



Newland St John's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Living Together, Learning Together and Shining Together in the Love of God.

'...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' **Matthew 5:16**

Newsletter - February 2025

A message from Mrs Brett

It has been another busy half term, and a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning. Thank you for all you do as parents, carers and friends to support the school in this.



As we approach Easter, we will be using Archbishops' Young Leaders Award reflections for Lent as a focus for our collective worship. These materials, entitled 'Living Hope' will take pupils on a journey through Lent reflecting on Jesus' ministry and his message of hope for all people. There are a few suggestions of how what children have learnt about Living Hope can be taken from school into the home at the end of this newsletter.

In Key Stage 2, we are continuing to focus on what it means to be a courageous advocate and we have thought about those who are advocates for our world: those who speak out encouraging us to take care of our environment and endangered animals.

February Highlights

This term has been exceptionally busy and productive. The children are continuing to work exceptionally hard in all of their lessons. A focus of the half term has been on Religious Education and it has been a delight not only to see the high standard of work that the children produce in lessons, but also to speak to the children about why Religious Education is such an important subject. The children were extremely articulate explaining that learning about different religions helped them to understand one another and to 'be a better friend'. They also recognised that by comparing other faiths, they were able to better understand their own beliefs.

As part of their work in Religious Education, and in order to help them understand how Jesus' teachings and

actions inspire Christians to care for others, the Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit Oasis Church at the end of last half term, where they had a tour of the facilities and learnt about how churches serve their communities. Miss Rack reported that the children had a fantastic afternoon.

Year 2 have been focussing on Islam and they had the opportunity to visit the Hull Mosque as part of their learning. Not only did the children show great respect for this place of worship, but they asked thoughtful questions and were able to share their own knowledge of Islam. They were a credit to the school.

Meanwhile, our Year 3 children have completed their programme designed to improve their pedestrian skills. The children's behaviour was exemplary. They listened carefully and were sensible throughout and our Year 4 have begun their swimming lessons and are very much enjoying them.

Free School Meals - Please apply

The Department for Education has permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households. This includes households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)*, subject to maximum income thresholds. We would encourage all eligible families to apply for free school meals - even those in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2, who do not have to pay for their meals as part of the universal offer.

Thank you to all those families who completed the forms for the raffle. This could make a real difference to the school as well as the families who completed them. The draw has taken place and the family who has won the shopping vouchers will be contacted by 28/2/25.

You can apply using the portal: [Free school meals | Hull](#)

More information about applying for free school meals will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Help for Families

Help for Families - a reminder The cost of living crisis is having an impact on all families in our community. We would like to signpost some sources of support that may help.

Food Banks:

[Hull Foodbank](#)

[Hull Vineyard Church](#)



Safeguarding at NSJ

We take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously at Newland St. John's Academy. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about a child. We can offer support in school and also signpost you to different agencies who may be able to offer help and guidance.

Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Brett

Principal

Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Kenningham

Deputy
Headteacher

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Jones

SENCO

Safeguarding
Officer



Ms Briggs

Class
Teacher

Safeguarding
Officer



Mrs Williams

Wellbeing
Officer

Safeguarding
Officer

What to do if you have a concern about a child:

During School Hours:

- Contact the school and speak to either Mrs Brett or another member of the safeguarding team, via the main office on 01482 305740.
- Contact the Access and Assessment team for Hull on 01482 448879

Out of school hours and during school holidays:

If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then contact the police via 999

If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child then contact the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub on 01482 448879 or the Emergency Duty Team 01482 300304 (After 5pm and weekends)

For more information, click on the link: [Worried about a child | Hull](#) Please remember that if a child discloses

anything that is worrying them, we may need to speak to parents and carers. This is part of our duty of care.

Safety on site at the end of the day.

Thank you for informing the office when somebody different collects your child at the end of the day. Please remember, we cannot release a child unless we have been given permission from a parent or carer for them to go with someone else. This can be given by calling the office on 305740.

Please remain vigilant on the playground and ensure that you keep your children close and in sight, especially pre-school children. The playground can be a busy place. We kindly request that you do not allow children to play on the trim trail before or after school.

SENDCo Spotlight - Miss Jones



Dyscalculia.

Dyscalculia is a specific and persistent difficulty in understanding numbers. It is



unrelated to age, level of education and experience. This day aims to raise awareness of the condition which is often described as 'Maths dyslexia'. This video explains more: [▶ Facts and Myths about Dyscalculia](#).

Dyscalculia Day

For Parents



3rd March 2025

The Dyscalculia Network is providing the opportunity to learn about dyscalculia in an online conference aimed directly at parents to help you support your own child and gain more knowledge and understanding. The cost is £25 and the event runs on Monday 3rd March 9am-3.30pm. For more information use

the link below: <https://dyscalculianetwork.com/dyscalculia-day-2025/>

Where can I get SEND advice?

- **Hull Local Offer** [The Hull Local Offer website](#) is where parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can find information, advice and guidance about support, services and activities that are available to those living in Hull.
- **SENDIASS (Special Educational needs Independent Advice Service)**
Telephone: [01482 467 541](tel:01482467541) Email: hullsendiass@kids.org.uk



If you have any queries regarding this update, or would like to speak to the SENCo about anything to do with your child, please do not hesitate to email hello@nsj.hslt.academy for an appointment.

Mental Health- Mr. Kenningham

Know Yourself - Grow yourself

Before half term, we had a lot of fun celebrating 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The theme this year was '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**'. We learned that knowing ourselves well can help us to build a positive mental health. To help our children explore their personalities, we drew inspiration from the movie 'Inside Out'.



who they are as individuals.

The children enjoyed creating their own personality islands, reflecting on the traits, talents and experiences that shape who they are. The drawings were brilliant! We learned that our personalities were all unique but also that we also shared lots in common with our friends too.

We hope your child enjoyed sharing this activity with you.

Key Dates - Spring and Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Monday 24th February - 7th March	Year 4: Swimming
Wednesday 26th February	Year 2: Hull Mosque Visit (Religious Education)
Friday 28th February	Year 6: Horniman Museum, Benin Virtual Visit
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 13th March	Year 5: Colliderfest Science Festival
Thursday 3rd April	Year 3 Easter Service
Friday 4th April	Year 3: Virtual Volcanoes and Earthquakes Virtual Visit
Friday 4th April	School closes to children for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school after the Easter Holiday
Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 23rd May	School closes to children for Spring Break
Monday 2nd June	Return to school after the Spring Break
Thursday 3rd July-Friday 4th July	Year 6 Residential and watersports activities

Parents are invited to attend the events highlighted in blue.

Reflection

A prayer for Lent.

**Loving God,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.**

Help us to build a better world

where each of us can become the best person we can be.

Amen

