



# Newchurch News

Newsletter 4



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## Upcoming Events

Year 6 CPR Workshop - Sept.29th  
 Year 5 Choices Workshop - Sept 29th  
 Year 4 Sleep Workshop - Sept 29th  
 Year 3 Self-Care Workshop - Sept 29th  
 Individual School Photos - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct  
 Year 4 River Fieldwork Trip - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct  
 Year 6 Showcase Assembly - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
 KS1 Celebrations - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
 Spooky Spectacular - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Celebrations KS2 - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Year 2 Showcase - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Financial Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 CLUBS FINISH - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

## Sporting Fixtures



29th September - Year 5&6 Tag Rugby  
 2nd October - U11 Boys Pokémon Cup Football  
 6th October - U9 Football vs Godshill (Away)  
 9th October - U9 Girls vs Godshill (Away)  
 10th October - Year 3&4 Tag Rugby

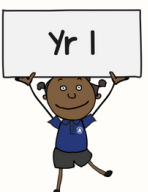


## Making it Happen - Year 1 Woodland Welly Walk!

As part of their geography learning this term, Year 1 have been busy exploring the local area and discovering new ways to describe the place they live. To support this yesterday, the children enjoyed a woodland walk in the lovely sunshine, where they observed both natural and human features in their surroundings.

Back at school, they used their observations to create maps of the local area, carefully labelling the physical and human features they had identified. The walk also provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to demonstrate excellent behaviour outside the classroom — they listened attentively, walked sensibly, and showed great respect for nature.

It was a fantastic first trip out for Year 1, and a brilliant way to bring their learning to life. Well done, everyone!



## Making it Happen - Spooky Spectacular!



Book on School Money Today!





# Making a Difference - Thank you for your feedback

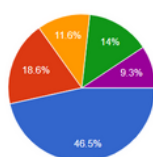
A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete our Transition Survey last week. Your feedback has been incredibly valuable in helping us understand your experiences and thoughts about the children moving to their new classes in advance of the summer break.

We're delighted to share that the majority of responses highlighted how beneficial the transition process has been for the children, supporting their confidence and sense of belonging as they settled back into school in September.

The extra thoughtful comments around what would make it even better will continue to guide us as we refine and strengthen our approach for next year!

How did you feel about the earlier start to transition this year?

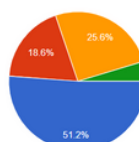
43 responses



- Very positive - it was a great idea and well timed
- Positive - it was helpful overall
- Neutral - I didn't notice much difference
- Negative - I'm not sure it added any value
- Very negative - it caused confusion or challenges

Did the extended transition period help your child feel more confident or settled about the new school year?

43 responses

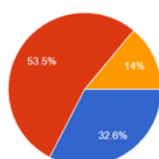


- Yes - my child felt much more confident and ready
- Somewhat - there was a little improvement
- No - it didn't make a noticeable difference
- Unsure - I can't say either way



Do you have any suggestions for how we could improve the transition process in the future?

43 responses



- Yes (please share below)
- No - I think it worked well as it was
- Not sure

## Even better if...

### 1. Shorter Transition Period Preferred.

A longer transition was seen as disruptive, especially for Year 6 pupils and end-of-year activities.

### 2. Impact on Pupils and Teachers

Concerns were raised about the emotional impact on children being moved early, and the difficulty for teachers managing both outgoing and incoming classes. Some felt it affected the sense of closure for the school year.

### 3. Suggestions for Improvement

Ideas included holding events like sports day before the transition and improving communication about the transition process, perhaps having 'meet the teacher' events before the move so that children can be well supported.

## Award Winners!



Year 3 - Eliza B

Year 4 - Rebecca T

Year 5 - Max K

Year 6 - Eddie M



I can Make Healthy Choices - Amelia W

I can be Resilient - Oscar M

I can Make a Difference - Isaac B

I can be Respectful - Ava N

I can Make it Happen - Ophelia D

## Make the Healthy Choice to join the Rat Race!



The Nettlestone Rat Race is on Sunday! The weather looks perfect for running and we would love to see our Newchurch community taking part!

As well as the adult event there is a children's 600m event starting at 10am!

Make the healthy choice to be there!



Book now by scanning the QR code on the poster or sign up on the day at Nettlestone Primary School.

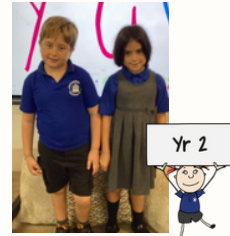
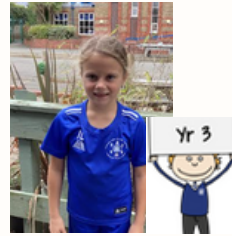
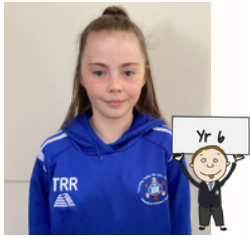


# Making it Happen - Meet our New Young Governors!

Over the past 2 weeks, pupils in Years 2–6 took part in their very own hustings to choose their class Young Governor. The Young Governor's job is to represent the views of their class and make sure that pupil voice is at the heart of improving our school.

Each candidate worked hard to write a manifesto, explaining the changes they would like to see, and shared why they believed they would make a great representative. After hearing the speeches, classes voted for the person they felt would do the job best—just like in a real election!

Mrs Parkin and the Pupil Leadership Team are very excited to start working with our new Young Governors. Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to those elected!



## Reminders - Please leave Pokemon at home!



Just a quick reminder to all families — please make sure children are not bringing valuable toys or personal items into school. This includes trading cards, which are super popular right now! Although swapping cards can be fun, it can also get a bit tricky, especially for younger children who might not fully understand how a trade works. We've had a few upset faces recently, and we'd love to avoid that.

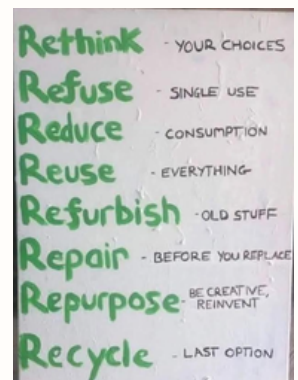
So, let's keep those special cards safe at home and save the swapping for trusted friends and family. Thanks so much for your support!

## Making a Difference to our Planet



Our newly appointed Environment Officers shared the work that they have done to take to make a difference to our school in an assembly yesterday.

Toby, Oscar and Buddy told the children all about how they have already thought a lot about future plans that they have to ensure we are more environmentally aware. They shared two short videos to remind the children about the impact of climate change and then each spoke really clearly in turn about our school environment and how we can look after it. Ideas included; promoting recycling, encouraging rubbish free lunch boxes and how we can look after our equipment better at lunch times.



## Making Healthy Choices - Free School Meals



From Year 3 upwards, children need to pay for their school dinners, unless they qualify for free school meals.

Click for the [link](#) to apply for free school meals with the information on who can claim.





## Making Healthy Choices Workshops Next Week

It is a busy week in school next week with lots of workshop activity being offered to our community.

On Monday Year 6 will be learning the benefits of CPR with visitors from the ambulance service.

The mental health support team will also be working with children in Years 3 and 4 looking at aspects of self-care and sleep on Monday. Look on Seesaw for more details.



To coincide with national Recycling Week all year groups will be engaging with a recycling workshop hosted by Forest Rd, Recycling Centre.

Year 5 will also be engaging with a Choices workshop which will look at strategies for 'street safety' - not engaging with peer pressure and avoiding anti-social behaviour.

Look out for reports on all sessions in the newsletter next week!

## Making it Happen - Sports News

Our U11 boys' football team have had a fantastic week on the pitch, showing great skill, teamwork, resilience and determination in two impressive wins against Godshill. On Monday, the team played brilliantly and secured a 4-0 victory in the league and yesterday, they followed it up with another strong performance, winning 4-1 in the cup! Solid defence, excellent passing, and some fantastic goals led to a well-deserved results! Well done boys for making it happen!



## Assembly this week...

This week, in assembly, Mrs Parkin announced the names of the children who were successful in their campaign to be the new Young Governors for each class. Related to this, and because our value this week continues to be 'Democracy', Mrs Parkin read 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright. The message of this book is that everyone has a mouse and a lion inside of them, in that we can feel small but act with confidence and speak out. This linked very well to the idea that a Government represents the people and although one person may feel insignificant, they can speak out to the people that represent them - in our case in school - the Young Governors!



## School Dinners - menu for next week

w/c 29th Sept	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	UPDATE	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers & Chips	Beef Burger & Wedges
Vegetarian	Veggie Meatballs & Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Butternut Squash Bake & Roast Potatoes	Veggie Fingers & Chips	Quorn Burger & Wedges
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	St Clements Cake	Shortbread & Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream



**School dinners are now £3.10**  
**ALL DINNERS MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE POINT OF ORDER**

