



11th November 2025

Newlaithes Newsletter



Diary Dates:

Nov

11th Year 3 Parents Eng/Maths Meeting

14th non uniform—Choc Bingo

20th Choc Bingo night

Dec

11th Xmas Disco

15th Year 5 Play

17th Xmas Dinner & Jumper

19th School Finishes 1:20pm

Important Reminders for Families

As we move through the term, we kindly ask families to support the following reminders to help the school day run smoothly:

- **Names in Clothing:** Please ensure that all coats, jumpers, hats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. This really helps us to return lost items quickly and reduces the number of unclaimed belongings in school.
- **Helmets for Cyclists:** If your child travels to school by bike or scooter, please ensure they wear a **helmet**. This is important for their safety on the way to and from school.
- **School Meals:** Please continue to **choose meals *together* at home** using the online system. When selections are made in advance, children know what they are having and this helps avoid disappointment or children going hungry.
- **Playtime Snacks:** Remember that children are only allowed raw fruit and vegetables or a plain biscuit for their snack at playtime.
- **Earrings:** Small stud earrings may be worn but not at the detriment to the school P.E. curriculum. Children **MUST** be able to remove earrings for PE. This guidance is from the Association of Physical Education which the school adopts to ensure safety in all aspects of P.E.

Your support with these small but important routines makes a big difference — thank you.

Dear Parents,

As we enter the start of the this half term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff, families and wider school community for their continued support. It has been a busy and rewarding term filled with learning, achievement team work and kindness. The festive period offers us a chance to reflect, celebrate and spend time with loved ones. We look forward to our upcoming Christmas events in school, and hope they bring joy and excitement to children and families alike.

School Council Attend Remembrance Parade

On Sunday, representatives from our School Council proudly attended the Remembrance Parade in **Carlisle** to honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The children joined members of the local community, veterans, and civic leaders in a moving service of reflection and remembrance. Wearing their school badges with pride, our pupils laid a wreath on behalf of **Newlaithes Junior School**, taking time to pause, remember and show respect. The children demonstrated maturity, thoughtfulness and great empathy throughout the morning, representing the school beautifully.

We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and would like to thank the families who supported by bringing children along to take part. Lest We Forget.



Year 4 Swimming Continues

Year 4 are continuing their swimming lessons this term as part of the PE curriculum. The children are developing their confidence in the water and building important swimming and water safety skills. It has been fantastic to see the progress they are making each week — from improving their stroke technique to learning how to float, glide and use breathing effectively. The instructors have been very impressed with the children's positive attitudes, perseverance and willingness to try new challenges.

Headteacher's Awards



Great effort from last weeks' Head Teacher's Award winners. Well done on a super start.

Visitors Share Beliefs with Year 5 and Year 3

Recently our pupils had two exciting opportunities to learn from visitors who shared their beliefs and worldviews.

In Year 5, a **Humanist speaker** led a thoughtful discussion about how Humanists find meaning and purpose without following a religion. The children explored ideas about kindness, responsibility and making decisions based on reason and empathy. They listened respectfully and asked excellent questions, showing great maturity in their understanding.

Meanwhile, Year 3 welcomed a **Hindu speaker**, who helped the children learn more about Hindu beliefs, festivals and ways of living. The children enjoyed hearing about family traditions, colourful celebrations and the importance of showing care and respect to others. They were enthusiastic, engaged and curious throughout.

These visits supported our ongoing work in Religious Education, helping pupils to recognise similarities and differences between belief systems, ask thoughtful questions and appreciate the diverse ways people live meaningful lives.

Well done to both year groups for representing the school so positively.





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Don't forget to check our Google Calendar for dates.

New Trees at Newlaithes

This week, pupils from across the school took part in a very special outdoor activity as we planted a collection of young trees on our school grounds, kindly provided by **The Woodland Trust**. The project supports our ongoing commitment to caring for our environment and enhancing the natural spaces around our school.

Children worked together to prepare the soil, plant the saplings and learn about how trees support wildlife, improve air quality and contribute to a healthier planet. It was wonderful to see pupils showing care, patience and teamwork as they planted each tree.

These trees will continue to grow over the years ahead — a lasting legacy for future pupils to enjoy. We look forward to watching our school grounds become even greener and more vibrant.

Thank you to The Woodland Trust for their generous support, and well done to all the children for taking such pride in helping our environment.



Year 6 Visit to Susan's Farm: Cooking and Wartime Rations



This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in an engaging and memorable visit to Susan's Farm to deepen their understanding of life on the Home Front during World War Two. The children explored how rationing affected daily life and why growing local, seasonal food was essential during the war.

Pupils enjoyed picking fruit and vegetables directly from the farm, learning how communities worked together to make the most of what was available. They then prepared and cooked a simple wartime recipe, discovering how resourceful families had to be when ingredients were scarce.

Throughout the day, Year 6 showed maturity, teamwork and enthusiasm. They demonstrated excellent listening skills, asked thoughtful historical questions and represented the school with pride. Staff at the farm commented on how polite, hardworking and interested they were.

It was a valuable experience that brought history to life and helped pupils to reflect on resilience, community and creativity during challenging times. Well done, Year 6!

Year 5 Indoor Athletics Competition

A team of Year 5 pupils represented **Newlaithes Junior School** at the **Indoor Athletics Competition** held at Harraby sports hall. The event brought together schools from across the local area to take part in a range of track and field activities including obstacle relays, speed bounce, chest push and standing long jump.

Our pupils showed fantastic determination, teamwork and encouragement for one another throughout the competition. They demonstrated strong athletic skills and, just as importantly, displayed great sportsmanship and respect for other teams.

We were incredibly proud of how confidently they participated and how well they represented our school. The enthusiasm and positive attitude shown by the whole team was excellent to see.

A big well done to all our Year 5 athletes — you were brilliant!



Football

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 girls team who represented our school at Harraby 3G today. The girls placed 4th out of 12 in the group stage and played a staggering 11 games. They pushed through to the semi-finals but unfortunately, after a 0-0 draw, it went to penalties and didn't go our way. A brilliant show of resilience and teamwork. Well done girls.

