

July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being such an incredibly supportive and generous parent community. Our newly formed PTFA worked extremely hard to support us with the Summer Fayre. With your support and attendance, I am pleased to announce that we raised over £3000. There are a number of further events coming up please see the PTFA newsletter for further details.

Staffing update

Sadly, at the end of this term we have another member of staff leaving us. Mrs Westerby will be moving on to another school. Her presence in our school and particularly the Nursery, will be a great loss. She has been with Newton Leys from the very beginning and has made such a difference to so many of our Nursery children over the years. We would like to thank Mrs Westerby for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to our school and to wish her the very best wishes for the future in her new role.

New staff:

We are really excited to also welcome some new members of staff to our school. We have the following teachers joining us in September: Miss Richards and Mrs Ashpole who will be teaching in Y2, Mrs Norris in Y4 and Miss Levy in Y5. We have some teaching assistants joining us too: Miss Horn and Miss Elsdon. Miss Clerkson, our new Learning Mentor will start with us in September. We have the following staff joining our extended care team as Play Workers: Miss Bryant, Miss Martyniuk and Miss McGill.

Library books

It is that time of year when we need to do a check of all our library books. Please could all library books be returned to school as soon as possible.

Sadly, over the course of this year, we have had many of our books damaged beyond repair or have been lost. From September, we will have to charge for any lost or damaged books in order to replace them. We fully understand that accidents can happen, however we ask that parents/carers also talk to their children about caring for the books and making sure they are not coming into contact with leaking water bottles. Thank you for your support with this.

Educational Visits Residential Programme 2025-2026

At Newton Leys we believe that learning outside the classroom through residential experiences equips our children with invaluable life and learning skills, whilst they are on their journey as responsible learners following the school SMART values.

“Young people of all ages benefit from real life ‘hands on’ experiences; when they can see, hear, touch and explore the world around them and have opportunities to experience challenge and adventure” Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

Year 4 – The Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough – Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th March 2026

A two-night residential that includes outdoor and adventurous activities at the centre which is situated on the banks of the River Nene in Northamptonshire.

[Frontier Centre - Rock UK](#)

Year 5 – Ghyll Head Centre, Windermere, Cumbria - Monday 26th to Friday 30th January 2026

A four-night residential that includes outdoor and adventurous activities in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/south-lakeland/ghyll-head>

Year 6 – The Isle of Wight Experience, Isle of Wight - Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May 2026

A four-night residential that includes cultural experiences, day trips and explorations around the beautiful island.

<http://www.isleofwightexperience.co.uk/>

PE Days September 2025

The following classes will have PE on the first week back in September. Therefore should attend school on those days in their school PE kit:

1A, 1B and 1C on Wednesday

5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B and 6C on Thursday

2A, 2B, 2C, 6A and 6C on Friday.

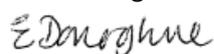
Further details will be communicated in September for the rest of the school.

September 2025

We have two INSET days in September and will be welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd September. ‘Dates for your diaries’ for next year are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. I would like to wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer break when it gets here. We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on 3rd September.

Miss E Donoghue



Headteacher

Monday 1st September	<i>INSET day</i>
Tuesday 2nd September	<i>INSET day</i>
Wednesday 3rd September	<i>Children return to school</i>
Tuesday 9th September	3.15pm – Y5 Residential Information Evening
Friday 19th September	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 23rd September	3.15pm – Y4 Residential Information Evening
Wednesday 24th September	2.00pm Reception Phonics learn alongside
Tuesday 7th October	3.15pm - Y6 Residential Information Evening
Monday 13th October	9.30am - Open morning – for new Reception starters Sept 2026
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent/Carer consultation evening
Thursday 23rd October	Individual and siblings School Photos Parent/Carer consultation evening
Friday 24th October	<i>Break up for half term</i>
Monday 3rd November	<i>Children return to school</i>
Tuesday 4th November	9.30am Open morning – for new Reception Sept 2026
Wednesday 5th November	2.00pm Y1 Phonics Learn alongside
Monday 10th November	World Nursery Rhyme week
Wednesday 19th November	9.30am Open morning – for new Reception Sept 2025
Wednesday 26th - 28th November	Bikeability Y5
Wednesday 10th December	3.15pm Christmas Carols
Thursday 11th December	2.00pm Y1 Christmas Singalong
Monday 15th December	2.00pm EYFS Christmas Show to parents
Tuesday 16th December	2.00pm Y2 Production to parents

Wednesday 17th December	9.00am SMART Star award breakfast Christmas Lunch
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas holidays</i>
<i>Monday 5th January 2026</i>	<i>INSET day</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th January 2026</i>	<i>Children return to school</i>
Wednesday 14th January	Y1-Y6 Maths learn alongside
Monday 26th January – Friday 30th	Y5 Residential Visit to Lake District
Wednesday 11th February	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
Thursday 12th February	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
<i>Friday 13th February</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<i>Monday 23rd February</i>	<i>Children return to school</i>
Wednesday 25th February	Young Voices 2.15pm Reception- Reading for pleasure
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Science Week
Wednesday 18th March - Friday 20th March	Y4 Residential Visit to Irthlingborough
Wednesday 25th March	9.00am SMART Star award breakfast
<i>Friday 27th March</i>	<i>Break up for Easter holidays</i>
<i>Monday 13th April</i>	<i>Children return to school</i>
<i>Monday 4th May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
W/c 11th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May	Y6 Residential Visit Isle of Wight
<i>Friday 22nd May</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<i>Monday 1st June</i>	<i>INSET day</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd June</i>	<i>Children return to school</i>
Wednesday 10th June	EYFS & Y1 Sports Day
Thursday 11th June	Y2, Y3, Y4 Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Y5 & Y6 Sports Day
Wednesday 8th July	Transition afternoon 3.15 – 5.00pm Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 15th July	9.00am SMART Star award breakfast
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Production
Friday 17th July	9.00am Y6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm Nursery Graduation
<i>Friday 17th July</i>	<i>Break up for summer holidays</i>
<i>Monday 20th July</i>	<i>INSET day</i>