

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year.

A warm welcome to all our new families who have joined both the school and nursery. We hope that you and your child have had a great start to their time at Newhall.

There have been lots of exciting things taking place around the school and nursery which you will read about in the following pages.

Over the summer, a company (Countryside Properties), who one of our parents (Anfisa's and Alisa's dad) works for, donated a wonderful allotment area for our children. We are very grateful! Mrs. O'Neill has been busy with the children planting some herbs and bulbs over the past few weeks. We look forward to seeing what grows there.

Mr Duffy

WELCOME BACK

A Message from the Nursery Manager

Welcome back to all our existing children and welcome to all our new children.

We are very excited to start the new term and welcome some new staff members as well. This has meant that we are now, for the first time since Covid, operating at full capacity.

We were very pleased over the summer that Miss Callen and Miss Almond had confirmation that they had passed their level 3 qualification in Early Years.

All primary schools are starting to do tours of their schools. If your child is currently in Bluebell, your child will need to be registered through [Primary school places | Essex County Council](#). This opens on 6th November 2023. If you are unsure please do speak to Miss Andrews or I.

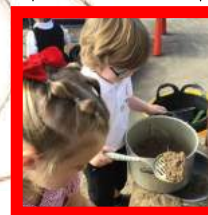
If you are paying childcare fees, please do look into if you can pay with tax free childcare this can save you 20% of your childcare fees. This website will help you see what you are eligible for [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#).

Ms Pike

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LET THE JOURNEY
begin

Family



Year R

What a wonderful couple of weeks in Reception! We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school and shown great resilience. They have been following the school routines and have used the visual timetable to know what is happening each day. It has been wonderful to see the children making lovely new friendships and showing great confidence in their new school environment. In Reception we have enjoyed reading a book called 'The Invisible String' and talked about how we are always connected to our families by an 'Invisible String' of love. Then all of the children enjoyed sharing photos of their families, discussing who is in their family and then carefully drew portraits of their families to put up on our display. Reception have also enjoyed visiting the library for the first time last week and the children showed us their amazing listening skills. We all remembered to use our whispering voices and enjoyed reading a variety of books together. Reception were very excited that they can pick one book each week to take home to read with their families at home. We are so proud of how well you have settled into school.



Blossom

Firstly we would like to welcome all new children into Blossom room for their first year at nursery. All the Blossom children have done incredibly well with settling back in amongst all the big changes they have faced. We have continued our summer topic by exploring the sand, water and painting with flower stamps to create our own summer picture. Over the next few weeks we will be transitioning into our autumn topic as the weather gets cooler.



Year 4

Our new Year 4s have made a wonderful start to the new school year. We have already been very busy in Ash and Juniper class. Since our return to school we have already written beautiful poems, experimented with melting and freezing (including freeing Lego men from ice!), learned how mountains are formed and discussed what we would do with £1 million! We have been learning about William Morris, discussing wallpaper and learning about what life was like in factories in the 1800s. We created collages to show our appreciation for his work. During Juniper class's gymnastics lessons we have focussed on patches and points, demonstrating the different balances we could perform. Some amazing work on display!



Snowdrop

Snowdrop are off to a great start this September! We are seeing some lovely bonds forming between the teachers and children and they are busy exploring! Over the past weeks we have been focusing on the topic "All about me". The children have particularly enjoyed the story 'The colour monster' where we have been exploring expressing our emotions!



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Year 1

This half term in English Year 1 have been learning about rhyming words. We then began to read the text 'After the Fall', by Dan Santat. We have used our senses to describe settings featured in the story.

In maths, we have been counting on and back and recognising numbers as words. We have been learning less than and more than a number. Our topic in art is Self Portraits. We have learnt who Picasso was. We created self-portraits and will explore thick, thin and curves lines.



Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been learning about the artist David Hockney. As part of this they have experimented with digital art and recreated some of his landscape pictures'.



Be Kind.

Year 2

What a great and busy start to Year 2! One of the things that we have been learning about is 'Kindness' in RE, which also links to one of our school values. The children looked at how they show kindness to others, and they wrote examples of a time when they were kind. The children then finished by writing and giving kind notes to each other which said things such as 'You make the world a better place', 'You always try your best' and 'You are a kind friend'.



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Stay kind.
It makes you beautiful.



Bluebell

The children in bluebell class have loved talking about their own families this term. We have been counting the amount of people that live in our house, drawing family portraits and creating our families faces using play dough. We have also restarted our weekly library visit which the children have absolutely loved. Next week we will be learning all about our 5 senses which we are very excited about as we have some exciting activities planned for the children! We look forward to taking part in the scarecrow competition and would love your help with bringing in some recyclable materials that we could use to build Bluebell's scarecrow.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the year! We are enjoying reading our book 'The Bear and the Piano'. We have been acting in role as the bear, thinking about how he feels when he plays the piano. In English we have described the bear and the forest he lives in using a range of different adjectives to expand our noun phrases. We are also learning all about rocks in science and played a fun game of trying to guess which rock our partner had by asking different questions using our scientific enquiry skills. During our maths lessons, we have developed our confidence with looking at 3-digit numbers all the way up to 1,000 and representing these in different ways using flexible partitioning.



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Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

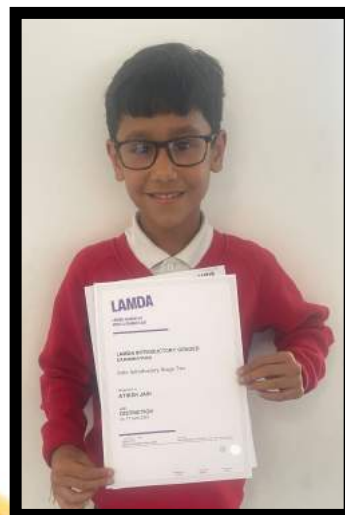
Attendance

Our attendance for each class for first few weeks of term is shown below. Well done to Willow Class with the highest attendance! Our school target for attendance is for each class to be above 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	98.0%
R	Willow	99.6%
1	Beech	97.0%
1	Rowan	96.3%
2	Elm	93.1%
2	Hazel	96.2%
3	Chestnut	93.1%
3	Maple	98.9%
4	Ash	97.5%
4	Juniper	96.0%
5	Birch	95.4%
5	Cedar	93.8%

Below is a photo of Atiksh who received his LAMDA certificate last week. He took the exam with Sting before the holidays.

We are so very proud of him as he received top marks with 90%. A distinction in his verse and prose solo exam of speech and language in drama. Well done Atiksh!



RESPECT OUR SCHOOL
THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Parking reminder:

Please be considerate to our local residents when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We have had a few resident complaints of their driveways being blocked or cars being parked on our neighbours' drives.

Please be mindful of private property parking areas and use the parking in the parking spaces outside the school or at the Smiles Nursery as there are ample parking spaces available.

We are aware that the vast majority of our parents are considerate when dropping off or collecting their children, so we thank you for this.

Save the Date!

IMPORTANT dates to remember

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Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd October	PTA Meeting – 17:00
Wednesday 4 th October	Birch Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th October	Lucky Plate Day
Wednesday 11 th October	Cedar Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th October	Year 5 Tower of London Visit
Wednesday 18 th October	Juniper Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th October	PTA Discos
Friday 20 th October	Individual and Sibling Photos