



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 11th July 2025

Dear parents,

My final letter as a Headteacher.

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to anybody who has gifted me anything or taken the time to say some kind words. I am very awkward when people are being this nice but I want you to know it really does mean a lot. I have not opened most of my cards as I do not think I am ready for that yet but I will in time.

I have been at Newtown Linford for five years. I have seen staff come and go and I am so proud of the team we have now built. Your children are fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring staff team, this is not always the case in every school. When I joined we were still in Covid bubbles and I have so many memories of online learning and ringing the helpline! Things have changed so much since then.

As a headteacher, I have such a varied role. I am in charge of budgets, staff performance management, premises, safeguarding all children, supporting families and of course ensuring all children receive a wonderful education. However, as I hope you have all seen, my favourite role is supporting children, particularly when they are struggling, so that all children feel valued, important and understood. I am now in a position where I can choose what I want to do next and therefore I hope to spend my time completing charity work, fostering children and making a difference (cue vomit).

I am leaving you with an incredible team and Mr Chapple the new headteacher could not be more perfect for the school. He will be able to identify further improvements, strengthen what we already do well and take the school to the next level. The next in a long line of Headteachers here!

As you know, kindness is the attribute I value the most. Be kind to your teachers and be kind to Mr Chapple, this is a tough role; 25% of heads leave the profession within five years now, so a little kindness goes a long way. Most importantly, teach your children to be kind, tolerant and humble. They will not go far wrong.

Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

Adventures

Goodbyes!



Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Kennedy and to all the children leaving our school at the end of this year!



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Office Team Updates

Old John residential 17-19 September

Please make sure that the balance is paid in full by 24th August.

Parents information evening is after school on 2nd September.

Booking forms for **breakfast and after school clubs** have been sent out and are available on our webpages. Mr Barley will confirm if you have secured a place.

Sports opportunities

Next year, our teams will be taking part in the BEP KS2 inter-school sports competitions again plus we will have access to a wider range of activities through the Hinckley & Bosworth School Sport and Physical Activity Network. Dates for the Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country races at Mallory Park have been confirmed as Saturdays 4th October, 1st and 29th November. Tyburn Class will be having 6 weeks of swimming lessons at Castle Rock starting on 5th September - the lessons are free but there will be a voluntary contribution for transport - details to follow at the start of the new year.



Unclaimed lost property will be donated to the Air Ambulance at the end of term



Dates for your diary

Tues 26th & Weds 27th August

Thurs 28th August

Tues 2nd September

Fri 5th September

Weds 17th - Fri 19th September

Weds 24th September

Weds 1st October

w/c Mon 20th October

Mon 27th October

Fri 7th November

Tues 18th November

INSET days - children not in school

Term starts - all children in school

Old John residential parents evening, 3.30pm @School

Tyburn swimming lessons (Friday weekly, 6 weeks, details to follow)

Old John Residential - Hagg Farm and Blue John Cavern

Linford Class trip to Stonehurst Farm (details to follow)

Bradgate Class trip to Stonehurst Farm (details to follow)

Half term holiday

Back to school

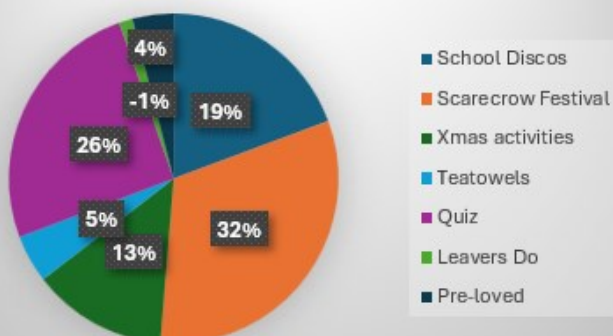
Tyburn Class Iron Age trip to Beaumanor Hall (details for follow)

Whole school individual photos

PTA

As the school year draws to a close, we can't quite believe how quickly it has gone by. It seems like only yesterday when we were planning for the year ahead. And yet, what an eventful year it has been for the PTA with lots of fundraising activities and events, notably non-uniform days, school discos and the village quiz. With the generous donations and support from our school community we've been able to raise a significant amount for the school with £1,920 profit raised after expenses for the Leavers' event, discos, sports day ice lollies and the Stonehurst farm trips transport costs.

PTA Fundraising £%



Our highlight for this term has been the Year 6 Leavers Family event, which was a huge success. The event was organised by the PTA as a way of celebrating the achievements of the leavers and their families. It was a fantastic opportunity for the whole school to come together, have fun, and enjoy an evening of live music, food, and games.

For 2025/6, we will be speaking with our new Head Teacher in September to agree how best we can utilise the remaining money for our children.

Looking ahead, our next event will be at the Newtown Linford Cricket Club Beer Festival in September, we look forward to seeing you all there!



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Class Updates

Linford Class

Wow, we can't believe how quickly this year has gone! We couldn't be more proud of the progress all of the children in Linford Class have made, both personally and academically. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Forest School sessions this half-term where we have taken part in a bug hunt, been baby deer spotting, and paddled in the river! In History we have been comparing seaside holidays in the past to the present day, and in English we wrote questions for our grandparents asking them about their past holiday experiences. We enjoyed learning about 'Punch and Judy' puppet shows and role-played our own shows to each other too. The children have been as creative as always; Year 1 created beach scenes inspired by Edgar Degas' artwork, and EYFS have made seaside collages and paintings, selecting and mixing colours for a purpose. In our 'plants' topic, we wrote instructions about how to plant a seed and then we planted some sunflower seeds of our own to take home and look after.



We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and we wish you all a wonderful summer holiday! ~ **The Linford Team**

Bradgate Class



What a busy and brilliant end to the school year! The children have worked incredibly hard, fitting so much learning into such a short space of time.

In history and literacy, we explored the theme of holidays – comparing our own experiences with what holidays might have been like in the past. The children wrote thoughtful letters to parents or grandparents to enquire about holidays in the past. In art, we took inspiration from Edgar Degas, focusing on his beach scenes. The children explored how Degas built up layers of paint to create texture and used similar techniques to produce their own layered seaside artwork.

This term we investigated the properties of materials, with a hands-on challenge to design and build boats using the most suitable materials – followed, of course, by some exciting testing! Our topic on plants saw us start to think about what healthy plants need to thrive – a timely reminder, as our classroom plants are definitely ready for some summer TLC.

Children have enjoyed spending time reading and learning outdoors. They have had a phenomenal time at the Year 2 sleepover. All behaved beautifully and independent. They listened to all their instructions and had a great time!

It's been a fantastic year for Bradgate Class – full of growth and learning. The children are more than ready for the new challenges that lie ahead, we wish all of the children every success for the year ahead!

Mrs Flint & Mrs Ismail





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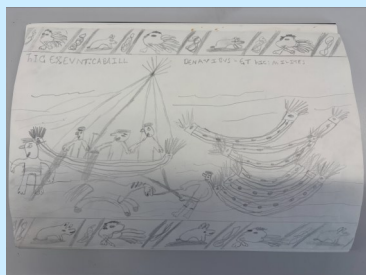
Tyburn Class

What a superb final term we have had in Tyburn! The children have all worked their socks off. In theme this term, we have been learning about settlements and land use. The children enjoyed researching how land is used across different settlements and what makes a good settlement. Our topic in Science this term was 'Forces and Magnets', the children enjoyed investigating magnetism.

The class have worked particularly hard in English this term. The children have written some very entertaining 'how to survive' instructions and some fantastic time slip narratives. It has been lovely to see the children showcase their learning, especially their powerful vocabulary. In Maths, we have been working on money and statistics, the children have really challenged themselves with problem solving and reasoning. Well done Year 4 for their



fantastic times tables results, you all absolutely smashed it!



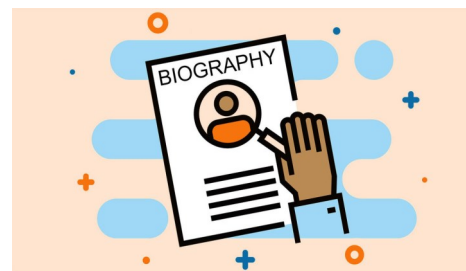
The children have produced some wonderful art work this term, learning all about the Bayeux Tapestry and creating some stunning pictures inspired by it.

All of Tyburn have made great progress this year and should be incredibly proud of their hard work and determination. We wish Year 4 every success in Old John, we know they will all continue to make us proud. Thank you so much for your support this year, we hope you have a lovely summer break.

The Tyburn Team

Old John Class

What a fantastic last term this has been. The children have worked so hard on not just their learning, but also preparing for our end-of-year play. Well done for the hard work, Old John, and best of luck to our Year Sixes as they transition to their secondary schools.



In English, the class have learnt how to write a biography about a famous figure. This is always one of my favourite English units of the year, as the children bring out all sorts of celebrities that I then find out extra trivia facts about. In Maths, we have spent our time refining our knowledge of decimals and the Year Sixes completed tough reasoning problems around mortgages, bills and holidays (never too early to start learning about complex financial problems)! The children also loved their trip to the Curve to watch Pig Heart Boy—it was an excellent performance and the children were beautifully behaved.

Of course, a large chunk of our time has been taken up by practicing our play, Trip of a Lifetime. The play was written in response to the class being a bit more reticent about performing another Shakespeare play, much to my chagrin (as I am a big Shakespeare fan)! However, it proved to be a great challenge for me personally, and the children have responded in such a positive way. Their performances have been some of the smoothest and stress-free I have run, and that is a credit to their passion, drive and professionalism.



While we do have a large focus on the Year Sixes as they move on, I would be remiss not to mention the Year Fives and their progress. They have grown and matured so much this year, and I am extremely proud of them. Well done, Old John!