



Newbold Church of England Primary School

At Newbold we aim to support each other to live, learn and excel together as a Christian community.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up," 1 Thessalonians 5:11

We aim for excellence - building self-confidence and independence so that children are happy and well-motivated; keen to question, inspire and embrace change. Through the Christian ethos of the school, we value difference, diversity, and grow together as a community of lifelong learners.

Living out our vision as a Church of England School

Summer 2026

Collective Worship

Our collective worship this term has been based on the values of Service and Trust. In Summer 1 we heard the Story of Solomon and bible stories about Jesus and his friends serving others. We also discussed how we could serve people in our community.

In Summer 2 we heard the bible stories about Jonah and the Whale. We also talked about making choices, and explored the British value of treating people equally and with respect as well as accepting differences. We once again welcomed the Open the Book team in each month to act out a number of different Bible stories for us.

On Fridays, lots of awards were given in our achievement assembly and we continued to welcome the wider school community in to join us.



We continue to share the children's achievements from activities outside school.

Three children were chosen to have lunch with Ms. Hitchman as Happy Lunchtime champions on the last day before our half term break, and another three just before the end of term.

Maypole Competition



On 1st May, we welcomed the Unity Group of Schools to join in with our Maypole competition. Our team was a mixture of Years 2/3/4. They really danced well and everyone who came to dance or watch enjoyed the morning. It was a pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic group of dancers.

Unity Presentation Evening

The children were delighted with their Maypole trophy at the Unity presentation evening. We also came 2nd in the backstroke final at the swimming gala and all children who attended the evening sung a song to entertain the audience.

Well done to the
Swimming Gala Team,
they all did a brilliant job!



Robins -Summer 1

This term, our EYFS and KS1 classes have enjoyed a rich and varied curriculum. In **EYFS**, the children explored their *Storytelling* topic through books such as *Grandad's Island*, *The Storm Whale* and *Commotion in the Ocean*, using these stories to inspire drama, vocabulary work and creative art. In **KS1**, pupils studied both *Coastlines* and *Bright Lights, Big City*. Alongside learning about habitats, erosion and the history of Whitby, they explored London's landmarks, transport and city life, comparing the capital with their own local area. KS1 also contributed to the seaside collage, designing their own colourful beach huts. A highlight of the term was the **Leicestershire KS1 Music Event**, where children sang with other schools — and their absolute favourite was *Get on the Train*. Across both EYFS and KS1, pupils have shown curiosity, creativity and teamwork throughout the term.

Robins -Summer 2



Throughout the term, the KS1 children in Robins Class enthusiastically investigated beaches, weather and pirates, developing their knowledge through discussion, research and hands-on learning experiences. They explored the features of coastal environments, observed and talked about different weather conditions, and enjoyed discovering stories and facts about pirates. Inspired by their learning, the children collaborated to create a stunning seaside collage based on traditional beach huts. Through painting, cutting, arranging and decorating, they demonstrated excellent teamwork and creativity, resulting in a colourful piece of artwork that showcased their imagination and understanding of the topic

KS2 –Summer

Our Maths team visited Griffydam for a Maths Challenge afternoon, where they had the exciting opportunity to compete alongside pupils from other local schools. The children took part in a range of stimulating mathematical activities and problem-solving challenges, which required them to think carefully, work collaboratively and apply their reasoning skills. They showed great determination and enthusiasm throughout the event, representing the school brilliantly. It was a valuable experience that not only developed their confidence in maths but also allowed them to enjoy working as part of a team in a new and competitive environment



Swans took part in the small schools' festival at Breedon, where they had a fantastic opportunity to meet and interact with children from other local schools. They particularly enjoyed taking part in games of quidditch, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. It was lovely to see them building new friendships, supporting one another and fully embracing the experience in such a positive and confident way.



KS2 –Summer

This summer term, our KS2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed an exciting and thought-provoking topic centered around the reign of King Richard III. The children explored his fascinating and sometimes mysterious story, learning about his family tree and the events that led to his rise to power. They were particularly intrigued by the mystery of the Princes in the Tower, debating different theories and examining the role of propaganda, including how William Shakespeare portrayed Richard III in his plays.

We also learned about Richard's death at the Battle of Bosworth, a significant moment in English history. The pupils were amazed to discover how his body was rediscovered in a Leicester car park, why he was originally buried where he was, and the scientific and forensic techniques used to identify his remains, including DNA analysis.

Linking to our history learning, the children created beautiful artwork inspired by the local area. Using a range of brush strokes and careful observation skills, they painted stunning Leicestershire countryside landscapes, imagining what Bosworth Field may have looked like in 1485.

In English, pupils applied their persuasive writing skills by composing letters to convince a brother to join them at the Tower of London, challenging the common idea of it being a frightening prison and presenting it instead as an exciting and fascinating place to visit.

Our Science work focused on the circulatory system, where children learned how blood travels around the body and why this is vital for keeping us healthy. They carried out investigations, comparing the flow through tubes of different diameters, and had the opportunity to study real hearts in detail, which sparked great curiosity and discussion. We also explored the importance of healthy lifestyles, with pupils planning balanced meals that are low in fat and cholesterol.

Reading Challenge

The reading challenge, organised by Miss Treadwell, is a great way to encourage children to read. The children can win prizes as they read at home. Lots of children have won prizes this term.

Points	Prize
15	Bookmark and pen
25	Mini puzzle
40	Funky pencil
75	Ring the school bell in the morning
100	10 minutes extra playtime
150	Non-uniform day on one Friday
175	Hot chocolate and a story with Ms Hitchman



**Well done
to our '100
reads'
winners!**



Sports Day

On 25th June we had our school sports day. During the first half, our Year 6 children worked hard to organise challenges for the teams to complete, with help from our sports coaches

Afterwards the parents joined us on the park for the lots of different races.

We all had medals and a well deserved ice lolly.

Well done to all of the teams who took part in Sports Day. The Green team were this year's winning team. Congratulations.



Volunteering

A big thank you to our wonderful parents and wider school community who supported our community gardening afternoon. Your efforts have had a great impact on our grounds alongside the children learning lots about our outside environment and learning how to use new tools.

At the same time FONS have donated funds to help us to subsidise the transport to both our pantomime trip at Christmas and to the Space Centre at the end of term, as well as providing an Easter egg hunt at school.

Mrs Mack has continued to come in to help Robins with their art & design.

We are also very grateful to Mrs Farmer for running Little Ducklings each Friday morning. Our pre-school children and their carers have fun playing and meeting others in our school mobile.



Community Lunch & Grandparents Lunch



On 20th June, Julie cooked a lovely community lunch which was served by our Year 6 volunteers.

On July 1st we were joined by Grandparents at lunchtime.

Happy Lunchtime Champions of the Term

The champions of the term celebrated by having lunch with Mrs Hitchman



Water Safety Session

On Thursday, 25th June the Swans visited Coalville & Whitwick Leisure Centre to attend some Water Safety workshops.

First, they took part in a First Aid session. The children found out how to bandage arms and legs to stop bleeding. They also attempted to make a sling with a triangular bandage (some more successfully than others!)

The second session was all about Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. The children worked on resuscitation dummies and learnt how to approach different aged casualties (babies, children and adults) confidently. The children listened really carefully. They also practiced putting one another in the recovery position.

Next the children watched a presentation about water safety around different bodies of water. There was a particular focus on safety whilst swimming at the beach. The children were taught about the different flags that lifeguards use and their meanings. They also learnt what they should do if they get caught in a rip-tide. If you are going to the seaside over the summer holidays, please ask the children to look at the flags and tell you what they mean.

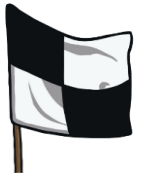


Bathing Flag



The area is watched by lifeguards. Between two of these flags is a safe place to swim and use a body board.

Surfing Flag



The area is safe for water activities like surfing and kayaking, but not safe for swimming or body boarding.

Danger Flag



Danger! **NEVER** enter the water when you see this flag.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

On 7th July the reception children joined the pupils at Griffydam Primary School to enjoy a teddy bear's picnic. They made sandwiches and enjoyed stories and games with the other children, before eating their picnic.



Year 6 Leavers

As the Year 6 came to the end of their time of Newbold they celebrated in a number ways. They enjoyed an evening playing crazy golf and eating pizza with some of the staff. They joined other leavers from Leicester Diocese schools across Leicestershire in an online leavers service. They talked about their own memories of their time at Newbold in the last achievement assembly of the term, and received their scrapbooks which contained work since they started in reception along with some gifts to remember us by. As has become the tradition, they all had leavers hoodies and asked everyone to sign their t-shirts.

We hope that they will all settle quickly into their new schools and best wishes for the future.



End of Term Achievement Assembly

On the last assembly of term, the whole school and wider school community enjoyed listening to our musicians - some of them playing live and some videoed before hand.

We also awarded Star of the Term prizes for a child in each key stage and the John Burnett cup for a child who had made good progress.

Some children were given prizes for meeting goals in the reading challenge and one child for supporting lunch time games.

