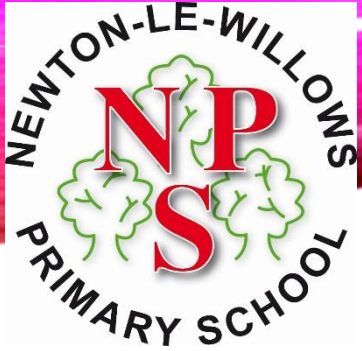


# WELCOME TO YEAR 4

Teaching Staff – Miss Bloor, Mr Roberts and Miss Pettersen

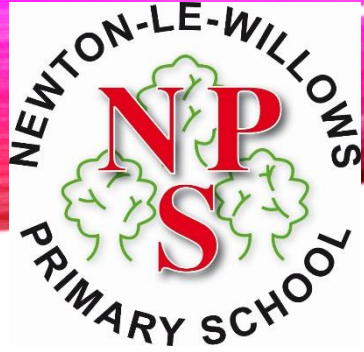
Learning Support Assistants – Mrs Green, Miss Mellan, Miss McClymont



# Nurture the Potential to Succeed

## Our Vision Statement

- Our vision is clear in our motto - 'Nurture the Potential to Succeed.'
- Our aim is for Newton-le-Willows Primary School to be a happy, nurturing, safe school that is ambitious for all our pupils and staff, to enable all learners to fulfil their full potential and succeed through high-quality teaching that supports an engaging, diverse, broad and balanced curriculum. Through this our children will become resilient, motivated and independent learners and thinkers.



# Nurture the Potential to Succeed

## Our Values

- Underpinning our motto are our school values which we refer to as **STRIVE**. They are: Self-motivation, Teamwork, Resilience, Independence, Vision, Emotional Intelligence
- We believe these 6 values (**STRIVE**) help us to 'Nurture the Potential to Succeed' and help to develop the whole child into a well-rounded future citizen with a determination to improve the world in which we live. We promote our values throughout the school from Nursery and Reception through to Year 6.

**We strive to support and nurture each other. We strive to reach our potential.  
We strive to succeed!**

# Ready, Respectful and Safe

As we begin this new academic year, we have introduced a few changes to our behaviour policy. This includes the introduction of our new school rules to be 'ready, respectful and safe.'

As a school, we believe that, by having these three key rules which underpin our vision to 'nurture the potential to succeed', they will be memorable to the children.



Ready



Respectful



Safe

# **DAYS TO REMEMBER**

- Children should wear their **PE kit** on their allocated PE day:

**Thursday** – 4B and 4R

**Friday** – 4P

- In Year 4 we encourage children to **change their own reading books**. When they have finished their book they will be given time to change their books throughout the day. Children should also access our online reading system Bug Club (Y2-6) at least once per week.
- **Spelling** homework will be sent out on:

**Thursday** – 4P

**Friday** – 4B and 4R
- Children are **expected to access TT Rockstars** throughout the week to improve their multiplication knowledge in preparation for our Year 4 Multiplication Screening.



# **READING RECORDS**

- Children have now received a new reading record
- We encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis and record this in the reading record, but as a minimum this needs to be three times per week
- Reading records are to be used as a dialogue between school and home to support and promote your child's reading ability and love of literature
- At the back of your child's reading record, you will find support with phonics, as well as your child's passwords for Bug Club, TT Rockstars, Purple Mash and any other online school resources
- The left-hand column of each page is a record of the title of book and the amount of pages read by your child. The right-hand column of each page is your opportunity to sign as a record of reading with your child and add any comments. At the bottom of each page you will find a record of your teacher's comments
- Diaries are brought into school each day and taken home at the end of the day.

# DATA COLLECTION FORMS

It is essential that we have all the relevant data on our system for your child. We are not sending new forms home so if your details have changed, please pop into the office and let them know. **If the people who can collect your child/ren have changed or you wish to add more name persons to this list, please inform the school office.**

If your child's medical information changes throughout the academic year, please inform the office as it is vital for us to be able to provide the best care for your child.

# SCHOOL MONEY

As you will be aware, we are now using the **SchoolMoney** App for payments of dinner money, milk money, before and after school club, toast and music money. Over the next few months we will be adding to this list to enable parents to pay for other things such as trips, clubs etc via the App.

This new payment system benefits both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. **SchoolMoney** will enable us to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment system in a secure and safe environment.

If you have not used the system yet, please let us know and we will generate a new Welcome message for your **SchoolMoney** account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

To log into **SchoolMoney**, for the first time, visit the website [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk) and click on the sign in button in the top right hand corner. In the drop down, select the **SchoolMoney Parent Login** option and this will send you through to a page where you need to enter your mobile number, email address, the password we have sent to you, and your child's first name.

If for any reason you are struggling to log in, it may be because you have not provided us with the correct contact details. Please let us know immediately if either your mobile number or email address changes. Please email [admin.newton@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:admin.newton@sthelens.org.uk) to advise us of any changes or for further information.



# **FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM**

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for Free School meals. You may be eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

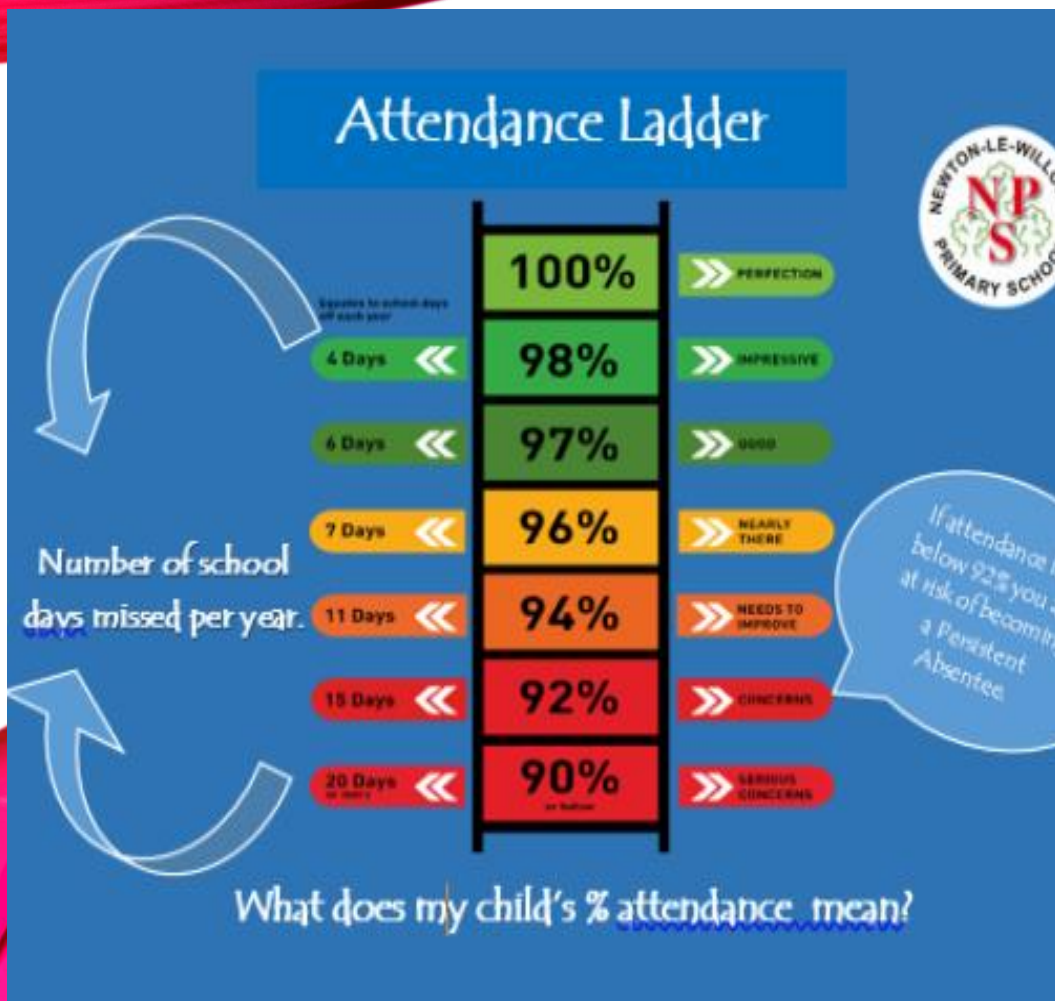
- **Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Working Tax Credit run on; Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit (with an annual income of no more than £16,190.**

If you are on any of the benefits above you can apply to St Helens council for Free School Meals. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, **school will also receive an additional amount of £1,320 per year for your child.** This is called Pupil Premium. School can use this Pupil Premium funding to provide extra support in school for your child and also to help towards the costs of school trips, music lessons, Year 6 residential visits etc.

**If you think you may be eligible you can contact the School Office or phone the office staff on 01744 678390 for further information.**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



- At Newton-le-Willows Primary School we believe that children can only learn effectively if they attend school regularly and they are punctual. Our aim is for **all** pupils to achieve at least 97% attendance.

- Morning Routine – reminder**

- All school doors are closed at 9.00am and class registers are closed.
- Pupils arriving after 9.00am need to access school via the **school office and will be marked late.**
- Children arriving **after 9.30am** will be marked in the register as **unauthorised absence.**

- Reporting a school absence**

- If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please can you email, telephone or leave a message at the school office on the morning of illness **before 9.00am** to report the reason for absence. If we receive no reason for an absence a member of staff will contact parents/carers to gain a reason for absence. This may be via a text message, phone call or email. If we are not able to reach you, we will leave a message for you to **call us back** with information about the absence. If parents/carers do not return our call this may lead to other safeguarding protocols being implemented.

# Team Around the Child

We work in partnership with children, parent/carers and other professionals to provide early help when it is most needed with the following team.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Lead:** Mrs Branch, **SENCo:** Miss Mercer, **Therapeutic Teacher -** Mrs Almond **and School Family Support –** Mrs Nelson

Special Educational Needs

Financial Difficulties

Bereavement or loss

Relationship Difficulties  
including Domestic Abuse



Support Agencies

Support with managing routines,  
boundaries and behaviour

Health concerns

Housing Issues

# UNIFORM

It is great to see so many of our pupils looking smart on their return to school!

Please ensure:

- School shoes are worn at all times - **trainers should not be worn** unless there is a medical reason that school need to be made aware of beforehand.
- Hooded jackets are not able to be worn in place of a school jumper or a cardigan when the children are inside.
- Earrings should be studs ONLY and should not be worn for PE, but plasters may be used if necessary.
- Long hair is tied back.
- On PE days, children must wear school PE kit, **NOT** own clothes/football kits. On this day, children should come into school in their kit. Children do not need to get changed in school.
- All clothing **must** be clearly named.



Black shoes which  
can be fastened by  
themselves

Navy blue  
cardigan or  
jumper with  
school logo

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A warm coat  
with a hood,  
which can be  
fastened by  
themselves.

Navy blue or  
grey skirt  
/trousers

White collar  
t-shirt  
(with logo)

Black pumps

Light blue polo  
shirt

## PE KIT

Navy blue  
shorts

**All uniform must be named. The school cannot accept  
responsibility for any lost uniform.**



# ASSEMBLIES

**Assemblies take place in mixed year groups**

## **'Get Together' Assembly**

These take place at the beginning of the week and focus on our school and British Values. 'Get Together' assemblies are usually led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team in one of our school halls.

## **Picture News Assembly**

These take place in class and focus on current affairs and worldwide issues. Picture News assemblies are led by the class teacher.

## **'Let's Celebrate' Assembly**

These take place on a Friday and focus on celebrating the week. In these assemblies, we announce our class VIPs, Midday STRIVE award, STRIVE café award, TTRockStars winners, PE student of the week and attendance winners. Children may bring in awards they have achieved outside of school that week in these assemblies (e.g. Footballer/Dancer of the week trophies from outside clubs etc). Celebration assemblies are led by Year Group Leaders in one of the school halls.



# **WRITING**

- We teach Writing everyday at Newton. The children work through a range of objectives and activities taken from the English curriculum.
- Our Writing lessons are linked to and inspired by a range of high-quality reading books. Children are given the opportunity to write within a wide range of genres and for a variety of audiences and purposes.
- Children are taught discrete sessions of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar across all year groups.

# HOME READING

- Your child should be aiming to read at home at least three times per week (but preferably every night!).
- The home school diary should be signed by an adult to say your child has read and should be used to feedback any difficulties or concerns within the week. Children are allowed and encouraged to read other books (as well as using Bug Club) on their own at home, but these do not replace their official school reading book.
- The wider the variety of reading material the children experience, the better.
- If your child does not read at home three times per week, they will read with an adult at break time on a Friday in order to ensure they have had the opportunity to read and be supported by an adult with any difficulties they might have with the content of the text.
- If you/your child lose a school reading book, please speak to your child's class teacher. These must be replaced at a cost of £4.00



# THE TEACHING OF READING

- Guided reading and supported comprehensions happen **three times a week (KS2)**.
- The children will read a text and answer a series of questions to develop their comprehension skills.

# **SPELLINGS**

- **Spelling** tests and homework will be completed and sent out on:

**Thursday – 4P**

**Friday – 4B and 4R**

- Your child will probably require some adult help with this, to check they understand the meaning of the word as well as the spelling.
- These spellings are taken from the National Curriculum word lists and spelling appendices.



# MATHS

- Children are taught Maths daily at Newton Primary.
- Objectives will be taught in a practical and fun way and time will be given for children to apply their knowledge independently through problem-solving and reasoning activities across the week
- Children will have the opportunity to use and explore concrete, pictorial and abstract representations in Maths and must also follow the three main principles of maths: fluency, problem-solving and reasoning.
- Separate sessions will be dedicated to arithmetic.

# Times Tables

Times tables are a very important part of mathematical knowledge and pupils who have difficulty with them in primary school will likely fall behind when they begin secondary school.

Through knowing their times tables, pupils will start to notice patterns and will then be able to apply this knowledge to more advanced work. As an example, knowing that  $2 \times 3 = 6$  will help children understand that  $20 \times 30 = 600$ , and  $200 \times 300 = 60,000$ .

Being able to recognise these connections will, in turn, speed up their thinking processes and mental arithmetic, meaning they do not rely on a calculator for assistance.

It is important that children can also recall the associated division facts for each multiplication fact. For example, if they know that  $6 \times 3 = 18$ , they should also know that  $18 \div 6 = 3$ , and  $18 \div 3 = 6$ .

We regularly assess children's times tables knowledge weekly and this will be recorded in school diaries. We would ask that you encourage your child to access TT Rockstars.

By Year 4, children are expected to know all their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

# Expectations

**Year 2** - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

**Year 3** - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

**Year 4 -**

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.

**Year 5** - Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.

**Year 6** - Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.

# YEAR 4 ENGLISH LONG TERM PLAN 2023-24

	AUTUMN 1 Week 1 – 2 days 7 full weeks 3x units plus poetry	AUTUMN 2 Week 1 – 4 days 6 full weeks Week 8 – 3 days 3x units plus Writing Week	SPRING 1 Week 1 – 2 days 5 full weeks 2x units plus poetry	SPRING 2 6 full weeks 3x units	SUMMER 1 Week 1 – 4 days Week 2 – full week Week 3 – 3 days Weeks 4-6 full weeks 3x units	SUMMER 2 6 full weeks Week 7 – 2 days 2x units plus poetry and transition
AUTHOR FOCUS	Cressida Cowell (How to Train Your Dragon)		David Walliams (Demon Dentist)		Michael Morpurgo (Running Wild)	
TEXT FOCUS	How to Train Your Dragon x6 weeks	The Journey of Iliona x7 weeks	6 x weeks Demon Dentist	Escape from Pompeii x6 weeks	Zeraffa Giraffa x 6 weeks	Swimming with sharks x 4weeks
PERSUADE (at least one per term)	Persuasive Letter x2 weeks (buying a pet)		Speech- banning sugary drinks x2 weeks		Balanced argument x2 weeks	
ENTERTAIN	Diary entry x2 weeks	First Person Narrative x 2 weeks	Character description x2 weeks	Adventure story in first person x2 weeks	Recount (from Atir's point of view) x2 weeks	Setting description x2 weeks
INFORM/ EXPLAIN (at least one per term)	Encyclopaedia Entry x2 weeks (create your own dragon)	Instructions x 2weeks (how to play a Roman game)  Wanted Poster x2 weeks (Join the Roman Army)		Diary entry (Tranio from Pompeii) x2 weeks  Information text (Volcanoes and earthquakes) x2 weeks	Tourist Guide x2 weeks	Non-chronological report (sharks) x 2 weeks
POETRY (x1 week)	Haiku x1 week		Poetry in the style of Dr Seuss x1 week			Poetry- Shape poems (rivers) x1 week
PUBLISHED PIECE (x6)	Persuasive Letter (To Mrs Chisnall to get a class pet)	Instructions- How to be a Roman Soldier	Character Description- Alfie (the boy who visits the dentist)	Diary Entry- Recount	Balanced Argument	Encyclopaedia entry – linked to Science unit
ASSESSED PIECE (x3)		Instructions		Diary Entry		Adventure story



# YEAR 4 MATHS

- **Autumn 1** – Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction
- **Autumn 2** – Multiplication and Division
- **Spring 1 and Spring 2** – Fractions and Decimals
- **Summer 1** – Measurement
- **Summer 2** – Statistics and Geometry



## YEAR 4 ANNUAL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

SUBJECT	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English						
Mathematics						
Science	Electricity	Animals Inc. Humans	Sound	States of Matter	Living Things and their Habitats	
History		Roman Britain	What was our town like in the past?			
Geography	Fieldwork in our Local Area			Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Rivers & Mountains	
Art			Drawing- Local Structures	Jewelry Making	Painting – Volcanoes (Margaret Godfrey)	
DT	Electrical Systems – Introduction to Crumble	Textiles - Money Containers				Food – Seasonal Food
Computing	E-Safety 4.1 Coding	4.2 Online Safety 4.3 Spreadsheets	4.4 Presentation – writing for different audiences	4.5 Coding – logos	4.6 Animation 4.7 Effective Searches	4.8 Hardware Investigators
PSHE	Being Me Growing and Changing Respecting Ourselves and Others		Physical Health and Wellbeing Keeping Safe Positive Relationships		Belonging to a Community Aspirations and Money Sense Media and Digital Resilience	
PE	Athletics Cricket	Hockey Orienteering	Basketball Dance	Tag Rugby Gymnastics	Football Netball	Rounders Tennis
RE	Christianity – How do Christians Use the Bible?	Hindu Dharma – What Hindus Learn From Diwali?	Jesus – is sacrifice Important for Religious Life?	Church – What Does Love Your Neighbour Mean?	Islam – Why Do Muslims Fast During Ramadan?	Sikh Dharma – How Should We Live Our Lives?
Music	Glockenspiels		Stop!		Blackbird	
Spanish	Welcome to school super learners	Robot Town	Family Tree and Faces	Carnival- Body Part	Feeling unwell/ Jungle	Summertime
Enrichment Opportunities	Visit to local area	Roman Workshop	World of glass- our town in the past	Henry Iddon – local photography project		Visit to Martin Mere

# YEAR 4 EDUCATIONAL VISITS

<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>Trip to the Town Hall (Autumn 1)</b> Geography/ Computing related trip- Geography fieldwork to investigate how our local area has changed over time. Children will use AR to bring artwork to life with a focus on what St. Helens looked like in the past.</p> <p><b>Trip to Chester and The Deva Centre (Autumn 2)</b> History-related trip. This trip takes our children to Chester, a former Roman city. Whilst there, they will find out about the archaeological findings in the area as well as learn how life was different during Roman times. They will follow this with a small tour of the city to see the unearthed remains of a Roman amphitheatre.</p>	<p><b>Trip to the World of Glass (Spring 1)</b> History/ Art related trip- During the trip children will explore what our town was like in the past through the history of glass and how this has developed and changed across time. Children will spend time discovering the tunnels and structures that housed the glass-making process and will use these to create observational drawings.</p> <p><b>Henry Iddon – Local Photography Project (Spring 2)</b> History and Art related session. The workshop allows pupils to experience how cameras work and the wonderful experience of seeing a photograph develop in a portable darkroom. The session includes a brief history of photography and cameras and then making a wearable camera obscura. This allows learners to experience 'being a camera'. This is followed by using a pinhole camera in groups. Henry can then process the black and white images in a portable darkroom and leave these with the school for display.</p>	<p><b>Martin Mere (Summer 1)</b> Science/Art related trip- This trip offers children the opportunity to discover plants and animals in their natural environment. During this trip, children will explore the reserve, identifying the various plants and animals on their journey. The children will uncover the reserve's natural landscape developing their geographical fieldwork skills. The children will use the natural landscape as inspiration for a piece of artwork.</p>
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# **SCIENCE**

This academic year, Year 4 will be taught the following Science Units:

- Electricity
- Animals including Humans
- Sound
- States of Matter
- Living Things and their Habitats

# EXPECTATIONS IN PE

- Children should wear their PE kit on their PE day. This should not be own clothes/football kit.
- If your child is not in the correct PE kit for two consecutive lessons, a verbal conversation with parents will take place and your child will lose 5 minutes of their break time.
- If your child is not in the correct PE kit for a third lesson, a letter will be sent home to parents. If lots of children do not wear the correct kit, we will instead return to children wearing school uniform everyday and bringing the PE kit to school with them.
- If you/your child forgets it is PE day and they attend in their uniform, don't worry – we have spare kits in school.
- If there is a legitimate reason why your child cannot take part in PE, please write a message in your child's home/school diary or provide a written note for the attention of your child's class teacher.

# **SWIMMING (Y4-6 ONLY)**

- In Year 4-Year 6, children attend swimming lessons. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and children must attend unless there is a medical reason for them not to (evidence must be provided).
- The aim of the swimming curriculum is to teach all children how to swim front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke to at least a distance of 25 metres. In Year 6, children also learn safe-rescue skills which could help save their own or another person's life.
- All children are required to bring a towel to swimming and any child with long hair is required to tie their hair up (preferably in a swimming cap). Boys are required to wear tight above the knee shorts and girls are required to wear a one-piece swimming costume.
  - Goggles are optional.





## **FINALLY**

We hope we can work together with you to make Year 4 a successful and enjoyable experience for your child. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or email our year group inbox:

[newtonp.y4@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:newtonp.y4@sthelens.org.uk)

Any correspondence sent to our Year Group Inbox will be responded to during working hours.