

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have had a fabulous week in school this week. Yesterday, our girls' football team attended a tournament at Newman University and represented our school incredibly well. It was also World Book Day – our theme was *When I'm Older* which is linked to our school value 'we are ambitious'. Your children loved the costumes they were wearing, and it was a joy to hear them talking about their ambitions for their own future careers.

On Wednesday, our wonderful Year Four pupils performed their class assembly on the theme of the super powers of Reading and Writing. They spoke very clearly, remembered their lines impeccably and more importantly they inspired us all to read more and persevere with our writing.

We also welcomed many of you into school for this term's Parents' Evening. It was great to meet a number of you and chat about pupils past and present. It's always great to hear how well ex-pupils are doing at their secondary schools.

Next week we have the first of our autism workshops which will be held in the junior hall from 9am. All parents are welcome to attend this event. And finally, Joel Fearon, Olympic athlete will be in school too!

With very best wishes

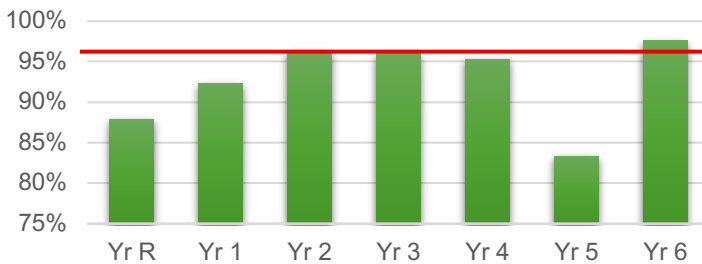
Mr Higgins



JOEL FEARON  
Olympic Bobsledder and Sprinter

## Attendance

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026



■ Percentage Attendance

96% is our **MINIMUM** expectation for attendance.

Did your child's class reach 96% last week?

This year's attendance, to date, is

**92.1%**

## DIARY

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March Lunch Menu:  
**Week Two**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Autism Workshop:  
What is autism?

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Olympic Athlete  
Joel Fearon in school

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

Ukulele & Guitar Concert  
(Yrs 3, 4 and 6)

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Autism Workshop:  
Understanding meltdowns

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 9.30am**

EYFS & KS1 Easter Assembly with  
PTA Cake Sale

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Last Day of Spring Term

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Easter Break

## SUMMER TERM

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Summer Term<sup>1</sup> starts for children

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

Autism Workshop:  
Structure and routine



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## Easter Events

**25<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Decorated Egg Competition.** Children in all year groups are invited to decorate a hard-boiled egg at home. Their eggs should arrive in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Judging by our school councillors and prize giving will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**26<sup>th</sup> March:**

**EYFS and KS1 Easter Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade.** Children in these year groups make an Easter Bonnet at home and come to school wearing it on 26<sup>th</sup> March. An Easter Assembly including a parade of bonnets will take place at 9.30am on that day.

**26<sup>th</sup> March:**

**PTA Cake Sale** - our PTA will be selling cakes and refreshments at our EYFS/KS1 Easter assembly.

**26<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Easter Raffle** - our PTA will be selling Easter Raffle Tickets throughout this half term with the draw taking place in the EYFS/KS1 Easter assembly.



## Swimming

Year Four's and Year Five's swimming lessons will take place every day for two weeks commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume and towel in school each day.



## An Olympic Athlete

We're pleased to announce that Mr Whitcombe has partnered with the organisation Great British Athletes on behalf of our school and we are therefore extremely excited to be welcoming **Olympic sprinter and bobsledder** Joel Fearon to our school on 11<sup>th</sup> March. We are hoping that this event will help us to raise, through sponsorship, some money for our school. A letter and sponsorship form was given to your child last week.

## Celebration Assembly

In this week's celebration assembly, we celebrated the achievements of:



**Reception**

Aurora and Okikiola

**Year One**

Jacob and Lucius

**Year Two**

Alice and GiGi

**Year Three**

Luciano and Millie

**Year Four**

Ayat and Rogan

**Year Five**

Kaishah, Richard and Trevonte

**Year Six**

Niamh and Willow-Mae

## Reading at Home

# Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 10**  
MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

**10:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**600,000**  
words per year

A student who reads

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year

A student who reads

**1:00**

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year

Source: Cunningham and Stanovich (1998)

**Our School Expectations: *Here Everyday, Ready,  
On time and Engaged to Strive for success.***