

# Newdigate

## Church of England Infant School

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'In God's hands, we learn and grow'

Our value this half-term is

LOVE



We show love and  
compassion for each  
other.

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new academic year!

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you over the last few days and I very much look forward to getting to know you and your children, including our new reception families, over the coming weeks.

I had the joy of delivering of my first Values worship yesterday and I was incredibly impressed by how respectful your children were. The children fully engaged in discussing our value of LOVE and I can see that we have some very deep thinkers at Newdigate! I look forward to our youngest children joining us for worships.

In my role as Federation Headteacher, I will be dividing my leadership time between Newdigate and St Michael's Federated schools. In my absence, Mrs Priestley will be the leader on site.

We will be introducing or re-introducing our schools Bee Rules over the next week. We use these as a framework, alongside our Christian values, to help guide us in our choices, our relationships and our learning behaviours. Our curriculum letters will be coming out next week and a copy of the Bee Rules will be attached as well as our values poster, for you to share with your child.

If you have any queries or concerns please do contact the office who can point you in the direction of your child's class teacher or myself and Mrs Priestley.

### Reminder from your teachers

The Year 1 and 2 teachers would like to remind you to continue to read with your child and that retrieval homework will come out via Marvelous Me, on Friday.

#### Start and end of day

A slight change to the procedures for dropping off and picking up. If you have a child in Year 1 or 2, please can you drop off and pick up by going via the playground and round to your child's class that way.

If you have a child in reception, you will go through the black gate to the right of the main entrance as you are looking at it and drop your child off outside their classroom.

If you have a child in both reception and either Year 1 or 2, please follow the reception route.

### Safeguarding information

<https://www.newdigateschool.org.uk/safeguarding/>

**Our school safeguarding leads are:**

#### **Designated safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Nicola Cleather

#### **Deputy DSL**

Mrs Rachel Moon

#### **On-line Safety Lead**

Mrs Gayle Priestley

They can be contacted on our school phone number or through the email below:

[dsl@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@newdigate.surrey.sch.uk)

## Attendance and Punctuality

As you will be aware from previous correspondence from Mrs Bliss, there is now new statutory guidance on improving school attendance. As a Federation, we are currently updating our attendance policy to reflect these changes and we will send this out to you soon.

As a school, we are always focused on good to high levels of attendance and we monitor this closely.

Where there are barriers, our role is to support families so that children can continue to make progress and secure good outcomes. We will work with you and our inclusion officer to help achieve this goal.

Support given for barriers to attendance do not include term time holidays. Term time holidays have become an increasingly common problem for many schools and we are no different. Until now, we have not issued fines for taking a term time holiday. However, under the new guidance, we will now be reviewing this and should we not see any improvements, we will have no choice but to issue a fine. Further information on this will follow.

You may find the visuals provided below incredibly useful in highlighting the lost learning and social opportunities that lateness and less than good levels of attendance, can have.

### The importance of arriving at school on time

<b>If your child is 5 minutes late they lose</b>	25 minutes a week	1 hour 40 minutes a month	2 hours 30 minutes a half term	5 hours a term This is equivalent to over 1 full day	16 hours 15 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 3 days
<b>If your child is 10 minutes late they lose</b>	50 minutes a week	3 hours 20 minutes a month	5 hours a half term This is equivalent to 1 full day	10 hours a term This is equivalent to 2 full days	32 hours 30 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 6 full days
<b>If your child is 15 minutes late they lose</b>	1 hour 15 minutes a week	5 hours a month This is equivalent to 1 full day	7 hours 30 minutes a half term This is equivalent to over 1 full day	15 hours a term This is equivalent to 3 full days	48 hours 45 minutes a school year This is equivalent to over 9 full days
<b>If your child is 20 minutes late they lose</b>	1 hour 40 minutes a week	6 hours 40 minutes a month This is equivalent to over 1 full day	10 hours a half term This is equivalent to over 2 full days	20 hours a term This is equivalent to over 4 full days	65 hours a school year This is equivalent to 13 full days



Have a lovely weekend!  
**Nicola Cleather**  
 Federation Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

02.09.24	INSET DAY (1 of 5)
03.09.24	INSET DAY (2 of 5)
04.09.24	Back to School Year 1 & Year 2
09.09.24	Year R start part time
16.09.24	Year R start full time
25.09.24	Reading Café & Curriculum meeting – 8.50am
26.09.24	FONS AGM 7.00pm in School Hall - TBC
27.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10pm School Hall – everyone welcome
24.10.24	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter's Church at 2pm. All parents welcome.
25.10.24	INSET Day (3 of 5)
28.10.24	HALF TERM Week
04.11.24	Back to school
06.11.24	Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am
08.11.24	8.50am Reading café plus short workshop (Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 = Emotional coaching + healthy boundaries)
13.11.24	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
20.11.24	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30-8.00pm
29.11.24	Hoops for Decorating to go home
04.12.24	Hoops up in the Hall
05.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children
07.12.24	Christmas Fayre
09.12.24	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
13.12.24	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
16.12.24	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
18.12.24	Pied Piper Theatre Company perform for the children
TBC	TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome
20.12.24	Last day of term. Break up at 2.00pm

## Dates for your diary

### DATES – SPRING TERM 2025

Term dates – Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Half term dates – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

#### Diary Dates for Spring Term

06.01.25	Back to School
08.01.25	8.50am Reading café plus short workshops (Yr R and Yr 2 = maths, Yr 1 = phonics)
13.02.25	Break up for half term 3pm
14.02.25	INSET DAY (4 of 5)
24.02.25	Back to school
06.03.25	World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you Learn and Grow
06.03.25	8.50am Reading café plus short workshops (Yr 1 = maths, Yr R and Yr 2 = reading)
12.03.25	Late Parents' Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
19.03.25	Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
TBC	Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R in School Hall
03.04.25	Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome
04.04.25	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
04.04.25	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm

## Dates for your diary

### DATES – SUMMER TERM 2025

Term dates – Monday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Half term dates – Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

#### Diary Dates for Summer Term

22.04.25	Back to School
30.04.25	Yr 1 & Yr 2 School Trip
TBC	Class photos
05.05.25	Bank Holiday Monday
22.05.25	Yr R – Bring your bike to school day.
23.05.25	Break up for half term 3pm
02.06.25	Back to school
TBC	Muffi day – for a donation to the May Queen bottle tombola
TBC	May Queen and Summer Fayre
TBC	Yr 1 Phonics screening
11.06.25	Welcome Meeting – New Parents
TBC	Science Week
02.07.25	Year R School Trip.
04.07.25	INSET DAY ( 5 of 5)
08.07.25	Sports Day
10.07.25	Sports Day – Back up date in case of inclement weather.
21.07.25	Year 2 Leavers Service in school hall, followed by .....Year 2 Leavers Party.
22.07.25	Last day of term - Break up at 2.00pm