

HAWTHORN NEWS JULY 2023



I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the support we have received from Parents and Carers this year. I am always so proud of our children and what they achieve. I am sure you will agree that they performed beautifully at our end of term concerts this year. Our In Harmony programme really supports the children to become young musicians. Good luck to our year 6 children as they move to Secondary School. Have a lovely summer break, see you all in September!

Jane Dale

Changes to the start of the school day

Please remember from **Tuesday 5th September** our new start time will be **8:40am**, the school gates will open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after this time will need to enter via the office and will be marked as late.



Please ensure your child arrives promptly so they can start their learning as soon as they enter the classroom.

Attendance

Attendance Matters



Our school attendance for the year is 95%
This is below our target of 97%.

We have noticed an increase in extended holidays this year, **over 370 school days** have been missed due to holidays in term time.

We encourage parents not to take additional holidays during term time as this greatly impacts the children's learning.

We cannot authorise holidays.

If your child is going to be absent due to an illness can you please phone the school office before 8:30am.

Breakfast Club

To accommodate our earlier start to the school day we will be starting our Breakfast Club from **8am**.

Breakfast club will start on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Children who already attend breakfast club are welcome to re-attend.

If your child has not attended breakfast club before but you would like them too, please collect a form from the school office. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.



Welcome meetings:



At the start of each year we like to invite parents/carers into school to meet your child's new class teacher and for us to share information about what they'll be

learning, how you can support at home and any other key messages.

We would really appreciate your support, if you are unable to attend another family member is more than welcome to come along.

All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Reception: Wednesday 13th **8:50am**

Year 1: Thursday 7th September **3pm**

Year 2: Wednesday 6th September **3pm**

Year 3: Thursday 7th September **8:50am**

Year 4: Wednesday 6th September **8:50am**

Year 5: Monday 11th September **3pm**

Year 6: Monday 11th September **8:50am**

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should attend school wearing their school uniform which is: a navy blue sweatshirt, dark trousers or skirt, with a white polo shirt.

All of our current Year 5 children will be provided with a tie ready for them going into Year 6 in September (this is paid for by school).

Children in Year 6 should wear a white formal shirt and a V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan to accommodate their tie.

You can order uniform online at <https://totstoteams.com/schools/hawthorn-primary-school> please allow a few weeks for delivery. School are no longer able to take cash payments.



Staff changes for September.

We have some staff changes to make you aware of for September: Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Leadbitter, Mrs Collins, Mrs Thompson, Miss Tutill and Miss Howell will all be leaving our Hawthorn Family at the end of term. We would like to thank them for all their hard work over the years and we wish them all the very best for the next steps in their careers.

We would like to welcome Mrs Fullard, who will be our new Year 2 Teacher in September. Mrs Fullard came into school last Friday to meet the children and is very excited to be working here in September.

Claire-Louise Ingham, will be working in the school office alongside Barbara on a Thursday and then in the office on a Friday.

Emma Riley, our new school business manager, started with us in June and has been a lovely addition to our team.

School Meals

Our new school menu will be available to view in the parent section on the school website. This now includes a Halal option as well as our normal vegetarian options.



Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a universal infant free school meal. If your child is moving up into year 3 and you haven't applied for free school meals, you can do so on the Newcastle City Council portal using this link https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you have any issues please come to the school office.

After school clubs



We are proud to offer a wide range of free after school clubs and the children really enjoy these. New club letters will be sent out in the first week of September ready for clubs to be starting on Monday 18th September.



Parent Questionnaire

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our parent consultation afternoons. Thank you to those who completed our short questionnaire; it was lovely to read the positive comments you shared with staff. Full results will be available on the school website.

Fab year for my child.

Many thanks for the professional and kind approach

My child is very confident at school and always excited to attend.



Best Summer Ever



This year we are pleased to be offering some clubs over the summer holidays.

Breakfast will be provided for the In Harmony sessions and a snack during break times.

If your child is attending both In Harmony and Hat Trick clubs they will need to bring a packed lunch.

Week 1	Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July 09:30 - 12:30 - In Harmony	Monday 24th July - Thursday 27th July 13:00 -15:00 Hat Trick Sports
Week 2	Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August 09:30 - 12:30 - In Harmony	Monday 31st July - Thursday 3rd August 13:00 -15:00 Hat Trick Sports

Don't forget we have our Family Fun Day on Wednesday 9th August 11am - 1pm. Let the office know if you and the children will be attending, if you haven't already done so. Places are limited.



If you have requested tickets for the Raven performance on Wednesday 30th August at 1pm, you should have received your ticket. If you haven't please contact the school office.

After the show there are craft activities, including making your own wild flower seed bomb, which you can join in with. Refreshments and biscuits will be available.

Community Schools



Term and Holiday dates for 2023 - 2024

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School term dates.

Please see the calendar for when school holidays are.

Reminder, holidays will not be authorised during term time.

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Training Days 2023-2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 26th February 2024

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Bank Holiday	School Holiday
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School is closed on Monday 4th September for a Staff Training Day.