make a difference.

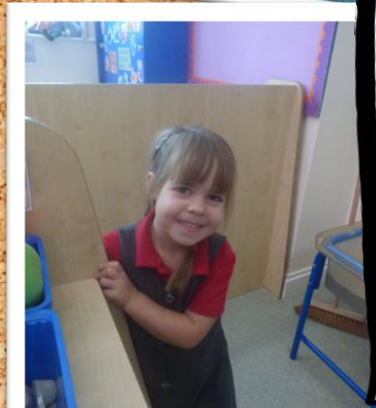
This year we have welcomed 15 new pupils into Reception and lots of new starters in our nursery too. As our popularity increases, nursery places are becoming more limited, so we encourage families to book early to avoid disappointment.



Reception Places for 2027

If you know any children due to start school next September, now is the time for families to begin making decisions about which school is right for them. We are always delighted to welcome parents for a tour of Newbald, where we can share how we aim to *achieve beyond expectations* across the curriculum.

If you know any parents currently making this decision, please do recommend us and encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.





Attendance

As I'm sure you are aware, there continues to be a strong national focus from the Department for Education on pupil attendance.

We fully recognise that when a child is unwell, the best place for them is at home to rest and recover. However, wherever possible, we do encourage pupils to attend school regularly and consistently.

National statistics show that pupils with higher attendance tend to achieve better academically, and our own school data reflects this too.

We take great care in planning an exciting, engaging and ambitious curriculum for the children at Newbald. Learning builds carefully on what children have already been taught, and every school day is packed with valuable opportunities and experiences.

Every day matters!

A guide to attendance is shown below:



 Attendance Descriptors	Details	Whole Days absent (approximate guide)
Exceptional	Perfect attendance is always the aim. No (or very few) learning opportunities or experiences are missed.	0-2
Good 	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	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.	6-9
Poor / Below Average Attendance	The DFE targets a minimum attendance of 95% attendance overall. Attendance below this may significantly impact a pupil's education. Pupils should be in school whenever possible and every effort should be made to raise attendance.	9-18
Cause for Concern - Persistent Absence	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+

Monitoring and Supporting Attendance

Each term, a Local Authority Educational Welfare Officer visits Newbald Primary to discuss any pupils whose attendance has fallen below 90%. Where appropriate, the attendance of these pupils will then be monitored closely.

We completely understand that there are times when children are unwell or need to miss school for important reasons, such as medical appointments or treatment. We know that this can affect a child's overall attendance figure. While all absence has an impact on attendance statistics, I will contact parents directly if I have any concerns about a child's attendance.

We know that our parents and carers recognise the importance of good attendance and punctuality, and we **thank you** for your continued efforts in getting children to school every day.

Where possible, we also ask families to arrange holidays, dental appointments and non-urgent medical appointments during school holiday periods. This can make a real difference to a child's overall attendance.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are always happy to discuss any difficulties and consider strategies that may help improve attendance.

For more information, please see our Attendance and Absence Policy using the link below:

[https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/documents/%5B843388%5DAttendance Policy - Newbald Primary School 2023.pdf](https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/documents/%5B843388%5DAttendance%20Policy-Newbald%20Primary%20School%202023.pdf)



Department
for Education



Celebrating Excellent Attendance



Setting attendance targets is never easy, as we fully understand that children may sometimes need time away from school because of illness or important medical care. However, our aim is for every pupil to achieve the highest attendance possible, with a school target of 97% or above.

We're delighted to share that last year we had a record number of pupils achieving attendance of 97% or above, while our overall school attendance placed us in the top 10% of schools nationally yet again. This is a fantastic achievement and something our whole school community can be proud of! 🎉

To help keep up this momentum, we celebrate good attendance in a number of ways:

- Each week in our Friday Celebration Assembly, the class with the highest attendance receives the Attendance Trophy 🏆.
- We also use our attendance data for fun games and activities that celebrate class and year group attendance.
- At the end of the school year, we recognise excellent attendance. Pupils with 97% to 98.9% attendance receive a certificate and silver star badge, while those with 99% to 100% attendance receive a certificate and gold star badge. Last year, we also introduced a special rainbow star badge for pupils who achieve 99% attendance or above for two or more consecutive school years! 🌈★

In the spring term, parents will receive an update on their child's attendance. This is simply to keep everyone informed, so please don't worry when these are sent out. If I have any concerns about a child's attendance, I will contact parents directly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain such excellent attendance. Every day in school really does make a difference.



Every School Day Counts

Term Time Holidays



Please do not book family holidays during term time.

We know that family holidays are important, but schools are not able to authorise an absence for the purpose of a family holiday.

Headteachers can only authorise leave during term time where there are exceptional circumstances. Each request is considered individually, in line with the guidance that we are required to follow.

Taking a holiday during term time means children miss valuable learning and can have a significant impact on their overall attendance.

Further information can be found on our school website:

👉 [Newbald Primary Attendance Information](#)

The page also includes a link to the latest East Riding guidance, which can be accessed directly here:

👉 [East Riding: Holidays During Term Time and Authorised Absence](#)

Requesting Planned Absence

Please remember that all pre-planned absence, should be requested in advance using an absence form. Paper copies are available from the school office, or a digital version can be accessed through the link above.

Submitting a form does not mean that an absence will automatically be authorised. Requests will be considered in line with current guidance and only exceptional circumstances can be authorised.

Penalty Notices

We would also like to make parents aware of the current rules around unauthorised absence.

The school does not issue fines and does not receive any money from fines. However, we are required to follow the national attendance framework and East Riding procedures and, where the relevant criteria are met, make a referral to the East Riding Education Welfare Service.

Current East Riding guidance states that:

- Penalty Notice fines will be issued for five or more consecutive days of unauthorised term-time leave.
- A Penalty Notice will also be considered where a pupil has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. Ten sessions is equivalent to five school days, and these absences do not need to be consecutive.



Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child. A first Penalty Notice is £160, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

Our message is therefore a simple one: please do not book holidays during term time.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us maintain excellent attendance across the school.



Uniform

The children have returned looking so smart, and we'd like to say a big thank you for supporting us by sending them in the correct school uniform. It really does help to create a sense of pride and belonging across the school.

We kindly ask that all children continue to follow our traditional school uniform policy. This policy, which is in line with Department for Education guidance, can be found on our website here:

[School Uniform Policy](#)

Although there are no changes to our uniform this year, it would be helpful if parents could take a moment to remind themselves of our expectations around jewellery, footwear, nail polish and PE kits.

Towards the end of last year, we noticed a few brightly coloured trainers and larger earrings beginning to creep in. Please ensure that children wear smart black footwear and, if earrings are worn, that these are small studs only.

Finally, a gentle reminder to name or initial all uniform and PE kit. This makes it much easier to return lost items to the right owner and helps prevent those "mystery jumpers" finding their way into the wrong bags!

Thank you so much for your continued support.



Absences

Please inform the office if your child is absent from school. If no one is available to take your call, you can leave a message on our answer machine at any time. This also applies to pupils booked into our nursery.

It's an important part of our safeguarding procedures that we know where every child is and that they are safe. Thank you for your support in helping us with this.

Office Phone: 01430 827612

Friends of Newbald School (FONS)

FONS is our fantastic Parent Teacher Association here at Newbald Primary. The team work incredibly hard to raise money for the school through all sorts of fun events. In recent years, they've organised discos, duck races, autumn fairs, Freezy Fridays and super raffles!

The funds raised make a huge difference to our school and help provide additional opportunities, resources and experiences for the children.

A huge thank you to the FONS team, and to all our families, for continuing to support their fundraising activities.

If you'd like to find out more:

- Follow Friends of Newbald School on Facebook
- Visit our website: [FONS Information](#)
- Email the team at: friendsofnewbaldschool@gmail.com
- Or simply pass a message through the school office

The team are always looking for new volunteers and helpers. Even a small amount of time can make a big difference!

FONS Autumn Fair

The annual FONS Autumn Fair is scheduled for Friday 16th October. More details will be shared soon.



FONS

Friends of Newbald School

FONS AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Friends of Newbald School (FONS) is on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at the school. If you are interested in being part of the FONS team, please come along. You will be more than welcome!



Before and After School Clubs

A reminder that to book an after school club, please use Parent Pay.

If you have any queries or need help with the booking process don't hesitate to contact a member of our office team.

Please find details of this half terms' after school clubs on the following pages.



SUNSHINE CLUB



Our online booking system makes reserving a place at Sunshine Club simple, with no booking forms to complete or return.

- How to book: All sessions must be booked and paid for in advance through ParentPay.
- Amending bookings: Bookings can be changed or cancelled through ParentPay up to 24 hours before the session.
- Cancellations: Sessions that are not attended and have not been cancelled at least 24 hours beforehand will still be charged.
- Breakfast Club: From 7:30am
- After School Club: From 3:30pm
- Late bookings: If you need a place within 24 hours, please contact the school office directly.

Please ensure that an adult brings children to the door for Breakfast Club. Children should not be left unsupervised on the playground.

If your child is not going to attend a booked session, please let the school office know. Wherever possible, giving us at least 24 hours' notice means we can cancel the booking and you will not be charged.

Childcare Vouchers

If you use childcare vouchers, funds will continue to be transferred into ParentPay as usual.

Please email admin@newbaldprimary.co.uk to let us know how you would like the funds allocated, for example £35 for Breakfast Club and £65 for After School Club.

Alternatively, you can give us a standing instruction and we will use the same split each time you make a payment.

After School Clubs

To secure your child's place at a specific after school club (e.g. Computing, Handball), sessions must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay - at least 24 hours before the club starts.

- You can book as far ahead as the club is available.
- You can also choose the specific sessions you'd like your child to attend.
- If your child prefers to try different clubs on a more flexible basis, that's fine too - you can book them in week by week.
- Clubs are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment if a club becomes full.
- We are also pleased to offer the option of paying for clubs using childcare vouchers. If you'd like to use these, just let the school office know so adjustments can be made.



**LIMITED to
20 SPACES**

Computer Club

with Miss Morris

Every Monday starting 14th September 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Must be booked & paid for in advance via ParentPay up to 24 hours before the club starts. **£5 weekly**

Learn coding, animation, micro-bit programming & more
Reception to YEAR 6

Handball with First Steps

Limited to 20 places

Thursdays

3:30-4:30pm

Years 1– 6

Limited to 20 places

Free of Charge

Book now on Parentpay



Morning Drop Off

To confirm, our school day starts at 8:50am for all of our children. We aim to open the doors at 8:45 to enable the school day to start punctually and to enable our parents and carers to continue with their daily plans. The front gate will remain open until approximately 8:55am. Please endeavour to ensure that children arrive on time.

Parents are welcome to wait on the playground in the mornings when dropping off. Please remember that all children must be accompanied before school and remain the responsibility of their parents and carers until they enter the building. We also ask that children stay with their adult and avoid playing with balls during this time, as there are often younger children and babies on the playground.

Finally, a gentle reminder that dogs and other pets should not be brought onto the school site, including the car park, and should not be left blocking entrances or gates. This helps us keep the site safe and welcoming for everyone.



E-Safety

We regularly update our school website with the latest National Online Safety guides, including information on new apps and games released over the summer. Each guide is full of practical hints and tips to help your child stay safe online, and encourages open conversations about how they use the internet.

You can find the guides on our E-Safety page here:

👉 [E-Safety at Newbald Primary](#)

KIRFs

Key Instant Recall Facts

KEY Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

To help develop children's fluency in mathematics, we ask them to learn **Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)** each half term. These are the key facts that children need to know securely and recall quickly in order to make strong progress in maths.

Why are KIRFs important?

- They build confidence and proficiency in maths.
- Children who know their KIRFs go on to achieve highly and approach maths with greater confidence.
- Instant recall of key facts helps children apply their maths knowledge more effectively as they move through school.

Key Instant Recall Facts
Reception - Autumn 1

I can say the numbers from 1 to 5 and back from 5 to 1 in order.
I can say the numbers from 1 to 10 and back from 10 to 1 in order.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Key Vocabulary
Recall and remember in order
Recalling number names
1-one
2-two
3-three
4-four
5-five
6-six
7-seven
8-eight
9-nine
10-ten

How many more than 5 is 10?
How many less than 10 is 5?

Use practical resources
Number train: children stand in a line and count on or back from a number.
Play hopscotch and count on or back from a number.
Use number lines in the environment e.g. on stairs, on a path, on a road, etc.

Key Instant Recall Facts
Year 2 - Autumn 1

I know number bonds to 10.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Key Vocabulary
What do I add to 5 to make 10?
What is 10 less than 20?
How many more than 5 is 10?
What is 10 more than 5?

Use practical resources
Number train: children stand in a line and count on or back from a number.
Play hopscotch and count on or back from a number.
Use number lines in the environment e.g. on stairs, on a path, on a road, etc.

Key Instant Recall Facts
Year 3 - Autumn 1

I know decimal number bonds to 1 and to 10.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Key Vocabulary
What do I add to 0.5 to make 1?
What is 1 take away 0.5?
What is 1.5 less than 10?
How many more than 9.8 is 10?
What is the difference between 0.92 and 10?

Use practical resources
Number train: children stand in a line and count on or back from a number.
Play hopscotch and count on or back from a number.
Use number lines in the environment e.g. on stairs, on a path, on a road, etc.

How can parents help with KIRFs?

KIRF help sheets for each half term are available on our website:

[KIRFs on our Website](#)

Each sheet includes practical ideas for practising at home.

KIRFs don't need to take lots of time - they can be practised on the way to school, over breakfast, or in short bursts throughout the week.

If you'd like more ideas, please ask your child's class teacher.

The children have already started working on this half term's KIRFs in class as well as at home - thank you for supporting them with this important part of their learning.

- Children should practise their KIRFs regularly at home - ideally 3 times a week.
- By the end of each half term, we aim for all pupils to be able to instantly recall their KIRFs to support fluency in class.
- Some facts are shown in blue. These are extension challenges for children who have already mastered the expected facts (shown in black).

Key Instant Recall Facts
Year 4 - Autumn 1

I know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Key Vocabulary
What do I multiply by 2 to get 10?
What is 10 divided by 2?
What is 10 multiplied by 2?
What is 10 divided by 5?
What is 10 multiplied by 5?
What is 10 divided by 10?
What is 10 multiplied by 10?

Use practical resources
Number train: children stand in a line and count on or back from a number.
Play hopscotch and count on or back from a number.
Use number lines in the environment e.g. on stairs, on a path, on a road, etc.

Key Instant Recall Facts
Year 4 - Autumn 1

I know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Key Vocabulary
What do I multiply by 2 to get 10?
What is 10 divided by 2?
What is 10 multiplied by 2?
What is 10 divided by 5?
What is 10 multiplied by 5?
What is 10 divided by 10?
What is 10 multiplied by 10?

Use practical resources
Number train: children stand in a line and count on or back from a number.
Play hopscotch and count on or back from a number.
Use number lines in the environment e.g. on stairs, on a path, on a road, etc.



Messages from School Council



School Council



Our classes are currently busy electing their School Council representatives for the year ahead.

A huge thank you goes to last year's councillors, who did a fantastic job. They organised events, shared ideas about how we could improve our school and played an active part in making positive changes.

The School Council also took on important responsibilities, including running the Healthy Tuck Shop and helping to raise money for some wonderful charities.

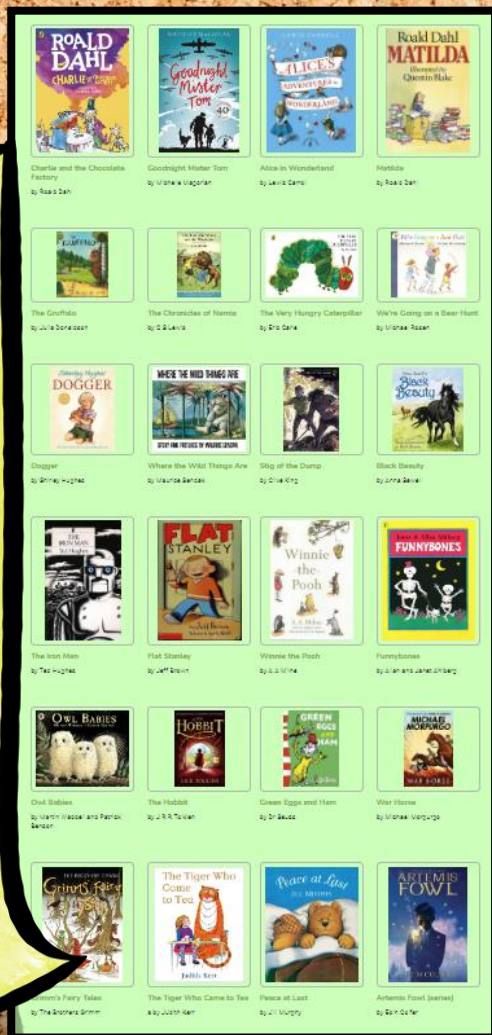
We look forward to introducing our new School Council soon. Watch this space for their ideas, plans and updates throughout the year!

Book Reviews & Recommendations

At Newbald Primary, we love to share our passion for reading. Many of our children, and staff too, enjoy recommending fantastic books they've read in the hope of inspiring others to discover new stories and read even more. We'll be including some of these recommendations in future newsletters.

If you're ever looking for inspiration, we also have a dedicated page on our website showcasing the **Top 100 Fiction Books** chosen through a survey by TES and the National Association for the Teaching of English. These are books that teachers believe children should experience before leaving primary school.

 [100 Books to Read](#)



'The Newbald Way' - Our School Vision, Values and Aims

Below is our school vision, values and aims - capturing what makes Newbald Primary such a special place to learn and grow. We've worked hard to present this in a way that is clear, inspiring and meaningful for everyone in our community - pupils, parents, staff and friends alike.

We're incredibly proud to be part of Newbald Primary School. You'll often hear us talk about doing things "the Newbald Way". This is our road to excellence - the unique approach that brings us together and drives everything we strive to achieve.



Newbald Primary School

At Newbald Primary School, we do things 'the Newbald way!' We are dedicated to creating a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child thrives and aims to achieve beyond expectations. Impossible is just an opinion!



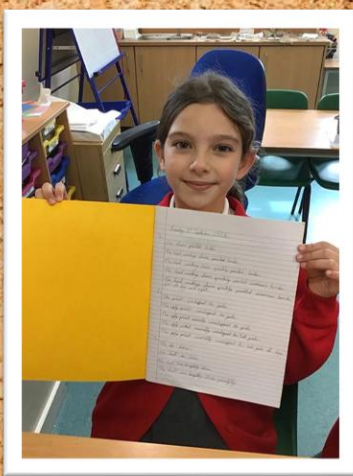
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- Nurturing a child-centred approach, inspiring a love for lifelong learning
- Empowering every child with the confidence, knowledge and skills to reach their potential
- Welcoming diversity and inclusion
- Building values, of respect, kindness, positivity and determination
- Achieving, beyond expectations
- Learning with imagination and innovation, through a high-quality, broad and balanced curriculum
- Developing a culture of where we take appropriate risk



Together, we strive to achieve excellence at Newbald Primary School!





Diary Dates



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

September 2026

Tues 7 th Sept	Autumn Term Begins
Tues 15 th Sept	Reception Baseline Check
Wed 30 th Sept	Individual Photographs
Fri 25 th Sept	MND Non Uniform Day
Sun 17 th Sept	Kevin Sinfield runs through Newbald

October 2026

Wed 7 th Oct	FONS AGM
Fri 9 th Oct	FONS Bring a Bottle - Non Uniform Day
Fri 16 th Oct	FONS Autumn Fair
W/C Mon 19 th Oct	Design & Technology Week
Fri 23 rd Oct	Break for half term

November 2026

Mon 2 nd Nov	Return to school after half term
Mon 2 nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations (pm)
Wed 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Friday 20 th Nov	Children in Need Day
Mon 30 th Nov	Magic Carpet Theatre

December 2026

Tues 1 st Dec	Parent's Evening
Thurs 3 rd Dec	Parent's Evening
Mon 7 th Dec	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tues 8 th Dec	Class 1 & 2 Nativity Performances (9:30 & 5:30)
Mon 14 th Dec	Awards Assembly (9:15am)
Mon 14 th Dec	Music Service Concert (pm)
Tues 15 th Dec	Christingle Concert at St Nicholas Church (1:30pm) TBC
Thurs 17 th Dec	Class Christmas Parties
Fri 18 th Dec	Break for Christmas

January 2027

Tues 4 th Jan	Return to school after half term
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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 Computer Club

Tuesdays

- Specialist French teacher sessions in Fox & Otter Classes
- HSS Sports & Gymnastics specialist sessions for Fox & Otter Classes

Wednesdays

Thursdays

- After School First Steps Handball Club

Fridays

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



Link to the 2026-2027 term dates:

https://newbaldprimary.org.uk/documents/%5B1076786%5DTerm_Dates_2026-2027.pdf

And for anyone counting...
I counted 40 Newbald horses!

