



THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER 2023

News at Newfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now coming to the end of a very long and full Autumn term. There have been many successes and as a school, I believe, that we continue to grow and improve all the time. Tomorrow we will have our Learners of the Term Assembly, where pupils who have had an especially successful term will be recognised with a small prize. We are proud of all of our pupils and the achievements that they have made this term and over time.

You will see from the attendance data that our attendance as a whole school has really dropped in the last few weeks. There has been a lot of sickness and absence, which I know cannot be avoided at this time of year. Unfortunately, a number of families have also taken holidays in term time, which impacts negatively on our overall attendance. Please support the school by making sure that you do not book holidays in term time for the Spring and Summer terms. I hope that we can improve our overall attendance in the new year.

Thank you for the generosity of your recent food donations to our local food bank. At Newfield we support those near to us as well as those in other parts of the world. The Christmas Jumper Day raised £158.90 for Save the Children. The PTA raised £317.60 from the Film Afternoon event- all of the money raised from this event will be spent on resources and events for Newfield pupils. Our most recent non-uniform day raised £229.31 which will be directed to a United Nations related food collection for those affected by the conflict in Israel/ Gaza.

We will finish school tomorrow at 2.00 p.m. There is no After School Club. Please remember to collect your child on time!

We return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

I wish you all a very restful, peaceful and refreshing holiday. Happy Christmas to those who celebrate Christmas. Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Ms Bolt

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 95%.

From 6th Sept until 20th Dec

Nursery:	93.5%
Reception:	88.4%
Year 1:	92.1%
Year 2:	92%
Year 3:	92.4%
Year 4:	93.8%
Year 5:	93.9%
Year 6 Elm:	93.2%
Year 6 Palm:	90.8%
ARP:	84.1%

Total school attendance for the Autumn Term: 91.4%

Key Dates

Monday 8th Jan: Staff Inset Day
(School closed for pupils)

Tuesday 9th Jan: School begins

Monday 15th Jan: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday 23rd Jan: National Handwriting Day

29th Jan- 2nd Feb: National Storytelling Week and Scholastic Book Fair

5th Feb- 9th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th Feb: Staff Inset Day
(school closed for pupils)

12th Feb-16th Feb: Half Term

Winter Production 2023 'A Hint of Snow White'

Thank you to all families who attended the winter production performances. We hope you enjoyed the show. The children were absolutely fantastic and we definitely have some budding singers and actors at the school! Attached are some photos from the show - all photos are available to view in the gallery section on the school website.



Nativity Play- The Sleepy Shepherd

Congratulations to pupils in Nursery, Reception, the ARP and Year 1 for presenting this year's production of the Nativity story - The Sleepy Shepherd. They were so brave to perform in front of an audience and deliver their lines with such confidence. They also performed the songs beautifully. Well done to the children and staff for putting it all together.



Brent Foodbank Collection

Thank you for all your generous donations to the Brent Foodbank collection. The organisers were mightily impressed and said that it was one of the best collections they had ever seen!



Please remember that you can still donate via the following website: www.bankuet.co.uk/brent.

or

Donate to [Brent Foodbank's Christmas Gift Voucher Campaign](#) and brighten someone's Christmas!

Newfield Peace Chain

The children at Newfield participated in a Peace Chain project, where they wrote messages or drew pictures promoting peace. Children's designs and messages were then joined together to create a peace chain, which is now hanging proudly in the school hall.

All children will receive a certificate for taking part in the project.

