



New Road Primary and Nursery School

# Headteacher Update

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable half term break, and you are ready for what we hope will be a happy and fulfilling time as we approach Christmas and New Year! A magical time in our school.

## A Visit to Remember: Wally Newman Inspires Pupils with Stories of Service and Strength

Our school had the extraordinary honour of welcoming Mr. Wally Newman, a remarkable gentleman whose life story left a lasting impression on pupils and staff alike.

At 99 years old—and soon to celebrate his 100th birthday on Christmas Eve—Wally brought with him not only a century of wisdom but also a legacy of courage, resilience, and service.



Wally served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, a time that shaped his values and forged a deep sense of duty and integrity. His stories of life at sea, camaraderie among shipmates, and the challenges faced during wartime captivated the children, offering a living connection to history that no textbook could replicate.

As he approaches his 100th birthday, we celebrate not only his incredible milestone but also the legacy he continues to build through moments like these.

Thank you, Wally, for your service, your wisdom, and your warmth. You are truly an inspiration.

A list of future term dates is below. Thank you for supporting our school we are proud of your children and all they achieve.

Kindest regards,

**Mr Rob Litten**



<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 trip Bikeability
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need. Wear something spotty or bright
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of November</b>	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 and 6 Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, 1.45pm
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whittlesey Remembrance Parade
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Year 5/6 A Question of Sport
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu vaccination in school: letter will be sent
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Pantomime visit to school, Rapunzel.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nativity, Reception and Y1 at 2.30pm, save the date
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christingle, Y3,4,5 and 6, St Mary's Church, 10am
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nativity, Reception and Y1 at 9.30am, save the date
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Table Tennis Tournament
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Rock Steady Concert
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whittlesey Christmas Extravaganza
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper/Dress Down Day and Class Party - last day of term!

## Term Dates 2025/2026

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Term 2025</b>  Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September Professional Day (Closed to pupils)  Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Professional Day (Closed to pupils)  Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October  Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October Professional Day (Closed to pupils)  <b>Half Term</b>  Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2025</b>  Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  <b>Half Term</b>  Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Term 2026</b>  Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February  Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Professional Day (Closed to Pupils)  <b>Half Term</b>  Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Term 2026</b>  Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  <b>Half Term</b>  Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Term 2026</b>  Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (May Day School Closed)  <b>Half Term</b>  Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Term 2026</b>  Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Professional Day (Closed to pupils)</p>