



New Road Primary and Nursery School

Headteacher Update

Monday 21st October 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,
We can't believe it's almost half term –time has flown! I know I keep saying this, but we really have had a fantastic half term with your children. We are really looking forward to sharing their hard work and progress during the parents' evenings in November.



Fire Fighter Visit

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from local fire fighter Jamie. Jamie freely gives his time to talk to children about the Fire and Rescue Service, encouraging children to be safe and to respect the service.

As you can see the children loved his visit. Jamie shared the top three skills for fire and rescue: teamwork, communication, and the ability to follow instructions.

A big thank you to Jamie!

Conker Champion

Congratulation to one of our Year 5 pupils who came runner up in the World Conker Championships last week. The annual event is held in Northamptonshire and draws people from all over the world. His brother also entered but didn't quite make it to the final.

By coincidence Nicoda and his brother were both chosen as hand writer of the week by their teachers. Who knows, may be playing conkers is good for handwriting too.

We are very proud of both boys for their success in the championship and for keeping the tradition alive.





Jason Fenn is Coming to New Road

What a treat, not only do we have Spanish Magician Ferran Rizo visiting our school in November, but we also have a local magician visiting too.

Friends of New Road School have very kindly agreed to fund two magic shows for the children on the 31st of January. A midwinter treat to lift everyone's spirits.

In addition to our Pantomime on the 4th of December, there's lots for our children to enjoy - thank you Friends of New Road School: your positivity helps everyone!

Trackit Lights

Last year teachers from the school took part in a Department for Education project on behaviour systems in school. We were really impressed by the Trackit Light system that our partner school in Luton used to monitor behaviour.

The system helps teachers to record and share with parents both good behaviour and behaviour that isn't welcome in our school.

I was really pleased to award Ruby the 1st Trackit certificate in assembly on Friday. A huge thank you to all the teachers, especially Mrs Bains for getting the system up and running!

We'll do our best to support every child to behave really well and celebrate great behaviour too!



The term dates and a list of future dates are below. Thank you for reading the newsletter. The next one will be on the 4th of November.

Kindest regards,

Mr Rob Litten
Headteacher

Wednesday 23rd October	Year 6 Swimming Gala
Monday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 11th November	Odd sock day.
Tuesday 12th November	Year 6 trip to Peterborough United, Show Racism the Red Card
Friday 15th November	Children in Need.
Monday 11th of November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 20th November	Magician Visit, Ferran Rizo
Friday 22nd November	Inter School Question of Sport event (sponsored by Whittlesey Sports Association)
Friday 29th November	Netball Festival /tournament
Wednesday 4th December	School Pantomime, funded by Friends of New Road School
Monday 9th December	Nativity, Reception, Y1 and Y2 at 2.30pm, save the date
Tuesday 10th December	Christingle, Y3,4, 5 and 6, St Mary's Church, 10am
Wednesday 11th December	Nativity, Reception, Y1 and Y2 at 9.30am, save the date
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Disco, 3.15pm to 4.30pm for Reception to Year 3
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Disco, 3.15 to 4.30pm for Years 4 to 6
Friday 20th December	Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day and Class Party - last day of term!

Term Dates

1st Term 2024 Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 25 th October Holiday Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	2nd Term 2024 Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th of December Holiday Monday 23 rd of December - Monday 6 th of January
3rd Term 2025 Tuesday 7 th of January – Friday 14 th of February Holiday Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st of February	4th Term 2025 Monday 24 th of February – Friday 4 th of April Holiday Monday 7 th of April - Monday 21 st of April
5th Term 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April - Friday 23 rd May Holiday Monday 26 th of May - Friday 30 th of May	6th Term 2025 Monday 2 nd June – Friday 18 th of July

Staff Training Days when your child **will not** have to attend school are allocated as follows:

Tuesday 2nd of September 2024

Monday 6th of January 2025