Thursday 22nd October 2026

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN NEWSLETTER

What a fantastic term it has been!
As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. Our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination, making this a term full of achievement and memorable experiences.
We have been delighted to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including visits to the Story Museum, inspiring sessions with Jack Peers, and continued work with IntoUniversity. Alongside this, children have enjoyed opportunities in robotics, oracy and reading, helping to develop essential skills and broaden their horizons.
Our sporting calendar has been busier than ever, with numerous fixtures giving pupils the chance to represent the school with pride. We have also been pleased to launch our new Breakfast Club, which is already making a positive difference to many families. Other highlights include the success of our Boys' Mental Health Club and our ever-popular Karate, both of which have been enthusiastically received by pupils.
Partnerships continue to be a real strength of our school. Our collaborations with Radley College and Magdalen College continue to flourish and this is opening up exciting opportunities and experiences for our children that inspire ambition and aspiration.
Our Littlemore Hub continues to go from strength to strength, providing invaluable opportunities for families and the wider community. From baby massage sessions and community cooking to intergenerational lunches, there is something for everyone. Please do follow the Hub on social media to keep up to date with all that is happening.
Looking ahead, we have lots to look forward to as the festive season approaches. Please keep an eye out for dates for our Nativity performances, Carol Concerts and other Christmas celebrations.
I would love to invite families in to talk about their faith in Interfaith week (week beginning Monday 9th November). Please come and talk to the office if you are interested in supporting this.
If you would like to come and talk about how you can help the school - for example, helping to organise the Christmas Fayre, please come along on Tuesday 3rd November, at 2.30 to meet with me to discuss all things JHN fundraising.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we are creating opportunities that help every child flourish both in and beyond the classroom.

We wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to another exciting term ahead.



PE REMINDERS



Monday- Keble Swimming & Year 2
Tuesday- Year 1 & Year 3
Wednesday- Year 2, Year4, Year 5 & Year6
Thursday- Year 5 & Year 6
Friday- Reception, Year 1 & Year 4



BACK TO SCHOOL



Tuesday 3rd November



Be in school every day ready to learn

Be on time - gates open at 8.35 and shut at 8.45am



Attendance this week:

JHN 90.9 % - down from last week. Make sure you are talking to your child about good hand hygiene to stop the spread of winter bugs.
County: 96.2%
National: 95.9%

Can we improve next week?

NEXT WEEK'S THEME OF THE WEEK:
'CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES'

Highlights

Look Up



Autumn has arrived! Children across the school have been sharing the wonder of seasonal change and are loving exploring all of the autumnal changes around the school.

Look Out

Have you noticed the new addition to the hall roof? We are now able to track how much electricity we generate from these and what postive environmental impact they have.
Our eco-warriors are also busy working on how we can improve our environment around the school - watch this space...

🌟 Leaders of the Future: Making Our School a Better Place! 💙 - a message from our Y6 team

A huge well done to our fabulous Head and Assistant Head Students, Cherry, Anna and Raymond, who delivered their very first collective worship this week 👏✨

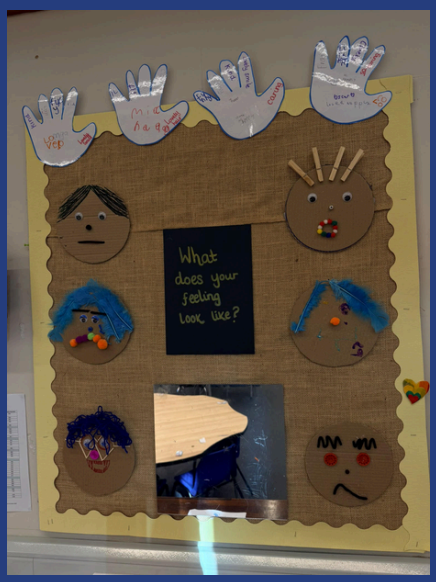


They shared thoughtful ideas about how we can make our school environment an even better place for everyone, linking their message beautifully to our school value of COMMUNITY. 🤝🙂

We are so proud of you for showing leadership, teamwork and a commitment to making John Henry Newman Academy a wonderful place to learn and grow together. Keep shining! 🌟

Thank you for all your support today with 'Wear it Pink'. We have lots of yummy cakes to sell and will let you know how much money we raise after half term

Look In



Some of our children have been exploring what their feelings look like. It is important to us at JHN that children are able to recognise, talk about and relate to their emotions

Quote of the week

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."
Jim Bishop (American Journalist 1907-1987)