

HAWTHORN NEWS JULY 2024



I would like to thank everyone linked to Hawthorn Primary for all of the support during this very busy year. Parents and carers, staff, Governors and children have all worked hard to make this a very successful year for our school. I was so proud of everyone during our Ofsted inspection earlier this term; the inspector was so impressed with the children and all that they achieve. I know the Hawthorn family will continue to work together to make next year even more successful.

We had a lovely assembly last week, to say good bye and thank you to our longest serving Governor, Joe Banks. Joe joined us in assembly and had a lovely send off from the children. He has volunteered as a Governor at Hawthorn since 2001 and over the years has seen many changes. He told the children how proud he was of our In Harmony programme that he was involved in setting up.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children good luck for their transition to Secondary school, I know they continue to do us proud. Have a lovely summer break, see you all in September.

Joe Banks

Changes to the start of the school day

In order to meet the statutory minimum length of school week, which is 32.5 hours we will need to adjust our school start time. From Wednesday 4th September our new start time will be 8:35am, the school gates will open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am. 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 **95.5 %**

This is **below** our target of 97%.

Our best attending classes are:

Year 3 with 96.5% and Year 6 with 96.4%.

A huge well done to these classes.

We have noticed an increase in extended holidays this year, **over 303 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 in term time.

If your child is going to be absent due to an illness can you please phone the school office



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: Thursday 12th at **3pm**

Year 1: Tuesday 10th at **3pm**

Year 2: Monday 9th at **3pm**

Year 3: Wednesday 11th at **8:50am**

Year 4: Tuesday 10th at **8:50am**

Year 5: Thursday 12th September at **8:50am**

Year 6: Wednesday 11th September at **3pm**



Uniform Swap Shop

This week there will be a uniform swap shop in school on Thursday 18th July at 8:45am and 3:00pm in the meeting room and again on Friday 19th July, after our star of the Year assembly, and at 1:00pm.



You can drop off clean uniform that you no longer need this week at the school office.

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

The UK Government's Household Support Fund has funded food vouchers for children and young people entitled to free school meals during the school holidays for the last three years. However, that funding comes to an end on 30 September 2024.

Newcastle Council recognise the importance of these vouchers to families but, given the financial pressures facing local authorities, they simply don't have the budget to fund this support themselves.

They have been lobbying Government for Household Support Fund to be made permanent, and the matter has also been raised by the elected members at meetings of full council.

However, the Government has not indicated any extension of the funding arrangements, and this means the current food vouchers will not be provided for future school holidays **after this summer**.

Newcastle City Council is working with its partners across the city to increase the provision of activities, which provide food where possible, to help alleviate the impact of this on children and families.

Please visit <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/cost-living-support> to find details of other support you may be entitled to.

Please visit <https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/best-ever-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme> for details of the free Healthy Activities with Food sessions available.

Community Schools



Term and Holiday dates for 2024 - 2025

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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.

Training Days 2024-2025

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 31st March 2025

School is closed for training days on Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September.
School reopens for children on Wednesday 4th September.