



31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear parents / carers



## Anti Racist / Racial Literacy Workshop

It was super to welcome those who were able to join us for our workshop this week. A big thank you to Shareen Hone, a member of staff at Cardinal Newman who also works as part of the Local Authority Anti Racist Team, for delivering this session. Her workshop further developed guests' understanding on how to be anti-racist themselves as well as developing their own racial literacy. The aim was that those attending will then use this information to further support their own child's racial literacy and give confidence relating to anti-racist discussions at home. The workshop also aimed to develop attendees' confidence when identifying any form of racism, including micro aggressions which can sometimes be overlooked. We hope that all left feeling better equipped, and skilled, when talking to their children about these in a way that is effective and has lasting impact.

Our aim is for all our families to be actively engaged in teaching their children about being anti racist citizens as well as all being secure in their own racial literacy. We also hope that further self reflection and further self education continually takes place by families at home. In the future, we will send out a list of useful podcasts, programs and books to help. A reminder that families can always visit Afori Books, located not far from Brighton Station and is the UK's biggest supplier of fiction and non fiction books by Black Authors. Do visit and expand your bookshelf.

<https://aforibooks.co.uk/?srsltid=AfmBOooNjosFuRsRKYtgY9vrmL35J4QjozmT4P4XBgukHGFZvfObsnN>



We appreciate that many families were unable to join us due to work. We have liaised with the facilitator, who can offer 9am on a Friday in the summer term as that may be better for some. For those who can't make, as noted, we will provide a recommendations sheet for self directed exploration.

Feedback from those attending was that this workshop was very helpful. For example –

*Thank you so much for putting on the anti racism workshop for us today, it was very inspiring and I would recommend it to any parent. I also wanted to thank you for the work you do at school by equipping the children with the tools to recognise racism and the courage to call it out. It isn't*

*always an easy subject to navigate as parents who have not benefited from this kind of education ourselves so we really appreciate all your support in helping our children on their journey to becoming anti-racist, compassionate and courageous citizens of our community and ultimately wider society.*



## Buddy Mass

It has been lovely to attend two recent Buddy Masses. Years 2, 3 and 4 and Years 1 and 5 each had wonderfully reflective acts of worship in the chapel at Newman and it was lovely to welcome family members who could join us. The theme of Years 2, 3 and 4's mass was 'Here I Am Lord, I come to do Your will'. Children thought about how they use the Bible to learn all the need to know about Jesus and how they follow Jesus's example. Reference was made to the Jubilee Year of Hope as we thought about how we can share the hope that Jesus gives us by making choices that reflect His love.



## Space Day

Thank you to Brighton Girls School who invited children in Year 5 to take part in a Space Day. The children had an action-packed morning, including space buggy coding, a fascinating planetarium show and science experiments. The trip tied in perfectly with their new science topic Earth and Space and it has been brilliant to see children making links in science lessons because of their learning from the trip.



## Transition Drama – thank you Newman

Thank you to the Year 8 students, from Cardinal Newman, who came to share some transition drama performances with our Year 6 pupils. Performances were based around the theme of 'Moving to Secondary School' and covered many concerns or worries that Year 6 children might have when moving from primary to secondary school. As these were planned, rehearsed and performed by Year 8 children, our children found them extremely relatable as well as fun to watch. Thank you for visiting us.

**Have a lovely weekend. Rachel Breen, Headteacher**

Reception and Year 6 Buddy Mass. Cardinal Newman Catholic School (in the chapel).

Thursday 6th February at 9.15am.

Entrance for parents will be via the lower gate at Cardinal Newman School, Upper Drive and registering at the Chapel side door as you round the back of it (follow the other parents if you haven't been there before). Children will be brought across with their classes for the Mass and then will return to school afterwards. Parents will not have general access to school toilets so please come prepared for this. If you can help walk your child's class over, please contact their teacher asap. There will be a retiring collection for the charities that we support. We look forward to seeing you.

Attendance

Evidence shows that good school attendance not only helps children develop but helps them in later life. If you are ever unsure as to whether you should keep your child off from school or send them in, please reface this link - Is my child too ill for school?  
[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)



Governor vacancy

School governors play a vital role in education. By volunteering as a governor for a school you can make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people.

We are in need of a Foundation (Catholic) Governor at Cottesmore. If you are Catholic and feel that you have some time to give to helping further develop our school, please do get in touch with our joint Chairs of Governors, Katie Raymond and Thomas Medveczky

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What is Governance?

The Governor's role is to both support and challenge the school leadership team. In their latest Governance Handbook, the Department for Education (DfE) is encouraging governors to focus on three core functions:

- Strategic Direction ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Critical Friend holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Ensure Accountability overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

How do I start?

- Our Chairs would contact you for an informal chat to discuss the role, hours taken to fulfil it, how you would be supported etc. Following that, if still interested, as part of our school's commitment to Safer Recruiting practices, our Chairs would contact you for interview. This will also be an opportunity to plan specific roles that will suit you as a member of our body.
- You will be given a Diocesan Application Form. This includes a declaration that must be signed by a Parish Priest.
- As you would be working around young people, you would be asked to fill the forms for a standard DBS background check. Please do consider offering your time in this very worthwhile voluntary position.

For more information about Governance, you may wish to follow this link. <https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>



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| FEBRUARY                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reception balance bike training</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reception balance bike training</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am</li><li>Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm</li><li>Reception balance bike training</li></ul>                                                                                       |
| THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | Year 3 school Eggot trip to Brighton Museum<br>Reception and Year 6 buddy mass 9.15am Newman. Parents welcome<br>Reception balance bike training                                                                                                         |
| FRIDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| TUESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safer Internet Day – extra online safety lessons in school</li><li>International day of women in science</li></ul>                                                                                                 |
| WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Honeypot Party</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| THURSDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | Year 5 school trip to Brighton Pavilion<br>Year 4 Viking workshop<br>PTA Valentines cake sale after school                                                                                                                                               |
| FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>INSET DAY – school closed to pupils</b><br>= 21 <sup>st</sup> February International Mother Language Day                                                                                                                                              |
| HALF TERM<br>Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February<br>Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| MONDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | Reception have chicks coming into school to visit them                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| TUESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                 | Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am<br>Year 1 St George Forest School pm                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| THURSDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | Parent Consultation calls and face to face and SEN 3.15pm – 6pm                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FRIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 4 Swimming</li><li>Phonics Screening Check meeting for Year 1 parents. School hall. 8.50am – 9.30am. Radinden Manor entrance and exit.</li></ul>                                                              |
| MARCH                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fairtrade Fortnight (until 16th March)</li><li>Year 3 Pedestrian Training</li><li>Year 3 St Martin Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am</li><li>Year 5 St Josephine Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am</li></ul> |
| TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shrove Tuesday</li><li>Reception St Peter Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am</li><li>Parent Consultation calls and face to face, and SEN 3.15pm – 6pm</li></ul>                                                  |
| WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ash Wednesday service in School for children only. Lent starts today</li><li>Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am</li><li>Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm</li></ul>                                                |
| THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Book Day (dress in pyjamas and comfy clothes)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                      |
| FRIDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 4 Swimming</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SATURDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>International Womens Day</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Science Week</li><li>Year 3 Pedestrian Training</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                          |
| TUESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 2 St Monica Forest School am</li><li>Year 1 St George Forest School pm</li></ul>                                                                                                                              |
| THURSDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | Y6 Hove Fire Station – Safety in Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | Year 4 Swimming                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| MONDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Patrick's Day</li><li>Year 3 Pedestrian Training</li><li>Year 5 Bikability</li></ul>                                                                                                                            |
| TUESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | Year 5 Bikability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| WEDNESDAY 19 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am</li><li>Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm</li><li>Year 5 Bikability</li></ul>                                                                                                   |
| THURSDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 5 Bikability</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| FRIDAY 21 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Poetry Day</li><li>Y4 Lets Dance 2025 at the Brighton Dome</li><li>Year 4 Swimming</li></ul>                                                                                                                 |
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| MONDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3 Pedestrian Training</li><li>Year 5 Bikability</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                     |
| TUESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | Annunciation of the Lord<br>Year 5 Bikability                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3 St Martin Forest School am</li><li>Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School pm</li><li>Year 5 Bikability</li></ul>                                                                                                   |
| THURSDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | Reception school trip to Drusillas<br>Year 5 Bikability                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FRIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 4 Swimming</li><li>PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                 |
| MARCH / APRIL                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| MONDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                                                                    | Year 3 Pedestrian Training                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| TUESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                                                                  | World Autism Awareness Day<br>Honeypot Party<br>9am Reception Easter liturgy in hall for parents<br>2pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 3<br>2.30pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 6                                                |
| THURSDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | 9am Year 1 Easter liturgy in hall for parents<br>2pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 4<br>2.30pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 5<br>PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2                                        |
| FRIDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                                                                     | Year 4 Swimming<br>9am Year 2 Easter liturgy in hall for parents                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS<br>Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field<br>20 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |